Journal of the Senate

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Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Second Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:04 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Cano and Lombardo.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Goodwin, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Goodwin, to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Riley Hall from Middletown.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication from His Excellency, The Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

January 9, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as the Director of Department of Administration:

James E. Thorsen

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee Governor

DJM/ecd

cc: Honorable Sabina Matos, Lieutenant Governor

l/htee

Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House

Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President

Honorable Michael Chippendale, House Minority Leader

Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

Rhode Island Ethics Commission

Legislative Press Bureau

Law Revision Office

Appointment Member

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

January 9, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as the Director of Public Safety:

Colonel Darnell Weaver

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee Governor

Governor DJM/ecd

cc: Honorable Sabina Matos, Lieutenant Governor

el/htee

Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President

Honorable Michael Chippendale, House Minority Leader Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

January 9, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as the Director of BHDDH:

Richard Charest

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee Governor

Governor DJM/ecd

cc: Honorable Sabina Matos, Lieutenant Governor

Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House

Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President

Honorable Michael Chippendale, House Minority Leader Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

Rhode Island Ethics Commission

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Legislative Press Bureau Law Revision Office

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

January 9, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as the Director of DOT:

Peter Alviti, Jr.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee

Governor DJM/ecd

cc: Honorable Sabina Matos, Lieutenant Governor

Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House

Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President

Honorable Michael Chippendale, House Minority Leader

Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

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Appointment Member

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Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

January 9, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as the Director of DLT:

Matthew D. Weldon

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee

Governor DJM/ecd

cc: Honorable Sabina Matos, Lieutenant Governor

Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House

Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President

Honorable Michael Chippendale, House Minority Leader Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

Rhode Island Ethics Commission

Legislative Press Bureau Law Revision Office

Appointment Member

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

January 9, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as the Director of DEM;

Terrence D. Gray

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee Governor DJM/ecd

cc: Honorable Sabina Matos, Lieutenant Governor

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Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President

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January 9, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64.19-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as the Secretary of Commerce:

Elizabeth M. Tanner, Esq.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee

Governor DJM/ecd

cc: Honorable Sabina Matos, Lieutenant Governor

Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President

Honorable Michael Chippendale, House Minority Leader Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

Rhode Island Ethics Commission

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Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

CHAIRPERSON

Committee on

Health & Human Services

Committee on Environment & Agriculture

January 10, 2023

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio President of the Senate State House, Room 318 Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, I will be absent from Senate Session, due to personal reasons.

I would appreciate you recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joshua Miller

Joshua Miller Senator District ~ 28

JM/ko

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

SENATOR SANDRA CANO District 8

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Senate Chamber

CHAIRWOMAN Committee on Education

> Committee on Finance

January 10, 2023

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio President of the Senate Rhode Island State House 82 Smith Street, 3rd Floor, Room 318 Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber during the month of January.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

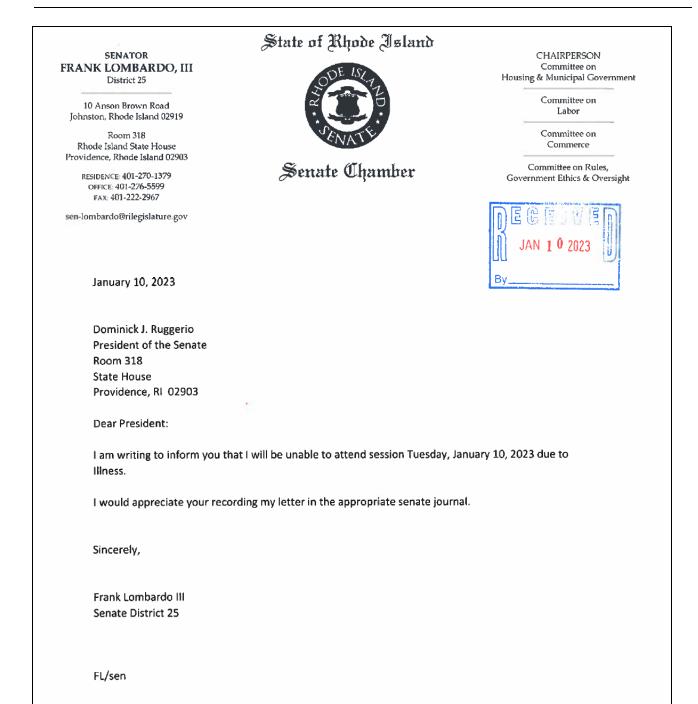
Sincerely yours,

Sandra C. Cano Senator District #8

SC/nc

cc Mr. John Fleming, Secretary of the Senate

Read and ordered to be placed on file.



Read and ordered to be placed on file.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND SENATE CHAMBER

January 10, 2023

The Honorable Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that I administered on this tenth day of January, A.D. 2023, the oath of office to Hanna M. Gallo of Cranston as Senator of District 27

Respectfully yours,

Gregg M. Amore Secretary of State

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 1

BY Ruggerio, Goodwin, Gallo, DiPalma, LaMountain, Tikoian, McKenney **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAM (Provides that peer-to-peer car sharing, peer-to-peer car sharing programs, and peer-to-peer car sharing program agreements are not considered rental vehicles.) {LC177/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2

BY Ruggerio, Goodwin, Euer, Gallo, Pearson, Miller, DiMario, Sosnowski, Gu, Burke **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT (Establishes a lead water supply replacement program for public and private service lines and requires disclosure to tenants and buyers of real property of the presence of lead service lines.) {LC226/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 3

BY Ruggerio, Goodwin, Felag, Gallo, Murray, Ciccone, Miller, Raptakis **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Amends the definitions of "collegiate sports or athletic event" and "sporting event" within the chapter on "video lottery games, table games and sports wagering".) {LC569/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 4

BY Ruggerio, Pearson, Goodwin, Felag, F Lombardi, Britto, LaMountain, Mack, Lombardo, Lawson

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND HONORING FRANK CARPANO ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE RHODE ISLAND RADIO AND TELEVISION HALL OF FAME {LC78/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Tikoian requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Tikoian moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

Senator Paolino discusses the senate resolution.

The senate resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 5

BY Ruggerio

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF MARIE E. PAIVA {LC445/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The senate resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 6

BY Ruggerio, Pearson, Goodwin, Miller, Euer, DiPalma, McKenney, Murray, Sosnowski ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING DOUG WHITE (POSTHUMOUSLY) ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE RHODE ISLAND RADIO AND TELEVISION HALL OF FAME {LC79/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 7

BY Lawson

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND THANKING DEBORAH L. PERRY FOR TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO YWCA RHODE ISLAND AND THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC150/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Goodwin announces that the Senate will meet next Tuesday, January 17th at 5:00PM.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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Senate Chamber

January 10, 2023

The Honorable Senate Senate Chamber Providence, Rhode Island 02903

To the Honorable, the Senate:

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Interim Senate Rules, I am making the following appointments to the Senate Standing Committees:

Senate Committee on Commerce

Senator V. Susan Sosnowski - Chair

Senator Roger A. Picard - Vice Chair

Senator Tiara T. Mack - Secretary

Senator Victoria Gu

Senator Hanna M. Gallo

Senator Meghan E. Kallman

Senator Frank Lombardo III

Senator Samuel W. Bell

Senator Anthony P. DeLuca II

Senate Committee on Education

Senator Sandra C. Cano - Chair

Senator Hanna M. Gallo - Vice Chair

Senator Ana B. Quezada - Secretary

Senator Samuel D. Zurier

Senator Mark P. McKenney

Senator Louis P. DiPalma

Senator Tiara T. Mack

Senator Thomas J. Paolino

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Senate Committee on Environment & Agriculture

Senator Alana DiMario - Chair

Senator Matthew L. LaMountain - Vice Chair

Senator David P. Tikoian - Secretary

Senator Meghan E. Kallman

Senator Joshua Miller

Senator Bridget G. Valverde

Senator Victoria Gu

Senator Robert Britto

Senator Gordon Rogers

Senate Committee on Finance

Senator Louis P. DiPalma - Chair

Senator Melissa A. Murray - 1st Vice Chair

Senator Walter S. Felag, Jr. - 2nd Vice Chair

Senator Jonathon Acosta - Secretary

Senator Samuel D. Zurier

Senator Sandra C. Cano

Senator Frank A. Ciccone III

Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Senator Robert Britto

Senator Thomas Paolino

Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

Senator Joshua Miller- Chair

Senator Bridget G. Valverde - Vice Chair

Senator Valarie J. Lawson - Secretary

Senator Pamela J. Lauria

Senator Alana DiMario

Senator Linda Ujifusa

Senator Elaine Morgan

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Senate Committee on Housing & Municipal Government

Senator Frank Lombardo III- Chair

Senator Meghan E. Kallman- Vice Chair

Senator Gordon Rogers - Secretary

Senator Victoria Gu

Senator David P. Tikoian

Senator Tiara T. Mack

Senator Roger A. Picard

Senator John P. Burke

Senate Committee on Judiciary

Senator Dawn M. Euer - Chair

Senator Frank S. Lombardi - Vice Chair

Senator Leonidas P. Raptakis - Secretary

Senator Ana B. Quezada

Senator Matthew L. LaMountain

Senator Mark P. McKenney

Senator David P. Tikoian

Senator John P. Burke

Senator Anthony P. DeLuca II

Senate Committee on Labor

Senator Frank A. Ciccone III - Chair

Senator Frank S. Lombardi - Vice Chair

Senator John P. Burke - Secretary

Senator Melissa A. Murray

Senator Frank Lombardo III

Senator Roger A. Picard

Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Senator Jessica de la Cruz

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Senate Committee on Rules, Government Ethics & Oversight

Senator Mark P. McKenney - Chair Senator Valarie J. Lawson - Vice Chair Senator Samuel D. Zurier - Secretary

Senator Jonathon Acosta Senator David P. Tikoian Senator Frank A. Ciccone III Senator Dawn M. Euer Senator Frank Lombardo III Senator Matthew L. LaMountain

Senator Jessica de la Cruz

Senate Committee on Special Legislation & Veterans' Affairs

IN THE SENATE Read and Ordered to be PLACE ON FILE

Senator Walter S. Felag, Jr. - Chair

Senator Leonidas P. Raptakis - Vice Chair

Senator Valarie J. Lawson - Secretary

Senator Linda Ujifusa Senator Jonathon Acosta

Senator Pam J. Lauria

Senator Dawn M. Euer

Senator Elaine Morgan

Sincerely

President of the S

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess at 4:26 o'clock P.M. in memory of *Marie E. Paiva*.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, January 17th at 5:05 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by de la Cruz, the Senate adjourns at 5:06 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR. Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR MARYELLEN GOODWIN

Almighty Father, as the New Year begins, let us continue the work of our previous session. We ask that You bestow a special blessing of good health and happiness on each member of this chamber and their families. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023:

1. 2023-S 0006

BY Ruggerio

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING DOUG WHITE (POSTHUMOUSLY) ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE RHODE ISLAND RADIO AND TELEVISION HALL OF FAME

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2023-S 0007

BY Lawson

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND THANKING DEBORAH L. PERRY FOR TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO YWCA RHODE ISLAND AND THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.