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Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Seventh Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Sosnowski.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Murray and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Lauren Healey, a constituent from Woonsocket.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication:

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

January 30, 2020

Wednesday, January 29, 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 professional obligations I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday and Thursday, January 29 and 30, 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

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

Senate Bill No. 2006 SUB A

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/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2152**

BY Morgan, Rogers, Algiere, Raptakis, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BARRY JOHN RICCI WHO WAS THE DISTINGUISHED SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

{LC3536/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Morgan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Minority Leader Algiere speaks on the Resolution.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Morgan and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Lisa Ricci, wife of Barry; Christopher Ricci, son; Michael Ricci, son; Debra Mayo, sister; Jane Daly, Interim Superintendent; John Lachapelle, friend; Diane Seemann, friend and former Washington County Superior Court Clerk; Wes Seemann, friend; and Tina Lavigne, friend.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2153****BY** Rogers, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MICRON CMM SERVICES, LLC
{LC3908/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Rogers requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Rogers moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardo, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Algieri, Paolino, Raptakis, and Seveney.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

Senate Bill No. 2154**BY** Algieri, Goodwin, Lombardo, Ruggerio, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Provides that applications to purchase firearms be sent by the seller to the police department the city or town where the purchaser lives.)
{LC3801/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020:

1. **2020-S 2151**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

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

NAYS – 0:

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020:

1. **2020-S 2004 SUB A**
BY Coyne
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator Coyne moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Felag, Sheehan, Quezada, Picard, Metts, Cano, Valverde, Goldin, Bell, and Euer.

Senator Lynch Prata and Senator Bell speak on the act.

Senator Coyne, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Conley, Lombardi, Sheehan and Dipalma, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2020 -- S 2004 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES – WEAPONS

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2020 -- S 2004 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled “AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS”, as follows:

1. On page 2, line 20, by deleting the word "marked" and inserting in place thereof the word "markings".
2. On page 2, lines 20 through 22, by deleting the language "along with the submission of a National Firearms Act Form 1 to the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)".
3. On page 3, line 26, by deleting the word "marked" and inserting in place thereof the word "markings".
4. On page 3, lines 27 and 28 by deleting the language "along with the submission of a National Firearms Act Form 1 to the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)".

Respectfully submitted,
SENATOR COYNE

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The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS – 0:

Senator de la Cruz, seconded by Senators Morgan, Paolino, and Rogers, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2020 -- S 2004 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES – WEAPONS

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2020 -- S 2004 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled “AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS”, as follows:

1. Page 5, line 6, by deleting the language "upon passage" and inserting in place thereof the language "on January 1, 2021".

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR DE LA CRUZ

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Senators Lynch Prata, de la Cruz, Bell, Morgan, Lombardi, and Rogers discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails upon a roll call vote with 8 Senators voting in the affirmative and 29 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 8: Senators Algiere, Archambault, de la Cruz, Lombardo, Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis, and Rogers.

NAYS – 29: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Valverde.

Senator Coyne moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators McCaffrey and Goodwin.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, as amended, upon a roll call vote, with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 3 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Valverde.

NAYS – 3: Senators de la Cruz, Morgan, and Rogers.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Metts announces that the Committee on Education will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Lombardi announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Raptakis announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Coyne announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.
Senator Archambault announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

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

Senator Quezada announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Raptakis announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Lombardi announces that the Committee on Labor will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

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

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

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Mr. Vinny Masino, Vice President of the Laborers' International Union.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Morgan seconded by Senator Goodwin, and upon the suggestion of Senator Morgan the Senate adjourns at 4:48 o'clock P.M, in memory of *Barry John Ricci*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR WILLIAM J. CONLEY, JR.

Almighty God, help us through the stresses and strains of the day by granting us your serenity and peace. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020:

- 1. 2020-S 2006 SUB A**
BY Ruggerio
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.