

State of Rhode Island

Journal of the Senate

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Volume 149, No. 3

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Third 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 33 Senators present and 5 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Valverde, Zurier.

ABSENT – 5: Senators Bell, Ciccone, Mendes, Morgan, Sosnowski.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Second Legislative Day of the 2022 proceedings is read in part.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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January 18, 2022		
Dominick J. Ruggerio President of the Senate Room 318 State House Providence, RI 02903		
Dear President:		
I am writing to inform you that I will be unable to attend session Tuesday, January 18, 2022 due to a family illness.		
I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate senate journal.		
Sincerely,		
<i>Cynthia Mendes/CBD</i>		
Cynthia Mendes Senate District 18		

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

CHAIRPERSON
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Committee on
Finance

Committee on
Labor

January 18, 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 18, 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 black ink that reads "V. Susan Sosnowski".

Senator V. Susan Sosnowski
Senate District 37

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Read and ordered to be placed on file.

SENATOR
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State of Rhode Island



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CHAIRPERSON
Committee on Labor

Committee on
Finance

Committee on Rules,
Government Ethics & Oversight

Permanent Joint Committee
On State Lottery

January 18, 2022

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, I will be absent from Senate Session, due to a business matter.

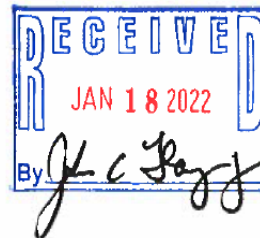
I would appreciate you recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Ciccone, III

Frank A. Ciccone, III
Senator District ~ 7

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Read and ordered to be placed on file.

SENATOR
ELAINE J. MORGAN
District 34

DEPUTY MINORITY WHIP

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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

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Commerce

Committee on Special
Legislation & Veterans' Affairs

January 18, 2022

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

Dear Mr. President:

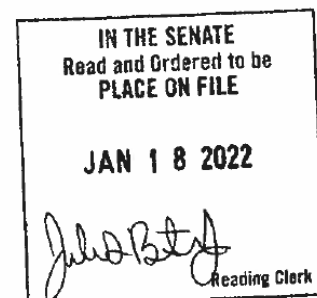
Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine J. Morgan".

Elaine J. Morgan
DEPUTY MINORITY WHIP



Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2022****BY** Mack, Raptakis, Felag, Zurier**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

{LC3898/1}

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 Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Valverde, Zurier.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2016**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF MEAGHAN MCGONAGLE

{LC3523/1}

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, Coyne, Kallman, Burke, Euer, Lombardi, Zurier, Felag, Mack, Calkin, Lawson.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2023

BY Algiere, Pearson, de la Cruz, Morgan, Rogers, Paolino, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ruggerio
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF DANIEL E. FRAZIER
{LC3844/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Algiere requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Algiere moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Valverde, Zurier.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2024

BY Lawson
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE
PASSING OF SHARLENE L. DAMIANI
{LC3618/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lawson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lawson moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Valverde, Zurier.

Senator Coyne discusses the senate resolution.

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

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2025****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ARMAND W. DUBOIS
{LC3936/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

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

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Valverde, Zurier.**NAYS – 0:**

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 Kallman announces that the Senate Committee on Housing & Municipal Government will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313.

Senator DiPalma announces that the Senate Committee on Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight will meet on Monday, January 24th at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

GUEST

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lombardi and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Julia D'Amico, a Senate Page and Senior at La Salle Academy.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senate Majority Leader McCaffrey, seconded by Senator Goodwin, the Senate adjourns at 4:36 o'clock P.M. in memory of *Meaghan McGonagle, Daniel E. Frazier, and Sharlene L. Damiani.*

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

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

Almighty Father, let your spirit of wisdom transcend upon the leaders of our State. Tonight, as Governor McKee delivers his first State of the State Address, we are reminded of the challenges we face ahead. Help us all strive to work together to reach common ground and find positive solutions for the benefit of all our constituents as we move Rhode Island towards a brighter tomorrow. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022:

1. **2022-S 2025**
 BY Murray
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES
 ON THE PASSING OF ARMAND W. DUBOIS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 10.7-1 of the Rules of the Senate for the Years 2022-2023, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

☐ 2022-H

☐ 2022-S _____

(Bill Number)

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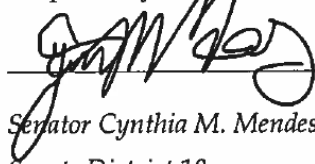
(Advice & Consent, Order of Business, or Amendment Number)

* If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

☒ APPROVE

☐ DISAPPROVE

Respectfully Submitted,



01/18/2022

Senator Cynthia M. Mendes (PRINT NAME)

Date

Senate District 18

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

On this 18th day of January, 2022, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Cynthia M. Mendes, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

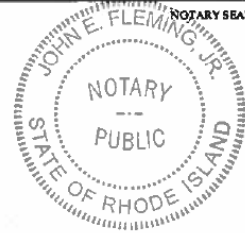


Notary Public Signature

John E. Fleming, Jr.
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