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Fourteenth 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 4:22 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT –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, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Paolino.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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


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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Linda and Joe Dziobek from South Kingstown.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

<p>SENATOR DAVID P. TIKOIAN District 22</p> <hr/> <p>Room 114 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>OFFICE: 401-276-5567 sen-tikoian@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>SECRETARY Committee on Environment & Agriculture</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Housing & Municipal Government</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Judiciary</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Rules, Government Ethics & Oversight</p>
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April 2, 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 am unable to attend Senate Session today, April 2, 2024.

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

Sincerely,



David P. Tikoian
Senator ~ District 22

DPT/djc

cc: Secretary of the Senate

Placed on file.

State of Rhode Island

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Municipal Government

Committee on Commerce

Committee on
Environment and Agriculture

April 2, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, April 2nd 2024.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Gu". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V" and "G".

RI State Senator Victoria Gu
District 38 (Westerly, Charlestown, South Kingstown)

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

April 2, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 42-99-4, I have made the following appointment to the Convention Center Authority:

Carol A. Lombardi

Vice

Peri Ann Aptaker

For a term expiring June 30, 2027

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKee".

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 Commerce.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 2942****BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2024, TO BE "FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3942/1}

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, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2943**BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF BENJAMIN M. KELLOGG {LC5886/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Pearson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

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.

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

NAYS – 0:

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024:****1. *The Appointment of Cory B. King VICE Patrick Tighe as the Health Insurance Commissioner***

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 DiPalma, Ciccone, Felag, Britto, Acosta, Gallo, Valverde, Lauria, Bell, Lawson, Zurier, Rogers, and Ujifusa.

Senators Bell, Ujifusa, Lauria, DiPalma, and Zurier discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative, and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and 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, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 1: Senator Sosnowski.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Miller and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Cory B. King.

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.

Senator Lauria moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Kallman, Felag, Cano, Burke, Murray, Mack, Britto, Zurier, and Gallo.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and 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, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 1: Senator Morgan.

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.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Felag, Gallo, Zurier, Burke, Rogers, and Quezada.

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, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

4. 2024-S 2878

BY Pearson

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

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Pearson moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Gallo, Zurier, and Picard.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and 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, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 1: Senator Morgan.

5. 2024-S 2881

BY Pearson

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

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Pearson moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Felag, Zurier, and DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 33 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, De Luca, DiMario, Euer, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 1: Senator Morgan.

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.

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Lauria, Raptakis, Morgan, and Rogers.

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, 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, 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 Burke announces that the Senate Committee on Labor will meet tomorrow at 4:30pm in room 212.

Senator Picard announces that the Senate Committee on Commerce will meet at the rise of the senate in room 212.

Senator LaMountain announces that the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at 4:00pm in the senate lounge.

Senator Raptakis announces that the Senate Committee on Judiciary will meet at the rise of the senate in room 313.

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 Raptakis announces that the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs will meet tomorrow at 4:30pm in room 211.

Senator Cano announces that the Senate Committee on Education will meet tomorrow at 4:00pm in room 313.

Senator Felag announces 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, and upon suggestion of Senate Majority Leader Ryan W. Pearson, the Senate stands in Recess at 4:52 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Benjamin M. Kellogg.*

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2944**

(Div. of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY Britto, Ciccone, F. Lombardi, LaMountain, Raptakis, McKenney, Burke, Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Increases the penalties for public utilities for violations of the general law governing the duties of utilities and carriers.)
{LC4956/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2945

(Dept. of BHDDH)

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT (Amends provisions relative to confidentiality of health care communications and the process for requesting records and/or confidential health care information.)
{LC4438/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2946

BY Cano, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates all insurance plans provide insurance coverage for diagnosing and treating infertility for women between the ages of 25 and 42 years including preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) in conjunction with in vitro fertilization (IVF).)
{LC5844/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2947

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Britto, Ciccone, LaMountain, F. Lombardi, Raptakis, McKenney, Burke, Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Adds "loose material" to the contents of a vehicle that must be covered by a covering that must remain in place until the vehicle's contents are purged from the vehicle.)
{LC4539/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7432**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURERS' REHABILITATION AND LIQUIDATION ACT (Provides that no person, for over ten days, shall be restricted from enforcing a right under any pledge, security, credit, guarantee agreement, arrangement or other agreement credit enhancement to which a federal home loan bank is a party.)

{LC4268/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 7509**BY** Finkelman, Shanley, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Noret, Dawson, O'Brien, Morales, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Provides that gift certificates issued by state-chartered institutions of higher education would be exempt from the provisions of the gift certificate statute relating to expiration, escheatment, reissuance and refund.)

{LC4378/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 7469

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INTERSTATE COMPACT ON INDUSTRIALIZED/MODULAR BUILDINGS (Repeals the Interstate Compact on Industrialized/Modular Buildings in its entirety.)

{LC4390/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 7606**BY** Handy, Phillips, Serpa, Bennett, Hull, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Kislak, Giraldo, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prevents insurance companies from treating widowed persons differently than married persons when establishing or maintaining an insured's rate or classification respecting the operation of a personal motor vehicle. Effective 1/1/25.)

{LC4349/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 7424

(Secretary of State)

BY Shanley, Edwards, Bennett, Casimiro, McNamara, Baginski, Craven, O'Brien**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 requires an annual renewal of the trade name.)

{LC4668/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 7560

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

BY McNamara, Donovan, Roberts, Kislak, Giraldo, Voas, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SHEILA C. "SKIP" NOWELL ACADEMY (Provides for changes to the operating structure of the Nowell Academy establishing a cooperative agreement among school districts.)

{LC4856/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

House Bill No. 7513 SUB A

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

BY McNamara, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Delays the date for local education agencies to select one of the high quality curricula and material for math and English language arts from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2027.)

{LC4373/A/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

House Bill No. 7512

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

BY McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Noret, Roberts, Phillips, Donovan, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES ("Pupil Transportation Vehicle" to be and constructed to seat not more than ten (10) passengers including the operator, rather than the existing limit of eight (8) passengers.)

{LC4374/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

House Bill No. 7657**BY** Costantino, Rea**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.)

{LC5056/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

House Bill No. 7535**BY** Ajello, Diaz, Morales, Batista, Kislak, J. Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO

TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Providence Preservation Society.)

{LC4885/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

House Bill No. 7757

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SCENIC HIGHWAYS (Amends the composition of the scenic roadways board reducing the number of members from eleven (11) to nine (9).)

{LC4416/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 7666

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Cortvriend, Speakman, Fogarty, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL

INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (Provides minor technical changes, including an update to the membership of the state planning council to include the secretary of housing or designee, and provides clarifying language relating to the role of the technical committee.)

{LC4600/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 7244 SUB A**BY** Ackerman, Voas, Phillips, Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

(Authorizes the town of Cumberland to require the registration of wholesale, retail, commercial, professional service or manufacturing businesses situated in Cumberland.)

{LC4086/A/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 7321

(by request)

BY Carson, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CITY OF

NEWPORT -- ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS (Enables the Newport city council to enact ordinances related to the operation of e-bikes and e-scooters.)

{LC4273/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 7568

(Dept. of Transportation/Judiciary)

BY Noret, Corvese, Cardillo, Hull, Phillips, Casey, Craven, Kazarian, Speakman, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Provides additional exception to prohibition on usage of wireless communication device while driving and clarifies that use for purpose of navigation must be while the device is mounted or otherwise affixed to vehicle and not held in the motorist's hand.)

{LC4410/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7569

(General Treasurer)

BY Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE --

UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY (Provides conditions which persons paid to recover or assist in recovering reported property must comply with.)

{LC4581/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7239

BY Cortvriend, Spears, Carson, Bennett, Knight, Ajello, Caldwell, McGaw, Kislak, Boylan **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS (Provides that supported decision-making pursuant to chapter 66.13 of title 42 be added to the Limited Guardianship and Guardianship of Adults forms section as one of the less restrictive alternatives to guardianship that have been explored.)
{LC3762/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7470

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Cardillo, Azzinaro, Noret, Finkelman, Shanley, Felix, Phillips, Serpa, O'Brien, Handy **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Adds "loose material" to the contents of a vehicle that must be covered by a covering that must remain in place until the vehicle's contents are purged from the vehicle.)
{LC4411/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7328

BY Ajello, Knight, J. Lombardi, Handy, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Chippendale, Batista, Tanzi, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Includes the general assembly elections within the category of elections subject to the risk-limiting audits within the jurisdiction of the board of elections.)
{LC4094/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7471

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Tanzi, Felix, Potter, Cotter, Donovan, J. Lombardi, Hull, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Alzate **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Amends several provisions relative to motorcycles and motor scooter license and educational requirements including deleting the learners permit requirement for motorcycles.)
{LC4451/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs.

House Bill No. 7583

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Allows the department of administration to temporarily loan the state battle flags and markers to approved federal or state agencies under the condition that such loan is insured by bond against damage or loss.)
{LC4862/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs.

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 measures:

Senate Bill No. 2151**BY** DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Modifies the definition of "core forest" to refer to unfragmented forest blocks or single or multiple parcels totaling 250 acres or greater and at least 25 yards from mapped roads.)
{LC4281/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

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}

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. 2319

BY Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Britto, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- TOWN OF JOHNSTON (Authorizes the town of Johnston to grant a tax credit to any person over the age of sixty-five (65) years.)
{LC4727/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2328

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- TAX EXEMPTIONS -- JAMESTOWN (Grants the town of Jamestown the legal authority to grant a tax dollar reduction to gold star parents and to visually impaired persons.)
{LC4831/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2598

BY Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Allows the town council of Portsmouth, by ordinance or resolution, to exempt Quaker Manor from valuation for taxation or to enter into tax abatement or payment in lieu of taxes agreements.)
{LC5331/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

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:

Senate Bill No. 2082

BY Murray, Lauria, Valverde, DiMario, Euer, Bell, Miller, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2025.)

{LC3494/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 7177

BY McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Michael Cervullo, Jr., to join Jillian Cervullo and Tyler Shemick in marriage on or about June 8, 2024, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

{LC3986/1}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, on Thursday, April 04th at 4:13 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and the Senate adjourns at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON TUESDAY, APRIL 02, 2024****House Bill No. 7278**

BY Baginski, Lima, Potter, McNamara, Handy, Cardillo, Bennett, Fenton-Fung
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 (Authorizes the City of Cranston to issue not to exceed \$40,000,000 general obligation bonds.)
{LC4261/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024:

- 1. 2024-H 7177**
BY McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024:

- 1. 2024-S 2151 SUB A**
BY DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING

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

- 2. 2024-S 2732 SUB A**
BY LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY -- CAPTIVE HUNTING PROHIBITED

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

- 3. 2024-S 2319**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- TOWN OF JOHNSTON

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

- 4. 2024-S 2328**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- TAX EXEMPTIONS -- JAMESTOWN

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

- 5. 2024-S 2598**
BY Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

6. **2024-S 2082**
 BY Murray
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
 INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR MARK P. MCKENNEY

Lord ... As we begin the month of April in this Chamber, let us be recognize & be thankful for all we have: especially our Senate colleagues, our Senate friends, our Senate family.

In this springtime, we ask that you renew in us our sense of purpose, our understanding of why we are here.

We ask for energy to accomplish what lies ahead,

& wisdom to assist us in our decisions.

Please help us to avoid taking ourselves too seriously ... while we do this serious work.

Kindly bestow upon us your blessings & guide us in serving the people of Rhode Island.

Amen.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

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Date 04/2/2024

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Senate District 22

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Appointment of Cory B. King

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2024-S 2043 Sub A

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2024-S 2633

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2024-S 2878

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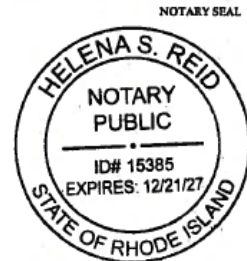
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2024-S 2881

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2024-S 2126

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