

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Seventh Day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

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Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Fourth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Harold M. Metts, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, at 4:11 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

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

ABSENT – 3: Senators Crowley, Raptakis, and Sosnowski.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Stephen R. Archambault to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Stephen R. Archambault, to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Gallo and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President Pro Tempore of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Billy McLaughlin, Zach Mowry, Ryelle Seda, Anthony Taddei, Emre Tanrikorur, and Joshua Vega from the University of Rhode Island.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lombardi and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable Pro Tempore of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber David Alden Sears from the Senate District Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable Pro Tempore of the Senate presents the following communications:

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

January 15, 2020

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio

President of the Senate

State House, Room 318

Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President,

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate Session January 15, 2020. I will also be out Tuesday, January 21, and Wednesday, January 22, 2020 as I am out of state on business.

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

Sincerely,

Leonidas P. Raptakis

Senator – District 33

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

January 15, 2020

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 personal reasons I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator V. Susan Sosnowski
Senate District 37

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



Senate Chamber

January 15, 2020

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio

President of the Senate

318 State House

Providence, RI 02903

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley

Senate District 16

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President Pro Tempore 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 15, 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 Administration:

Brett P. Smiley

Vice
Michael DiBiase

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

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senate Resolution No. 2009

BY McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algiere, Gallo, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DOROTHY M. RUGGERIO

{LC3236/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Valverde

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senator Maryellen Goodwin speaks on the Resolution.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2010**

BY Crowley, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION WISHING THE HONORABLE SHELBY MALDONADO WELL IN HER NEW POSITION AS THE HISPANIC OUTREACH DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN ISRAELI PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (AIPAC) AND THANKING HER FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF CENTRAL FALLS AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC3412/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2011

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Matthew A. Lopes, Jr., to join Audilia Vale and Jose V. Monteiro, Jr., in marriage on or about February 2, 2020, within the Town of Lincoln, Rhode Island.)

{LC3709/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2012

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF CUMBERLAND INVESTMENT CORPORATION
{LC3471/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2013

BY Ruggerio, Seveney, DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING
OF COMMANDER WILLIAM F. BUNDY, PH.D., US NAVY RET.
{LC3384/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2014

BY Ruggerio, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF SHIRLEY A. FORTE
{LC3408/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2015

BY Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algieri, Conley

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING
OF THE HONORABLE JUSTICE DONALD FRANCIS SHEA, RETIRED ASSOCIATE
JUSTICE OF THE RHODE ISLAND STATE SUPREME COURT
{LC3379/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2016

BY Gallo, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE CARDI
FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF NICHOLAS CARDI, JR.
{LC3381/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2017

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING
OF MARY ELIZABETH HOPKINS
{LC3411/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2018

BY Ruggiero, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Lawson

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING
OF MARCIA B. REBACK

{LC3387/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2019

BY Goodwin, Ruggiero, Metts, Ciccone, Quezada

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF SERGEANT EDMOND F. MALLOY

{LC3383/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2020

BY Ruggiero, Coyne, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algieri

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING
OF MR. FRANCIS P. O'DONNELL

{LC3386/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2021

BY Ruggiero, Coyne, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algieri

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING
OF CHRISTOPHER J. DOHERTY

{LC3385/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2022

BY Ruggiero, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algieri, Conley

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING
OF THE HONORABLE SUPERIOR COURT JUSTICE, JOHN E. ORTON, III

{LC3388/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020:**1. 2020-S 2007**

BY Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF VJA REALTY, LLC

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2020-S 2008

BY Euer

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF COLONEL GORDON MITCHELL BRUCE LIVINGSTON (USMC, RETIRED)

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senate Majority Leader McCaffrey, seconded by Senate Minority Leader Algiere, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

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

NAYS – 0:

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, and to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President Pro Tempore of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Lisa Aceto, the Senate President's Sister.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Metts announces that the Martin Luther King Jr. State Celebration will meet Monday, January 20, 2020 at 4:00 o'clock P.M. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Providence.

Senator Goodwin announces that there is no session on Thursday, January 16, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator McCaffrey, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin and the entire senate, the Senate adjourns at 4:24 o'clock P.M, in memory of *Dorothy M. Ruggerio*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR STEPHEN R. ARCHAMBAULT**

Lord, we pray for your guidance in understanding the problems and issues we will face during the General Assembly session. May your supreme law of love and tolerance always guide our actions. Amen.

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020:

1. **2020-S 2010****BY** Crowley, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION WISHING THE HONORABLE SHELBY MALDONADO WELL IN HER NEW POSITION AS THE HISPANIC OUTREACH DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN ISRAELI PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (AIPAC) AND THANKING HER FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF CENTRAL FALLS AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

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ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Matthew A. Lopes, Jr., to join Audilia Vale and Jose V. Monteiro, Jr., in marriage on or about February 2, 2020, within the Town of Lincoln, Rhode Island.)

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. **2020-S 2012****BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CUMBERLAND INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

4. **2020-S 2013****BY** Ruggerio, Seveney, DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF COMMANDER WILLIAM F. BUNDY, PH.D., US NAVY RET.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

5. **2020-S 2014****BY** Ruggerio, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SHIRLEY A. FORTE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

6. 2020-S 2015**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algieri, Conley**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JUSTICE DONALD FRANCIS SHEA, RETIRED ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE RHODE ISLAND STATE SUPREME COURT

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

7. 2020-S 2016**BY** Gallo, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE CARDI FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF NICHOLAS CARDI, JR.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

8. 2020-S 2017**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARY ELIZABETH HOPKINS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

9. 2020-S 2018**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Lawson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARCIA B. REBACK

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

10. 2020-S 2019**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, Metts, Ciccone, Quezada**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SERGEANT EDMOND F. MALLOY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

11. 2020-S 2020**BY** Ruggerio, Coyne, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algieri**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MR. FRANCIS P. O'DONNELL

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

12. 2020-S 2021**BY** Ruggerio, Coyne, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algieri**ENTITLED,** SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF CHRISTOPHER J. DOHERTY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

13. 2020-S 2022**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algieri, Conley**ENTITLED,** SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF THE HONORABLE SUPERIOR COURT JUSTICE, JOHN E. ORTON,
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Ordered on the Consent Calendar.