

## 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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Thursday, March 28, 2024

Thirteenth 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 4:08 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 Father Aaron Walker of Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in Newport to deliver the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

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

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

**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**

March 22, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

**Joseph F. Murphy, MA, CRC**  
(Representative Office of Rehabilitation Services)

For a term expiring January 1, 2026.

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

Sincerely,



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 Labor.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

March 22, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

**Robin Melfi Coia**  
(Representative Organized Labor)

For a term expiring January 1, 2026.

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

Sincerely,

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 Labor.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS****Senate Resolution No. 2924**

**BY** Raptakis, Gallo, Euer, Murray, Felag, Gu, Cano, Lombardi F, Ujifusa, Tikoian  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MARCH 25, 2024, AS THE  
203RD ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY AND CELEBRATING  
DEMOCRACY IN GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES  
{LC5438/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Raptakis requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Raptakis and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Symeon Tegos, Consulate General of Greece in Boston.

Upon the suggestion of Senators Raptakis, Paolino, Cano, Ciccone, DiPalma, Lombardi, Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Johnston Police Department Officer Charles Psilopoulos, Newport City Council Member Charles Holder, Newport Parish Council President Elaine Holder, Granddaughter of Harry Nicolopoulos, Krystina Cesario of the RI State House Internship Office, Newport Parish Council Member Peter Petrou, Newport Eleni Anagnostopoulos St Spyridon, Pawtucket Greek School Principal Panayiota Vastis, Dr. John Lysikatos, Pawtucket, Cranston Ahepa President George Coclin, Newport Hellenic Dancers Coordinator Anna Kyriakdes, Staeve Kyriakdes, MC Library Event, Dr. Savas Rougas Lifespan RI Hospital, Businessman Costas Perdikakis, former Consul General Katerina Economou, Andrea Vastis, Federation of Hellenic Societies New England, Newport Greek Language Teacher Loula Eliopolous, Pawtucket Greek Language Teacher Stavroula Papavasileiou, Pawtucket Greek Language Teacher Sophia Augoustakis, Newport Ahepa President Leon Panteleos, and Pawtucket Ahepa Vice President Nicholas Vellopoulos.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Euer and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Father Aaron Walker, Saint Spyridon Church, Loula Eliopoulos, Eleni Anagnostopoulos, Leon Panteleos, and Symeon Tegos.

**Senate Resolution No. 2925**

**BY** Felag, Raptakis, LaMountain, Lauria, Murray, Lombardi F, Ujifusa, Tikoian, Zurier, DeLuca **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION THANKING AND HONORING AMERICA AND RHODE ISLAND'S VIETNAM WAR VETERANS FOR THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE ON "VIETNAM VETERANS DAY"

{LC5733/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Felag requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 2926**

**BY** Lawson, DeLuca, Britto, Burke, Picard, Murray, Sosnowski, DiMario, Bell, Felag **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING AND SUPPORTING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF 401GIVES, RHODE ISLAND'S STATEWIDE DAY OF GIVING ON APRIL 1, 2024

{LC5825/1}

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Kallman and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber United Way CEO and President Cortney Nicolato.

**Senate Resolution No. 2927**

**BY** LaMountain, Morgan E, DeLuca, Britto, Burke, Bissaillon, Picard, Murray, Felag, Bell  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE 12TH  
ANNUAL PROSTART® HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION  
{LC5588/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator LaMountain requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator LaMountain and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber ProStart Students/Champions from Exeter Job Corps Academy; Nikaya Garcia, Curiney Cain, Armani Rios, Steven Sarabia, and Jakayla Steele, from Warwick Technical Career Center; Tyler Lowe, Bruce Angelini, Kate Whalen, and Victoria "Harper" Salinas, from Chariho Career & Technical Center; Elinor Hammett, Gawin Apice, Juliet Costa, Olivia Swanson, and Morgan Allen.

## Appendix

## CONSENT CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024:

1. ***The Reappointment of Marisa Brown to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2027.***

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

2. ***The Reappointment of Bethany Lardaro to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2027.***

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

3. ***The Reappointment of Silvermoon LaRose to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2027.***

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

4. ***The Appointment of Amy Leidtke VICE Lorraine Hynes to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2026.***

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

5. ***The Appointment of Elvys Ruiz VICE Mohammed Farzan to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2027.***

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

6. ***The Appointment of Mary K. Talbot VICE Kate Blacklock to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2027.***

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

7. ***The Reappointment of Kelly A. Morrissey to the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority for a term expiring January 31, 2029.***

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

8. ***The Appointment of Dr. Kim Stack VICE Bonnie Saccucci to the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority for a term expiring January 31, 2029.***

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

9. ***The Reappointment of Jane Bevan Linsley (Familiar with Land Use & Community Planning Issues) to the Agricultural Land Preservation Committee for a term expiring January 1, 2029.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

10. ***The Reappointment of Michael Hutchinson (Knowledge/Experience in Agriculture) to the Agricultural Land Preservation Committee for a term expiring January 1, 2027.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

11. ***The Reappointment of Mark Blackburn (Licensed Engineer) to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2029.***

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

12. ***The Reappointment of Dana Newbrook (Licensed Architect) to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2029.***

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

13. ***The Appointment of Robert E. Donovan VICE Robin Main to the State Properties Commission for a term expiring March 1, 2025.***

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

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 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, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

### Appendix

#### CALENDAR

#### IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024:

**1. 2024-S 2072**

**BY** DiMario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator DiMario moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Kallman, Felag, DiPalma, Gallo, Britto, Lawson, Euer, Miller, Sosnowski, Gu, Zurier, DiMario, Lauria, Bissaillon, Lombardi, Valverde, Lauria, Ujifusa, Burke, Bell.

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, 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, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**2. 2024-S 2720**

**BY** Britto

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
BENEFITS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Britto moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Gallo, Kallman, Felag, DiPalma, Lauria, Sosnowski, Burke, Bell, Lombardi, DiMario, Zurier, Gu, Mack, Murray, LaMountain.

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, 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, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**3. 2024-S 2436**

**BY** LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --  
RHODE ISLAND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator LaMountain moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lawson, Ciccone, Miller, Zurier, Tikoian, McKenney, Cano.

Senators Bell and Britto discuss 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, 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, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**4. 2024-S 2121**

**BY** Lawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --  
TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Senator Lawson moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Kallman, Felag, DiPalma, Gallo, Britto, Gu, Zurier, Ciccone, Sosnowski, Valverde, Ujifusa, Burke, Kallman, Lauria, Bell, McKenney, Murray.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 31:** 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, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 5:** Senators de la Cruz, DeLuca, Morgan, Paolino, and Rogers.

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

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

Senators DiPalma and Felag announce that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet at the rise of the senate in Room 211.

### RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Lawson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess at 5:03 o'clock P.M.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Senate Bill No. 2928**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Gu, DiMario, Valverde, Britto, Euer, DiPalma, Kallman, Felag, Pearson, Ruggiero  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Replaces the coastal resources management council with a state department of coastal resources and transfers all of the powers and duties between the two (2) authorities.)

{LC5518/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2929**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Murray, Lawson, Acosta, Zurier, DiPalma, DiMario, Valverde, Cano, Lauria, Euer  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND BABY BOND TRUST (Creates the Rhode Island baby bond trust to provide investment funds to children born to families with public health insurance or no insurance living in Rhode Island.)  
{LC5724/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2930**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Zurier, Gu, DiPalma, Sosnowski, LaMountain, Lauria, DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides a tax credit to individual taxpayers who convert their gas-powered vehicle into a vehicle propelled by an alternative fuel source.)  
{LC4936/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2931**

(Dept. of Revenue)

**BY** DiPalma, Zurier, Ciccone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Provides a four (4) year expiration period on any certificate of exemption pursuant to this section for writers, composers and artists.)  
{LC4536/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2932**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT (Provides that a defendant's third and subsequent violation of domestic violence offenses, including both prior felony and misdemeanor convictions, be punishable as a felony.)  
{LC5520/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2933**

(Attorney General)

**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- INTERLOCAL CONTRACTING AND JOINT ENTERPRISE (Removes the attorney general's oversight of interlocal agreements.)

{LC5523/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2934****BY** Mack, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Decriminalizes certain commercial sexual activity.)

{LC4487/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2935**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (Allows the attorney general to investigate and bring an enforcement action against persistent fraud or illegality in the carrying on, conducting, or transaction of business or governmental activity.)

{LC5819/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2936**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Sosnowski, Tikoian, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS (Provides for a single, increased range of penalties for all driving offenses which result in serious bodily injury or death.)

{LC5526/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2937**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Sosnowski, Tikoian, Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Extends the "lookback" period for repeat offenses involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs under § 31-27-2 and for repeat offenses related to failure or refusal to submit to chemical tests under § 31-27-2.1 from five to ten years.)  
{LC5803/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2938**

(Attorney General)

**BY** McKenney, Burke

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (Includes the offense of second-degree sexual assault among the offenses to which there shall be no statute of limitations and provides for a ten (10) year statute of limitations for third-degree sexual assault.)  
{LC5522/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 2939****BY** de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2024, TO BE "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC5701/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 2940****BY** de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2024, AS "AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC5702/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2941****BY** DiPalma, Zurier, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Sosnowski, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Establishes an agricultural  
restricted receipt account within the department of environmental management. An advisory  
committee would be established to determine suggested uses of the funds in said account.)  
{LC5793/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**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 measure:*The Appointment of Cory B. King VICE Patrick Tigie as the Health Insurance Commissioner*

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**Chairman Kallman, from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back,  
with recommendation of passage of the following measures:**Senate Bill No. 2633****BY** Sosnowski, Valverde, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO THE  
ACT, PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1883, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO  
INCORPORATE THE UNION FIRE DISTRICT OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN", AS AMENDED  
(Amends charter of the Union Fire District of South Kingstown by renaming 'Reserve Capital  
Expenditures' to 'Capital Projects Fund' and allows the board of wardens to grant tax exemptions  
to current and retired volunteer firefighters and their spouses.)  
{LC5260/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2878****BY** Pearson, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS  
(Authorizes the town of Cumberland to require the registration of certain business entities not  
registered with the secretary of state that are situated in Cumberland.)  
{LC5689/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2881**

**BY** Pearson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

(Increases the fines for dog ordinance violations in the town of Cumberland.)

{LC5688/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, April 02<sup>nd</sup> at 4:20 o'clock P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and the Senate adjourns at 4:21 o'clock P.M.

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



**Appendix****INVOCATION****FATHER AARON WALKER  
SAINT SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH IN NEWPORT**

Psalm 133, Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down upon the beard, Upon the beard of Aaron,  
Running down to the fringe of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the  
mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.  
Psalm 134, Behold, bless the Lord, All you servants of the Lord, Who by night stand in the house  
of the Lord! Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, And bless the Lord. The Lord Bless you from  
Zion! He that made heaven and earth.

## Appendix

## CONSENT CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024:

1. **2024-S 2939**

BY de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2024, TO BE "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2024-S 2940**

BY de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2024, AS "AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. **2024-H 7278**

BY Baginski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CRANSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND/OR ACQUISITION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 50% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE

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

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## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024:

1. *The Appointment of Cory B. King VICE Patrick Tigue as the Health Insurance Commissioner*

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

2. **2024-S 2043 SUB A**

**BY** Lauria

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

3. **2024-S 2633**

**BY** Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION  
TO THE ACT, PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1883, ENTITLED "AN  
ACT TO INCORPORATE THE UNION FIRE DISTRICT OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN",  
AS AMENDED

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

4. **2024-S 2878**

**BY** Pearson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

5. **2024-S 2881**

**BY** Pearson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --  
DOGS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

6. **2024-S 2126**  
**BY** Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

**203<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
"Greek Independence Day"  
Celebration**

<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<b>The Honorable Leonidas P. Raptakis State Senator</b>
<b>Invocation &amp; Greetings</b>	<b>Father Aaron Walker, St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church, Newport</b>
<b>The National Anthems of the Hellenic Republic and the United States of America</b>	<b>Audience</b>
<b>Greetings</b>	<b>Congressional Delegation Rhode Island General Officers Rhode Island State Senate Rhode Island House of Representatives Rhode Island City &amp; Town Mayors The Honorable Symeon Tegos Consul General of Greece, Boston</b>
<b>Participating Parishes</b>	<b>St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church, Newport Father Aaron Walker</b>  <b>Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Cranston Father Andrew George and Father Nick Lanzourakis</b>  <b>Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Pawtucket Father Philip Zymaris</b>
<b>Children's Presentation</b>	<b>Children of participating parishes</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>Father Aaron Walker, St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church, Newport</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church 175 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston 6:15pm</b>