

State of Rhode Island

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# Journal of the Senate

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

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Ninth Legislative Day

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## CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

## ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT –37:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**ABSENT – 0:**

## INVOCATION

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


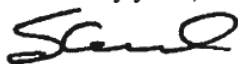
**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Seventh Legislative Day of the 2024 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma 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:

<p>SENATOR <b>SANDRA CANO</b> District 8</p> <hr/> <p>302 Pullen Avenue Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861</p> <p>Room 209 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>RESIDENCE: 401-228-4557 OFFICE: 401-276-5561 FAX: 401-222-4263</p> <p>sen-cano@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>CHAIRWOMAN Committee on Education</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Finance</p>
<p>March 7, 2024</p>		
<p>The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero President of the Senate State House, Room 318 Providence, RI 02903</p>		
<p>Dear President Ruggiero:</p>		
<p>Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Thursday, March 7, 2024.</p>		
<p>I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.</p>		
<p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p>		
<p>Sincerely yours,  Sandra C. Cano Senator District #8</p>		
<p>SC/nc</p>		
<p>cc Mrs. Helena Reid, Secretary of the Senate</p>		

Read and placed on File.

## State of Rhode Island

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SECRETARY  
Committee on Judiciary

March 7, 2024

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, March 7, 2024, as I am out of state on business.

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

Sincerely,

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Leonidas P. Raptakis  
Senator – District 33

LPR/djc

cc: Secretary of the Senate

Read and placed on File.

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR**

The Honorable President presents the following communication from His Excellency, The Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 28, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island State Arts Council:

**Marisa Brown**

For a term expiring March 1, 2027

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee  
Governor  
DJM/ecd

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

**RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903**

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

February 28, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island State Arts Council:

**Bethany Lardaro**

For a term expiring March 1, 2027

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor  
DJM/ecd

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. McKEE**

February 28, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island State Arts Council:

**Silvermoon LaRose**

For a term expiring March 1, 2027

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee  
Governor  
DJM/ecd

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
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RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

March 5, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 16-62-7, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority:

**Kelly A. Morrissey**

For a term expiring January 31, 2029.

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

March 5, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 16-62-7, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority:

**Dr. Kim Stack**

Vice

**Bonnie Saccucci**

For a term expiring January 31, 2029.

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

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Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.





STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. McKEE**

February 28, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island State Arts Council:

**Amy Leidtke**

Vice

**Lorraine Hynes**

For a term expiring March 1, 2026

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee  
Governor  
DJM/ecd

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 28, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island State Arts Council:

**Elvys Ruiz**

Vice

**Mohammed Farzan**

For a term expiring March 1, 2027

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor  
DJM/ecd

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

**RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903**

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 28, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island State Arts Council:

**Mary K. Talbot**

Vice

**Kate Blacklock**

For a term expiring March 1, 2027

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee  
Governor  
DJM/ecd

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

March 7, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Sections § 42-14.5-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as the Health Insurance Commissioner:

**Cory B. King**

Vice  
**Patrick Tighe**

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

**RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903**

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

March 6, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 37-6-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the State Properties Commission:

**Robert E. Donovan**

Vice  
Robin Main

For a term expiring March 1, 2025.

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

March 6, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 37-6-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the State Properties Commission:

**Melissa M. Horne**

Vice  
Constance R. Pemmerl

For a term expiring March 1, 2025.

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

**RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903**

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS****Senate Resolution No. 2730****BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY OF 2024, AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC4868/1}

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, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujjifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

Senators Mack and de la Cruz speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 2729****BY** Cano**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2024, AS "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC5557/1}

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, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujjifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

Senators Lawson, Kallman, Morgan, and Britto speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 2728****BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH OF 2024, AS "ARTS IN THE SCHOOLS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC5554/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

Senators Gallo, McKenney, and Lauria speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 2731****BY** Acosta**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING RHODE ISLAND GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING PARTICIPANTS  
{LC5633/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Acosta requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Acosta moves passage, seconded by Senators Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

Senator Acosta speaks on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.



**Senate Resolution No. 2488****BY** E Morgan, McKenney**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THOMAS J. EVANS

{LC4685/1}

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, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

Senator Morgan speaks on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Morgan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Jody Hall and Nicole Solas.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Kallman and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Jillian Gagnon, Margy Lima, and Natalia Alvarado.

**Appendix****CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024:**

1. *The Reappointment of Carol A. O'Donnell (Rep of Industry) to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2030.*

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. *The Appointment of John Horan (Public Member) VICE Dorothy Davidson to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2028.*

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

3. *The Appointment of Richard J. Mancini (Permanent Fire Chief) VICE Frank Sylvester to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2030.*

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

4. *The Appointment of Joseph L. Walsh, Jr. (Representative of Labor) VICE Jeffrey Muto to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2026.*

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

5. *The Appointment of Jeffrey Muto (Rep of Volunteer Fire Chief) VICE Stuart Pearson to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2030.*

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

6. **2024-S 2498**

**BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 25, 2024, TO BE "PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

7. **2024-S 2706**

**BY** Quezada

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 180TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

8. **2024-S 2707**  
**BY** Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JAMES N. BRASSARD, LIEUTENANT, WARWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT, (RETIRED)

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

9. **2024-S 2708**  
**BY** Tikoian  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CAROL F. DOHERTY, RN

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the following measures on Today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

**YEAS – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

### Appendix

### CALENDAR

#### IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024:

1. **2024-S 2076**  
**BY** Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Lawson moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Pearson, Felag, Gallo, Lombardi, Zurier, Gu, Mack, Quezada, Tikoian, Bell, Kallman, McKenney.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**2. 2024-S 2086**

**BY** Ujifusa

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Ujifusa moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Kallman, Felag, DiPalma, Gallo, Britto, DiMario, Lauria, Murray.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and 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 or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Valverde announces that the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services will meet at the rise of the senate in the senate lounge.

Senator Felag announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet at the rise of the senate in Room 211.

Senate Majority Leader Pearson wishes a Happy Birthday to Senator Pamela J. Lauria and Senator Matthew L. LaMountain.

**RECESS**

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and upon suggestion of Senator Morgan the Senate stands in Recess at 5:03 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Thomas J. Evans.*

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairman Miller, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

***The Appointment of Richard H. Leclerc VICE Louis Cerbo as the Director of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals***

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2255**

**BY** Murray, Pearson, Miller, Sosnowski, Bissailon, Valverde, Lauria, Quezada, Tikoian, Ujifusa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTION (Eliminates prior authorization or step therapy requirement for prescriptions for any HIV prevention drug/prohibits the requirement of any copayment or the meeting of any deductible to obtain the prescription covered by the contract, plan, or policy.)

{LC4687/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2447**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** McKenney, Lawson, Acosta, Cano, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS (Amends certain election statutes to require ballot questions be written in plain language reasonably calculated to be understood by persons with an eighth-grade reading level.) {LC4531/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**House Bill No. 7039**

**BY** McEntee, Tanzi, Fogarty, Spears

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND OTHER SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS (Authorizes town of South Kingstown to issue not more than \$150,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition/construction/improvement/renovation/furnishing/equipping of a new high school/athletic facility/other school facilities in the town.) {LC3523/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**House Bill No. 7301 SUB A**

**BY** Ackerman, Donovan, Edwards, Serpa, McNamara, Finkelman, Chippendale, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Allows the healthcare facility to conduct human-subject research on patients subject to 21 C.F.R. Pt 50 and/or 45 C.F.R. Pt 46 (relating to the informed consent of human subjects.)

{LC4560/A/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health & Human Services.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Bill No. 2732**

**BY** LaMountain, DiMario, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY -- CAPTIVE HUNTING PROHIBITED (Prohibits captive hunting for domestic or wild animals and does not prohibit the release of domestic game birds for hunting on licensed shooting preserves.)

{LC5634/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2733**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Disqualifies individuals with prior felony convictions from purchasing or possessing a firearm.)

{LC5525/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2734**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Specifies that it is unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) to possess a firearm.)

{LC5527/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2735****BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Exempts the property located at 94 Carpenter Street in Providence from the general law prohibiting liquor licenses within a certain proximity to schools or churches.)

{LC5659/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2736****BY** Lawson, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, DiPalma, Quezada, Burke, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --

OPERATION OF RAILROADS GENERALLY (Provides that no train or light engine would be used in connection with the movement of freight could be operated unless it had a crew consisting of at least 2 persons, would also include the imposition of fines upon a company for violation of the act.)

{LC5533/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2737****BY** McKenney, Euer, LaMountain, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE RHODE

ISLAND SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Special Deposits Act to be governed by an account agreement between the bank and the depositor or its beneficiary.)

{LC5049/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2738****BY** Kallman, Gu, DiMario, Miller, Valverde, LaMountain, Acosta, McKenney, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --

TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED, SERIOUSLY ILL, OR IN ARREARS OF PAYMENT (Extends the forbearance of utility terminations for customers with serious illness certifications and would amend various provisions related to the termination of utility services for persons who are disabled, seriously ill, or in arrears.)

{LC5362/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.



**Senate Bill No. 2739**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Quezada, Mack, Zurier, Lauria, Tikoian, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- FILING OF ASSUMED NAME (Changes the term "assumed name" to "trade name" and centralizes the filing, administration and regulation process of trade names to the secretary of state and also requires an annual renewal of the trade name.)

{LC5251/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2740****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Designates the appropriate authority on air space issues as the president and CEO of the Rhode Island airport corporation and aligns certain job titles with their proper responsibilities relative to aeronautics.)

{LC5646/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2741**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires school districts to provide the parent/guardian of a student with an individualized education program (IEP) with information concerning the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) account program benefits and the program application process.)

{LC4937/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2742**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE LIBRARY (Modernizes all state library laws by eliminating the clearinghouse advisory committee, updating how the clearinghouse publishes its list of publications, reducing the number of physical copies and facilitating digital publication.)

{LC5026/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2743****BY** Acosta, Picard, Mack, Gallo, Lawson, Pearson, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

(Extends teacher certifications without fee or penalty for three (3) or five (5) years for teachers who hold certifications as of July 1, 2024.)

{LC5303/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2744****BY** Ruggerio, LaMountain, Kallman, Euer, Valverde, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

(Increases the penalty for violations of the care of dogs statute to a minimum fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) and a maximum fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation.)

{LC5657/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2745****BY** Murray, Valverde, DiMario, LaMountain, Britto, Gu, Kallman, Miller, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL

(Precludes the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticide products which contain brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difenacoum, or difethialone, except in certain circumstances.)

{LC5619/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2746****BY** Euer, DiMario, Gu, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Requires that any lease of tidal lands, or any license issued to use those lands, be approved by the general assembly, and that the coastal resources management council review all request prior to presentation to the general assembly.)

{LC5162/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2747****BY** Zurier, Mack, Bissailon, Bell, Quezada, Miller, Ciccone, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE FUNDS (Allocates, to the cities and towns of the state, a portion of state income taxes for new employees of not-for-profit healthcare institutions and private educational institutions.)

{LC4288/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 2748****BY** McKenney, Pearson**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO GLORIA GEMMA FOUNDATION (This resolution would appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to the Gloria Gemma Fountain.)

{LC5599/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 2749****BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEDICAID SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER REQUESTS AND RENEWALS (Approves an amendment to a Medicaid section 1115 demonstration waiver to mandate that the EOHHS propose a 13% raise to provider reimbursement rates for immediate care facilities, including certified community behavioral health centers.)

{LC5265/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2750**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** LaMountain, Burke, Euer, McKenney, Quezada, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Permits hit and run victims suffering serious bodily injury to recover under the crime victim compensation program.)

{LC4942/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2751**

**BY** DiPalma, Britto, Murray, Zurier, F. Lombardi, DiMario, Picard, Gu, Bissaillon, Miller **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Amends Article 9 of the state budget and various provisions relative to hospital licensing fees, would redefine base year for purposes of calculating disproportionate share payments for fiscal years.)  
{LC5490/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2752**

**BY** Kallman, Ruggerio, Miller, Gu, Acosta, McKenney, Mack, Quezada, Burke **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- AFFORDABLE HOUSING RENT PILOT PROGRAM (Establishes and fund an affordable housing pilot program at reduced rents to be administered by the state department of housing with an appropriation of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for fiscal year 2024-2025.)  
{LC5276/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2753**

**BY** Valverde, Kallman, Gu, DiMario, Miller, Britto, LaMountain, DiPalma, Tikoian, Murray **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMPOSTING AND ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION (Establishes Compost Fund to award grants related to reducing the amount of solid waste generated in the state.)  
{LC5658/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2754**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Ciccone, Britto, LaMountain, F. Lombardi, Tikoian **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Funds the state crime victim compensation program through an additional one dollar (\$1.00) fine on traffic violations, exclusive of violations related to the parking of vehicles.)  
{LC4940/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2755**

**BY** Quezada, Acosta, Mack, Zurier, Lauria, Tikoian, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Creates separate and distinct employment positions and salaries under the unclassified pay plan for the board of elections employees.)  
{LC5530/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2756**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Felag, Tikoian, Ciccone, DiPalma, F. Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT SECURITY ACT FOR LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PENSION FUNDS (Requires municipalities managing their own pension system to submit a statutorily required actuarial experience study to the advisory council to locally administered pension plans, rather than to a since-dissolved study commission.)  
{LC4941/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2757**

**BY** Kallman, DiMario, Miller, Valverde, Rogers, LaMountain, Gu  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDIT FOR FOOD DONATION (Provides a tax credit for food donations by qualified taxpayers to nonprofit organizations up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year.)  
{LC5208/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2758**

**BY** F. Lombardi, DiPalma, Britto, Tikoian, Felag, Ciccone, Pearson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RYAN'S LAW (Overprescribing, death resulting, would result in three (3) year license suspension.)  
{LC5215/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2759****BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LONG-TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (Provides for remote participation in open public meetings of the long-term care coordinating council and would provide that a quorum of the council consists of 12 members.)

{LC4322/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2760****BY** Kallman, Bissaillon, Gu, Miller, Acosta, McKenney, Mack, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING LAND BANK PROGRAM (Establishes a housing land bank program with the goal of creating affordable housing in the State of Rhode Island. The housing land bank would have the authority to buy, receive and hold property in furtherance of this goal.)

{LC5188/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2761****BY** Kallman, Gu, Acosta, Mack, Valverde, Bissaillon, DiMario, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Establishes building safety code standards for multi-dwelling buildings and requires the development of recommendations for resolving any conflicts between fire safety codes and the building codes.)

{LC5145/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2762****BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- EXEMPTIONS (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of St. Elizabeth's Home, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in East Greenwich, Warwick, and Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC5601/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2763****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CITY HOUSING

AUTHORITIES (Allows RIHMFC and related organization to administer allocations of funds for low-income housing.)

{LC5622/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2764****BY** Murray, Valverde, Lauria, Quezada, Ujifusa, Burke, Mack, Euer, Bissailon, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS

(Updates the Homeless Bill of Rights to add rules governing encampments and includes the right to clean and sanitary conditions.)

{LC5617/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2765****BY** Acosta, Mack, Kallman, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CITY HOUSING

AUTHORITIES (Establishes the composition of the housing authority for the city of Central Falls.)

{LC5341/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2766**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- PUBLIC RECORDS

ADMINISTRATION (Updates public records administration act, modifies records control schedule, designates records officer, establishes procedures for retention of records. Provides administrator submit yearly reports, establishes public reporting compliance.)

{LC5024/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2767**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Lauria, Acosta, Mack, Quezada, Zurier, Murray, Valverde, Lawson, Euer, DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES  
COMPENSATION (Allows victims of sexual assault to submit a medical forensic exam  
performed by a licensed health care provider in lieu of a police report in order to establish  
eligibility for funds under the State Crime Victim Compensation Program.)  
{LC4939/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2768**

**BY** DiMario, Valverde, Burke, Miller, F. Lombardi, McKenney, DiPalma, Euer, Gu, Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --  
EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN -- VLOGS (Establishes a statutory framework designed to  
protect minors who are engaging in the business of vlogging on social media and the Internet.)  
{LC4842/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2769**

**BY** Acosta, Mack, Euer, Kallman, Quezada, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
DETENTION FOR FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS (Prohibits state or  
municipality from contracts to detain individuals for civil immigration violations, and if such  
contract exists, it must end by July 1, 2025 and prohibits using public resources to detain those  
individuals.)  
{LC4914/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2770****BY** Ruggerio, Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --  
STATE AND MUNICIPAL COURT COMPACT (Authorizes the use of automated traffic  
violation monitoring systems for all traffic signal laws, including the "Don't Block the Box  
Statute" and allows for jurisdiction of the Don't Block the Box statute violations to be within a  
municipal court.)  
{LC4419/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.



**Senate Bill No. 2771**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Tikoian, F. Lombardi, LaMountain, Burke, Bissailon, Quezada, Euer, Valverde, Felag, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION (Considers election officials and poll workers "public officials" for purposes of the prohibition on making threats to public officials.)  
{LC5027/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2772**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Quezada, Mack, Zurier, Lauria, Tikoian, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT (Requires certain limited liability partnership providing professional services to carry liability insurance.)  
{LC5031/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2773****BY** LaMountain, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION (Denies the right of footway, except within one hundred (100) yards of the Pawtuxet River in the cities of Warwick and Cranston and except in connection with a right to pass with carriages to be acquired by prescription or adverse use.)  
{LC5638/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2774****BY** Euer, LaMountain, Burke, Miller, Bissailon, DiMario, F. Lombardi, Mack, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Requires automatic expungement of records and records of conviction, if the conviction was for a non-violent misdemeanor, 5 years after completion of the sentence.)  
{LC5147/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2775****BY** Acosta, DiMario, Mack, Kallman, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibit the family court from detaining any juvenile or committing any juvenile, under the age of 14 years, to the training school, for any offense other than murder, first degree sexual assault, or an attempt to commit such offenses.)

{LC5517/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2776****BY** Kallman, Acosta, Miller, Gu, Mack, Ujifusa, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Requires the court to set reasonable bail for all those individuals who appear before it as probation violators and establish a presumption of personal recognizance unless the new alleged offense is a crime of violence as defined in the act.)

{LC5157/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2777**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** LaMountain, Tikoian, Burke, McKenney, Quezada, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Allows victims of violent crime receiving awards under the state's crime victim compensation program to use up to \$1,000 of their total award to make reasonable modification to their residence to ensure their future safety.)

{LC4938/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2778****BY** Acosta, Quezada, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Establishes a three (3) day transmittal period after the deadline for local boards to accept mail ballot applications, if delivered via the postal service.)

{LC4769/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 2779**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** DiMario, Burke, Miller, F. Lombardi, Acosta, McKenney, DiPalma, Euer, Mack, Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF SUFFRAGE (Would propose to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment regarding eligibility to vote and to be a candidate.)  
{LC5028/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2780**

**BY** F. Lombardi, Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian, DiPalma, Britto, Valverde, Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Requires mail ballot drop boxes to be opened thirty-five (35) days prior to election day, and twenty (20) days prior to special elections.)  
{LC5583/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2781**

**BY** F. Lombardi, Burke, Tikoian, Quezada, Bissaillon, LaMountain, Euer, McKenney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE (Provides amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code for emerging technologies.)  
{LC4368/1}

3/8/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2782**

**BY** LaMountain, Burke, McKenney, Tikoian, F. Lombardi, Euer  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Replaces the existing limited liability company act with a newer and updated model act.)  
{LC5050/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2783****BY** Bissaillon, Burke, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY -- BENEFITS (Allows unemployment benefits for workers who are on strike or are locked out of their workplaces by their employer due to a labor dispute.)  
{LC5315/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2784****BY** Ciccone, Britto, LaMountain, F. Lombardi, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Recognizes that municipal employees have the opportunity to utilize interest arbitration and would establish new factors for the arbitrators to consider. These factors include comparisons of wages/hourly conditions of employment in similarly skilled jobs.)  
{LC5623/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2785****BY** LaMountain, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT -- EMPLOYEE FREE SPEECH RIGHTS (Protects employees free speech regarding political or religious matters.)  
{LC5637/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2786****BY** Murray, Lauria, Ujifusa, Euer, Felag, Acosta, McKenney, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Allows for the holder of a manufacturer's license to be able to transport beer, spirits or wine between its satellite taprooms.)  
{LC5618/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Resolution No. 2787**

**BY** DiMario, Picard, F. Lombardi, Euer, Bissaillon, Gu, Lauria, Sosnowski, Britto  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH OF 2024, AS "NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC5672/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2788**

**BY** Quezada  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Allows a law enforcement agency to consider expunged records when issuing a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver.)  
{LC5519/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2202**

**BY** Lauria, Pearson, Lawson, Gallo, Euer, DiMario, Miller, Felag, DiPalma, Cano  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires safe storage of firearms/provides civil and criminal penalties for violations/adds rifles and shotguns to the types of firearms requiring a trigger lock to be included with purchase/requires firearms dealers post signs regarding safe storage.)  
{LC4006/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chairman DiPalma, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 2588**

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Little Compton Game Club.)  
{LC5487/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2550**

**BY** Gu

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (ONE IN EACH OF THE TOWNS OF CHARLESTOWN, RICHMOND AND HOPKINTON) AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SWITCH ROAD CAMPUS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DEMOLITION, DESIGN, HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS, PLAYGROUNDS, LANDSCAPING, PAVING AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$150,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 61% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, WHICH RATE OR RATIO MAY INCREASE TO MORE THAN 76% AT PROJECT COMPLETION (Authorizes the Chariho Regional School District to finance the construction, furnishing and equipping of three elementary schools (one in each of the towns of Charlestown, Richmond and Hopkinton) and improvements at the Switch Road Campus.)  
{LC5499/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**House Bill No. 7039****BY** McEntee, Tanzi, Fogarty, Spears

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND OTHER SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS (Authorizes town of South Kingstown to issue not more than \$150,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition/construction/improvement/renovation/furnishing/equipping of a new high school/athletic facility/other school facilities in the town.)  
{LC3523/1}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

**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 Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:32 o'clock P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Lawson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and the Senate adjourns at 4:34 o'clock P.M.

**HELENA S. REID**  
*Secretary of the Senate*

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR LOUIS P. DIPALMA**

Dear Lord, as senators we have great responsibility to our constituents. Help us to emulate your example 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 THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024:**

1. **2024-S 2787**  
**BY** DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH OF 2024, AS "NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2024-H 7039**  
**BY** McEntee  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND OTHER SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

**Appendix**  
**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024:**

- 1.     *The Appointment of David Martirano VICE Richard Humphrey to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2025.***

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 2.     *The Reappointment of Cortney M. Nicolato to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2027.***

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 3.     *The Reappointment of Cornelius Kerwin to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2025.***

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 4.     *The Reappointment of Roby Luna to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2025.***

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 5.     *The Appointment of Richard H. Leclerc VICE Louis Cerbo as the Director of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals***

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

**6. 2024-S 2550****BY** Gu

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (ONE IN EACH OF THE TOWNS OF CHARLESTOWN, RICHMOND AND HOPKINTON) AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SWITCH ROAD CAMPUS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DEMOLITION, DESIGN, HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS, PLAYGROUNDS, LANDSCAPING, PAVING AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$150,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 61% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, WHICH RATE OR RATIO MAY INCREASE TO MORE THAN 76% AT PROJECT COMPLETION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**7. 2024-S 2255****BY** Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTION

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

**8. 2024-S 2220****BY** Lauria

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**9. 2024-S 2447****BY** McKenney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix  
CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024:**

- 1. 2024-S 2588**  
**BY** DiPalma  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

- 2. 2024-S 2202**  
**BY** Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.