

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Journal of the Senate

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Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Thirteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:23 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Archambault, and Sosnowski.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twelfth Legislative Day of the 2018 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Bertuccio, Intern from URI.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Felag and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Kasim Yarn, Director of Rhode Island's Veterans' Affairs.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber the mother of Senator Quezada; Rosa A. Perez, and friend Francesca Hernandez.

APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR

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



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

January 29, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-28.2-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the State Fire Marshal:

Timothy P. McLaughlin

For a term expiring January 29, 2023.

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.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

January 31, 2018

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to illness I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator v. Susan Sosnowski
Senator District 37

Read and placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

Chairman Picard, from the Committee on Commerce, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Appointment of Michael F. McNally VICE Joseph A. Azrack to the I-195 Redevelopment Commission for a term expiring October 3, 2018.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

The Reappointment of Barrett W. Bready to the I-195 Redevelopment Commission for a term expiring October 3, 2021.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2170**

BY McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Lombardi

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF TRACEY LYNN KNOX

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Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senators Lynch Prata, and Lombardi discuss the act.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, and Sheehan.

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Raptakis announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet today at the rise of the Senate in room 310 of the State House.

Senator Lynch Prata announces that the Committee on the Judiciary will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in room 313 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Maryellen Goodwin, seconded by Senator Lynch Prata and upon the suggestion of Senator McCaffrey the Senate adjourns at 4:36 o'clock P.M. in memory of *Tracey Lynn Knox*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ERIN LYNCH PRATA

Heavenly Father, guide us in the ways of peace. May we show loyalty towards one another and be worthy of the trust you have placed in us. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018:

- 1.** The Reappointment of Barrett W. Bready to the I-195 Redevelopment Commission for a term expiring October 3, 2021.

Committee on Commerce recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018:

- 1.** The Appointment of Michael F. McNally VICE Joseph A. Azrack to the I-195 Redevelopment Commission for a term expiring October 3, 2018.

Committee on Commerce recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.