

State of Rhode Island

Journal of the Senate

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Tuesday, January 11, 2022

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 4:13 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 31 Senators present and 7 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 31: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Rogers, Seveney, Valverde, Zurier.

ABSENT – 7: Senators Bell, Calkin, Lombardo, Paolino, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journals of the Twenty-Seventh Legislative Day of 2021 and the First Legislative Day of the 2022 proceedings are read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journals are dispensed with and the Journals are approved as recorded.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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January 11, 2022

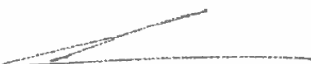
The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the Senate
State House, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President,

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate Session today, January 11, 2022, as I am out of state on business.

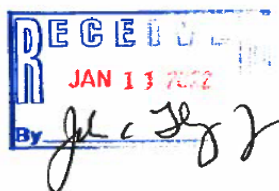
I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Sincerely,


Leonidas P. Raptakis
Senator – District 33

LPR/djc

cc: Secretary of the Senate ✓



Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

CHAIRPERSON
Committee on
Housing & Municipal Government

Committee on
Labor

Committee on
Commerce

Committee on Rules,
Government Ethics & Oversight

January 11, 2022

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 today, January 11, 2022 due to illness.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Lombardo III".

Frank Lombardo III
Senate District 25

FL/sn

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

SENATOR
ANA B. QUEZADA
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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

Committee on Education

SECRETARY
Committee on Judiciary

January 11, 2022

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
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State House, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

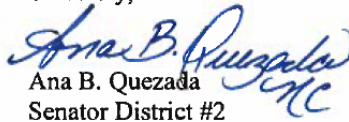
Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, due to personal reasons.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Ana B. Quezada
Senator District #2

ABQ/nc

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

Committee on Education

Committee on
Health & Human Services

January 11, 2022

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 today, January 11, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanine Calkin".

Jeanine Calkin
Senator – District 30

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

February 14, 2022

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 Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "V. Susan Sosnowski".

Senator V. Susan Sosnowski
Senate District 37

VSS/ceb

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2017****BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GERALD J. HABERSHAW
{LC3322/1}

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 Goodwin, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Rogers, Seveney, Valverde, Zurier.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2018**BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF KATHLEEN "KATHY" FLORES
{LC3514/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Mack requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Mack moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Rogers, Seveney, Valverde, Zurier.

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

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2020****BY** Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$215,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND
{LC3605/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Resolution No. 2021**BY** Murray

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOE DOWDY
{LC3935/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to his Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State, and to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Archambault announces that the Special Commission on Reapportionment will meet tomorrow Wednesday, January 12th at 5:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 35.

Senator DiMario announces that the Child Care Commission will meet next Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock P.M. in Room 205.

GUEST

Upon the suggestion of Senator Valverde and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Elias Pinkes, Intern from East Greenwich.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator McCaffrey, the Senate adjourns at 4:32 o'clock P.M. in memory of *Gerald J. Habershaw and Kathleen Flores*.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

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

Open our hearts Lord, not only to the needs of those we serve, but also to one another in this Chamber so as a community of leaders we can be led to wise and courageous actions that benefit Rhode Island. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022:

1. **2022-S 2021**
 BY Murray
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE
 PASSING OF JOE DOWDY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.