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Eleventh Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:21 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 34: 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, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Archambault, Quezada, Satchell, and Sosnowski.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Tenth Legislative Day of the 2019 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator de la Cruz and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Jonathan Gali, an intern.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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

February 6, 2020

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Chamber for the period beginning February 6 through February 13, 2020 for personal reasons.

Please record my letter in the appropriate Senate Journals. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Archambault
Senator, District 22

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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Senate Chamber

February 7, 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 I will be absent from the chamber on Thursday, February 6, 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.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2328****BY** de la Cruz, Paolino, Murray, Ruggerio, Metts**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING NORTH SMITHFIELD POLICE CHIEF STEVEN REYNOLDS ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER NEARLY FORTY-SIX YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD
{LC3672/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator de la Cruz requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator de la Cruz moves passage, seconded by Senators Algiere, McCaffrey, Morgan, Coyne, Murray, and Paolino.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2329**BY** DiPalma, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Felag**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING EARL J. CROFT, III, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY, ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE
{LC3764/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senators Lombardi, Gallo, Morgan, Nesselbush, Algiere, Euer, Felag, and McCaffrey speak on the Resolution.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senators McCaffrey and Lynch Prata and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Buddy Croft, and former Mayor of Warwick Scott Avedesian from RIPTA.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2330****BY** DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Daniel P. Hamlin to join the Honorable Andrew W. Moore and Raúl Iriarte in marriage on or about September 12, 2020, within the Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island.)

{LC4420/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2331**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christopher John Marsella to join Alicia Lorraine Anthony and Xaykham Rexford Khamsyvoravong in marriage on or about June 2, 2020, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC4353/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2332**BY** Ruggerio, Archambault, Paolino, Nesselbush, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE (Amends the North Providence legislative town charter to gradually increase the mayor's compensation from (\$75,000.00) to (\$85,000.00) for FY 2020, to (\$95,000.00) for FY 2021, to (\$105,000.00) beginning on FY 2022 and each year thereafter.)

{LC4014/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020:

1. **2020-S 2159**
 BY Euer
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2020-S 2160**
 BY Murray
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. **2020-S 2161**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

RECONSIDERATION

House Bill No. 7010

BY Jacquard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS (Makes a minor technical correction to what is included in a service contract for the repair and replacement of tires.)
{LC3098/1}

Senator McCaffrey moves to reconsider, seconded by Senator Goodwin.

Senator McCaffrey discusses the reconsideration.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 34: 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, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, and Valverde.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020:

1. 2020-S 2066

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Lombardi moves passage, seconded by Senators Lawson, Nesselbush, Lynch Prata, Miller, Gallo, Lombardo, Crowley, Bell, and Coyne.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 34: 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, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, and Valverde.

2. 2020-S 2067

BY Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PREVENTION
AND SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES - HIV/AIDS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Valverde moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Miller, Felag, Nesselbush, Sheehan, Cano, Coyne, Seveney, and DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 34: 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, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, and Valverde.

3. 2020-S 2091

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
OPEN MEETINGS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Coyne, and Murray.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 2 Senators abstaining as follows:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators 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, Raptakis, Seveney, Sheehan, and Valverde.

RECUSED – 2: Senators Algieri, and Rogers.

4. 2020-S 2129

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and without objection, item number 4 is ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:52 o'clock P.M.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR LOUIS P. DIPALMA

Almighty God, we ask that you aid us in putting forth our best efforts as leaders of our State, as we attempt to make Rhode Island a better place for our people to live. Amen.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020:**

1. **2020-S 2129**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2. **2020-S 2125**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
 INSURANCE POLICIES

 Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
3. **2020-S 2087**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -
 NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENTS - BROADCAST EMPLOYEES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4. **2020-S 2005**
 BY Ruggerio
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
 DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
5. **2020-S 2090**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
 PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
6. **2020-S 2134**
 BY Metts
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. 2020-S 2136 SUB A**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND
PARENTAGE ACT

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