

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Wednesday, January 08, 2020

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 4:09 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 3 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT –35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 3: Senator Cano, Ciccone and Miller,

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the First Legislative Day of the 2020 proceedings is read in part.

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

APPOINTMENTS 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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 8, 2020

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 as Director of the Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals:

A. Kathryn Power

Director

VICE

Rebecca L. Boss, M.A.

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

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication:

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**Senate Chamber**

January 8, 2020

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

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

Sincerely,

Frank A. Ciccone, III
Senator – District 7

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2003**

BY Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Coyne, Euer, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT (Creates the "Plastic Waste Reduction Act" designed to reduce the use of plastic bags by retail establishments by offering recyclable bag options and providing penalties for violations.)
{LC3320/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2004**BY** Coyne, Ruggerio, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Prohibits the manufacturing, importation, sale, shipment, delivery, possession, or transfer of any firearm that is undetectable by metal detectors commonly used at airports and public buildings including 3D printed firearms as defined herein.)

{LC3405/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2005**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT

{LC3166/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2006**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS (Establishes certain limitations on regulations promulgated by the department of health and the department of business regulation in regard to medical marijuana.)

{LC3469/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Lombardi announces that the Nurse Anesthetist Association will meet today at the Marriot Downtown Providence at 5:00PM.

Senator Goodwin announces that the Senate will not meet tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senators McCaffrey and Algieri adjourns at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR MARYELLEN GOODWIN**

As we reconvene in the Senate Chamber, let us once again contemplate our reasons for being here. Let us also ask of our Creator that he bestow special blessings today on us all and properly guide us in serving the people of our State. Amen.