

State of Rhode Island

Journal of the Senate

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

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Tuesday, February 01, 2022

Fifth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, Senate President Pro Tempore, 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 Pro Tempore Gallo, and Senators Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Ruggerio, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde, Zurier.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Bell.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2155**

BY Valverde, Quezada, Miller, Burke, Sosnowski, Lombardo, Cano, DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 8TH ANNUAL "PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK" ON JANUARY 30TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 5, 2022, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC4442/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Valverde requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Valverde moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey and Goodwin.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2156

BY Cano, Quezada, Miller, Burke, Sosnowski, Lombardo, de la Cruz, DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR "THE YEAR OF THE TIGER"
{LC4441/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Cano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

Senate Resolution No. 2157**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Cano**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING DR. NICOLE ALEXANDER-SCOTT
{LC4017/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Miller requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

Senate Resolution No. 2158**BY** Morgan, de la Cruz, Rogers, Lombardi, Raptakis, Gallo, McCaffrey, Coyne, Goodwin, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2022 AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC4024/1}

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

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

Senate Resolution No. 2159**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, Quezada, Burke, Sosnowski, Lombardo, Cano**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JULIAN P. FORGUE, III
{LC3639/1}

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 Rogers, Archambault, Kallman, Burke, Mendes, Valverde, Seveney, Quezada, Murray, Paolino, Algieri, Goodwin, Coyne, Miller, Picard, Lombardo, Lombardi, Lawson, Mack, Calkin.

Senator Rogers speaks on the senate resolution.

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

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022:**1. 2022-S 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

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Lombardo moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Pro Tempore Gallo, and Senators Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Ruggerio, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde, Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2160

BY Cano, Kallman, Quezada, Miller, Burke, Sosnowski, Lombardo, de la Cruz, DiPalma
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF PAUL AUDETTE
{LC3942/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Cano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senator Kallman speaks on the senate resolution.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2161

BY McCaffrey, Quezada, Burke, Sosnowski, Lombardo, Cano, de la Cruz
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE
PASSING OF LYNN MARION WHITE
{LC4016/1}

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 Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde, Zurier.

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

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measure:

House Bill No. 7028

BY Fellela, Costantino

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 (Authorizes the town of Johnston to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$215,000,000 to finance construction, additions, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.)
{LC3369/1}

Senator Lombardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative, 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Pro Tempore Gallo, and Senators Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, 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.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senate Majority Leader McCaffrey, seconded by Senator Goodwin, the Senate stands in Recess at 4:59 o'clock P.M. in memory of *The Honorable Julian P. Forgue, III, Paul Audette and Lynn Marion White*.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

Chairman Felag, from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2134

BY DiMario, Picard, Acosta, Euer, Lawson, Valverde, DiPalma, Zurier, Murray, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SMALL BUSINESSES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Imposes one year moratorium on enforcement of municipal ordinance or zoning requirement that penalizes owners of food service establishments/bars for modifications/alternations to their premises in response to an emergency declaration.)
{LC3969/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2153

BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Repeals 3/1/22 sunset provision allowing Class B/brew pub licensees to sell wine/beer/mixed drinks with food takeout orders only.)
{LC4390/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

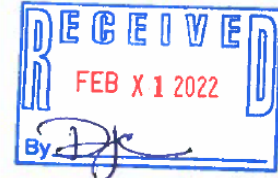
APPOINTMENT BY THE FAMILY COURT

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication from the family Court of the State of Rhode Island, transmitting the following appointment and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



MICHAEL B. FORTE
CHIEF JUDGE

Family Court of the State of Rhode Island
One Barrance Plaza
Providence, RI 02903



February 1, 2022

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
Senate President
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street, Room 318
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

***Re: Reappointment of Angela M. Paulhus as
Magistrate of the Rhode Island Family Court***

Dear President Ruggerio:

I am pleased to reappoint, subject to the advice and consent of the Rhode Island Senate, Angela M. Paulhus as Magistrate of the Rhode Island Family Court. Her service on the Family Court bench over the years has been exemplary.

It is with confidence that I have executed an Order reappointing her as Magistrate, subject to senate confirmation.

Very truly yours,


Michael B. Forte
Chief Judge

Enclosure

CC: The Honorable Daniel J. McKee, Governor State of Rhode Island
The Honorable Paul A. Suttell, Chief Justice Rhode Island Supreme Court
The Honorable Michael J. McCaffrey, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Dennis L. Algieri, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Cynthia A. Coyne, Chair Senate Judiciary Committee

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2162**

BY Archambault, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Coyne, Felag, Quezada, Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- REDISTRICTING OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Sets forth the boundaries of the voting districts for the House of
Representatives and the Senate. Also sets forth the territory for the First and Second
Congressional Districts in Rhode Island.)
{LC4405/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J.
Ruggerio, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, February 08th at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator McCaffrey, seconded by Algieri, the Senate adjourns at
4:19 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2022****House Bill No. 7028****BY** Fellela, Costantino

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 (Authorizes the town of Johnston to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$215,000,000 to finance construction, additions, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.)

{LC3369/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR CYNTHIA ARMOUR COYNE**

Dear Lord, remind us as legislators we have a great responsibility to our constituents. Help us to emulate your examples of patience, respect, and kindness to all, as we strive to solve the problems and improve the lives of those we serve. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022:

1. 2022-H 7017

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF THE TYLER DOCK ASSOCIATION

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022:

1. **2022-S 2134**
 BY DiMario
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SMALL
 BUSINESSES --ZONING ORDINANCES

 Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
2. **2022-S 2153**
 BY Gallo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES --
 MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES -- RETAIL LICENSES

 Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

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 _____ 2020 _____
(Bill Number)

(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,

Dominick J. Ruggiero

Senator Dominick J. Ruggerio (PRINT NAME)

Date _____

Senate District 4

NOTARY SEAL

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

On this ____1st day of _February, 2022, before me the undersigned notary public,
personally appeared Senator Dominick J. Ruggerio, personally known to me to be the
person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

Jul C. Jeyaraj
Notary Public Signature

Notary Public Signature

John E. Fleming, Jr
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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:

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☐ DISAPPROVE

Respectfully Submitted,

2/1/22

Senator Samuel W. Bell (PRINT NAME)

Date 02/01/2022

Senate District 5

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

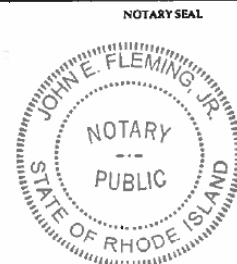
On this 2nd day of February, 2022, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Samuel W. Bell, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

Notary Public Signature

John E. Fleming, Jr.
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