

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Fiftieth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:06 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 36: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT –1: Senator McCaffrey.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Forty Ninth Legislative Day of the 2017 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Coyne and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal is approved as recorded.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

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



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

May 18, 2017

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 appointment to the Director of the Department of Human Services:

Courtney E. Hawkins

VICE
Melba DePena

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

May 18, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-7.2-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services:

Eric J. Beane

VICE
Elizabeth Roberts

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

May 18, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 45-53-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the State Housing Appeals Board:

Carlene Fonseca

Town Council Member from city/town with less than 25,000 in population

VICE

June Speakman (resigned)

For a term expiring January 1, 2020

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

May 18, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 45-53-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the State Housing Appeals Board:

James Comer

Affordable Housing Developer

VICE

Joseph Caffey (deceased)

For a term expiring January 1, 2020

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

May 18, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 45-53-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the State Housing Appeals Board:

Meghan E. Kallman, Ph.D

Council Member from city/town with more than 25,000 in population

VICE

Steven Stycos

For a term expiring January 1, 2020

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

May 19, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution, entitled Judicial Selections, I have made the following appointment as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court:

Steven A. Minicucci, Esq.

VICE

Associate Justice Edward O. Sowa, Jr.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

May 19, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution, entitled Judicial Selections, I have made the following appointment as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court:

Alfredo T. Conte, Esq.

VICE
Associate Justice Robert M. Ferrieri

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairwoman Lynch Prata, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Resolution No. 336

BY Lynch Prata, Miller, Goldin, Sosnowski, Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO PERFORM A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF THE STAFFING NEEDS OF THE OFFICES OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE AND THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE

{LC729/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 895

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Ryan Marnane to join Keri Ann Marnane and Daryl Jon Jeannetti in marriage on or about August 19, 2017, within the Town of Middletown, Rhode Island.)

{LC2686/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 866

BY Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Peter Drummey to join Sabina Beauchard and Wesley Fiorentino in marriage on or about October 8, 2017, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

{LC2632/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 865

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Jayne F. Martin to join Lindsay Erin Martin and Patrick Kramer in marriage on or about September 3, 2017, within the Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

{LC2620/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 864**BY** DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Donna R. Corcoran to join Kaitlyn Mortimer and Christopher DiBiase in marriage on or about September 22, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC2625/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 398**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
APPOINTMENTS COMMISSIONS (Changes the responsibility of making appointments to certain advisory and exchange commissions from the lieutenant governor to the senate president.)
{LC1411/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 912****BY** Coyne

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS ICE HOCKEY HIGH SCHOOL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2017 RHODE ISLAND BOYS DIVISION II ICE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP
{LC2696/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Coyne requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Coyne moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Archambault, Algieri, Lombardo, Kettle, Gallo, Calkin, Seveney, Goldin, and DiPalma.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Coyne and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Barrington High School Boys Division II Ice Hockey State Championship Team: Joshua Cabral-Goalie, Andrew Harris-Defense, Robert Vanier- Forward/Defense, John Lombardi - Forward, Charles Ames- Forward, Luke LaMontagne- Defense, Ian Coyne- Defense/Forward, T. J. Hall (Captain) Forward, Drew Sirmalis - Defense, Michael Grieve (Captain), Forward/Defense, Eytan Goldstein, Forward/Defense, Nicholas Bernardo, Defense/Forward, Grady O'Connor - Forward, Joshua Roy - Forward, Kyle Shuman - Forward, Dominic Robidoux, Forward, Jacob Andreozzi, Forward, Luke Rudman, Defense/Forward, Jonathan Fay - Forward, Benjamin Freiman, Matthew Bates - Forward, Brendan Ridlon -Forward, Brett Turgeon Defense, Stephen Amaral - Goalie, Mr. Kevin Croke- - Head Coach, Mr. Joseph Sturm- Assistant Coach, Mr. Nick Marra -Volunteer, Mr. Tod Sirmalis-Volunteer.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 913****BY** Miller, Gallo, Lombardi, Goldin**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING RAINBOW BAKERY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY
{LC2757/1}

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2017-S 881**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING ALL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS BE EDUCATED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL HEALTH IMPACT OF HEAVY BACKPACKS AND TAKE PROACTIVE MEASURES TO AVOID INJURY

Committee on Education recommends passage.

2. 2017-S 882**BY** Conley**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CREATION OF A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION SYSTEM IN RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Education recommends passage.

3. 2017-S 826**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD WORK WITH THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE EXPANSION OF NEW SKILLS AND COMPETENCY BASED APPRENTICESHIPS IN A FULL ARRAY OF SECTORS AND TO ASSIST EMPLOYERS THROUGH THE PROCESS OF INITIATING A NEW REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS - 36: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Archambault announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise, in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Metts announces that the Committee on Education will meet tomorrow at the rise, in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Crowley announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet tomorrow at the rise, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Coyne announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at the rise, in Room 211 of the State House.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to Her Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri the Senate adjourns at 4:22 o'clock P.M

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR CYNTHIA A. COYNE**

Almighty and Most Merciful Father, We ask you that you send down your strength in order for these men and woman to better serve this state and the constituents which whom they represent. We also ask for your continued guidance all the days of this Legislative Session. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017:**

1. **2017-S 336**
 BY Lynch Prata
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE
 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO PERFORM A COMPREHENSIVE
 STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF THE STAFFING NEEDS OF THE OFFICES OF THE
 CHILD ADVOCATE AND THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2017-S 864**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. **2017-S 865**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. **2017-S 866**
 BY Seveney
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

5. **2017-S 895**
 BY Gallo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

6. **2017-S 913**
 BY Miller
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING RAINBOW BAKERY
 ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017:**

1. **2017-S 901**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
 SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON DEFENSE ECONOMY PLANNING

 Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
2. **2017-S 905 SUB A**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT
 JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES
 AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

 Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite
 postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017:

1. **2017-S 398**
 BY McCaffrey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
 APPOINTMENTS COMMISSIONS

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.