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Thursday, March 14, 2024

Tenth Legislative Day

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 4:35 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 LaMountain to deliver the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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



APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator LaMountain 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 BRIDGET VALVERDE District 35</p> <hr/> <p>Room 312 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>OFFICE: 401-276-5589 FAX: 401-528-1711</p> <p>sen-valverde@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>VICE CHAIRPERSON Committee on Health & Human Services</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Environment & Agriculture</p>
<p>March 14, 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 today, Thursday, March 14, 2024.</p>		
<p>I appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.</p>		
<p>Respectfully submitted,</p>		
		
<p>Bridget Valverde Senator – District 35</p>		
<p>BV/moj</p>		
<p>CC: Helena Reid, Secretary of the Senate</p>		

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 appointment to the Rhode Island State Arts Council:

Blake Johnson

Vice

Jennifer Fonseca

For a term expiring March 1, 2025

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.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 2789****BY** Britto**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY OF 2024 AS "AMERICAN HEART MONTH" TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING ONE'S CHOLESTEROL {LC5589/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Britto requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Britto moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissaillon, 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, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2790**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 14TH AS A DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE HISTORY OF THE SYMBOL {LC5726/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2791**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE DEBORAH J. KELSO
{LC5709/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by 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, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Tikoian, Ujifusa, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

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.

Upon motion of Senator Lawson, 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 – 35: 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, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

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.

Senator Cano moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Lawson, DiPalma, Zurier, Picard, Gallo, Ujifusa, Felag, Quezada, Burke, Zurier, Acosta, Britto, Lombardi.

Senator Bell speaks on the advice and consent.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative, and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS – 1: Senator Bell.

2. *The Reappointment of Courtney 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.

Senator Cano moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McKenney, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Zurier, Picard, Gallo, Ujifusa, DiMario, Kallman, Bissaillon, Tikoian, Quezada, Raptakis, Felag.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and 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, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Cano and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Courtney M. Nicolato.

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.

Senator Cano moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Gallo, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Lauria, Euer, Picard, Burke, Ujifusa, Britto, Mack, Bissaillon, Felag,

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and 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, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

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.

Senator Cano moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Lawson, Gallo, Euer, Felag, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Zurier, McKenney, Quezada, Murray, Lauria.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and 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, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

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.

Senator Miller moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Gallo, DiMario, Sosnowski, Lombardi, Bissaillon, Mack, Zurier, Acosta, Raptakis, Morgan, and Paolino.

Senator DiMario speaks on the advice and consent

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and 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, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator DiMario and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Richard H. Leclerc, his daughter Laura Leclerc, Richard Charest, Secretary of the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Linda Riley from BHDDH, and former State Senator John J. Tassoni, Jr., President of the Substance Use and Mental Health Leadership Council of Rhode Island.

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.

Senator Gu moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Sosnowski, Murray, Lauria, Bell, Mack, and DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and 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, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 1: Senator Morgan.

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.

Senator Murray moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Euer, Gallo, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Lombardi, Picard, Cano, McKenney, Lauria.

Senator Mack discusses the act.

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 Ruggerio, and 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, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

8. 2024-S 2220**BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Lauria moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Euer, Gallo, Felag, Miller, DiPalma, Britto, Zurier, Gu, Picard, Cano, Burke, Bell, Ujifusa, Quezada, Tikoian.

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

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and 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, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

- 9. 2024-S 2447**
BY McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- STATEWIDE REFERENDA
ELECTIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator McKenney moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Kallman, Bell, LaMountain, Quezada, Ujifusa, Mack, Gu, Zurier, Acosta, Lombardi, DiMario, Sosnowski, Gallo, Lawson, Cano, Euer.

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

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and 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, 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 Tikoian announces that the Hobey Baker Awards will be held on Monday, March 18th at 3:00 PM in the Senate Lounge.

Senator Kallman announces that the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet at the rise of the senate in room 212.

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

Senator Lawson announces that Senator Burke will be the Grand Marshall at the Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade in West Warwick on Sunday, March 17th.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Lawson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess at 5:27 o'clock P.M. *in memory of the Honorable Deborah J. Kelso.*

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

Chairwoman DiMario, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 2539

BY Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Permits Smithfield to enact ordinances that would allow the animal control officer to issue citations which could be paid my mail and to prescribe penalties for violations of the town's ordinances regulating dogs.)
{LC5014/1}

Placed on Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Chairman Lombardo, from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 2092

BY Sosnowski, Valverde, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Johnnycake Center Realty Corporation, a domestic nonprofit corporation, located in South Kingstown.)
{LC3834/1}

Placed on Senate Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

Senate Bill No. 2027

BY Euer, Kallman, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT (Allows an owner or owners of real property to execute a deed that names one or more beneficiaries who will obtain title to the property at the owner's death without the necessity of probate.)

{LC3553/1}

Placed on Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Chairman Ciccone, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 2467

BY Cano, Lawson, Acosta, Mack, Britto, Bell, Valverde, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (Increases the amount of parental or family leave available to an employee from thirteen (13) weeks to twenty-four (24) weeks in any two (2) calendar years.)

{LC4751/1}

Placed on Calendar.

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 measure:

Senate Bill No. 2127

BY Lawson, Lauria, Felag, Euer, Britto, Pearson, Gallo, Murray, DiMario, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Allows manufacturer-wineries to sell up to three (3) drinks of wine for on-site consumption or three (3) bottles of wine for off-site consumption or three (3) bottles of wine for off-site consumption.)

{LC3466/1}

Placed on Calendar.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator Kallman, In accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2412

BY Raptakis, Rogers, DiMario, F. Lombardi, LaMountain, Murray, Valverde, McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- DAM PERMITS
(Renames 46-19.1, allows existing docks on ponds with 1400 normal storage feet of water per DEM, allows property owner to commence work on property without pond owner authorization.)
{LC3407/1}

Transferred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

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, March 19th at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Lawson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and the Senate adjourns at 4:19 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR MATTHEW L . LAMOUNTAIN

Almighty God, we ask today that You help us to live wisely, to fight for justice and truth, and to always try to live up to the expectations of our constituents. Amen.

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024****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}

Transmitted to the Governor.

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.

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024:

- 1. 2024-S 2539**
BY Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --
DOGS

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.
- 2. 2024-S 2092**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
TAXATION

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
- 3. 2024-S 2027**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE --
UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 4. 2024-S 2467**
BY Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
RHODE ISLAND PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
- 5. 2024-S 2127**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES --
MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.