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Thursday, April 04, 2024

Fifteenth 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 4:16 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

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

ABSENT – 2: Senators Cano, and Paolino.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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


APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Quezada 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 SANDRA CANO 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>
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April 4, 2024

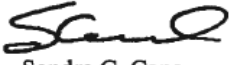
The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero
President of the Senate
State House, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggiero:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Thursday, April 4, Tuesday, April 9, and Thursday, April 11.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Sandra C. Cano
Senator District #8

SC/nc

cc Mrs. Helena Reid, Secretary of the Senate

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT 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 that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution, entitled State Court Judges - Judicial Selection, I have made the following appointment as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court:

Kas R. DeCarvalho

Vice
Christopher Smith

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 Ethics Commission
Legislative Press Bureau
Law Revision Office
Honorable Paul Suttell, Chief Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court
Honorable Alice B. Gibney, Presiding Justice, Rhode Island Superior Court
Honorable Jeanne E. LaFazia, Chief Judge, Rhode Island District Court
Honorable Dawn M. Euer, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
Honorable Kas R. DeCarvalho

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

APPOINTMENT BY THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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



PAUL A. SUTTELL
CHIEF JUSTICE

Supreme Court of the State of Rhode Island
250 Benefit Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903
(401) 222-3943

February 22, 2024

Via Hand Delivery

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the Senate
Rhode Island State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Senate President Ruggerio:


I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 8-4-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I hereby make the following appointment as Clerk of the Rhode Island Supreme Court:

Meredith A. Benoit, Esq.

who currently serves as clerk pro tempore of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, for a term expiring on May 1, 2029.

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

Sincerely,


Paul A. Suttell
Chief Justice

cc: Associate Justice Maureen McKenna Goldberg
Associate Justice William P. Robinson
Associate Justice Erin Lynch Prata
Associate Justice Melissa A. Long
Meredith Benoit, Esq.

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 2948****BY** Burke, DeLuca, Gallo, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 4TH OF 2024, TO BE
"COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND DAY"

{LC5879/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Burke requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2949**BY** E Morgan**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING
OF GEORGE ROBERT SHERMAN, SR.

{LC5816/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

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.

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 – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, 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, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoain, 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 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 Valverde announces that the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services will meet at the rise of the senate in the senate lounge.

Senator Lawson congratulates Senator John P. Burke on receiving an Associate's Degree from the Community College of Rhode Island.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Lawson, seconded by Senator Sosnowski, the Senate stands in Recess at 4:28 o'clock P.M. *in memory of George Robert Sherman, Sr.*

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

Senate Bill No. 2857

BY Bissaillon, Zurier, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends provisions relative to the levy and assessment of local taxes and would provide that the city of Providence may adopt a tax classification with unrestricted tax rates for certain classes of property.)

{LC5712/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2858

BY Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Quezada, Zurier, Mack, Ciccone, Miller, Kallman, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RELATED DEMOLITION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 75% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes Providence to issue not more than \$400,000,000 general obligation bonds & notes to finance the construction, related demolition, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools throughout the city.)

{LC5055/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2859

BY Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Quezada, Zurier, Mack, Ciccone, Miller, Kallman, Bell
ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO (This act serves as the enabling act required by § 16-7-44 of the general laws in order for the principal and interest on bonds issued in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.)
{LC5053/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2862

BY de la Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS § 16-7-44, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL COSTS (Enabling act required by § 16-7-44 in order for the principal of, and interest on bonds issued by the Town of Burrillville in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.)
{LC5649/1}

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:

The Reappointment of Roger Booth (Rep. Fire Protection Industry) to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2030.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Melissa M. Horne VICE Constance R. Pemmerl to the State Properties Commission for a term expiring March 1, 2025.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

Senate Bill No. 2100

BY Acosta, Cano, Kallman, Euer, Bissaillon, Mack, Britto, Gu, Quezada, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS
(This act would further delineate the definitions of felony, misdemeanor and petty
misdemeanor.)
{LC3658/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2950**

BY Cano, Kallman, McKenney, Burke, Lauria, Murray, Valverde, Pearson, DiMario, Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL EMERGENCY DRILLS
ACT (Makes revisions to the number, timing, and procedures to be followed when schools
grades K through 12 implement fire drills, evacuation drills, and crisis response drills, designed
to protect the health and safety of students.)
{LC5817/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2951

BY Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Removes funding requirement from department of elementary
and secondary education.)
{LC5830/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2952

BY Kallman, Valverde, DiMario, LaMountain, Lawson, Sosnowski, Miller, Euer, McKenney,
Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BUILDING
DECARBONIZATION ACT OF 2024 (Establishes a program for the energy and water
benchmarking of large buildings in Rhode Island and a standard for their energy performance.)
{LC4319/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2953**BY** Sosnowski, DiMario, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- COMMERCIAL FISHERIES (Creates commercial dock space for businesses subject to being reviewed by the DEM. Would also include commercial fishers to be eligible for a grant program.)

{LC5909/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2954**BY** LaMountain, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LOBSTERS AND OTHER CRUSTACEANS (Amends the current law to allow for the harvesting of blue crabs during the hours of darkness.)

{LC5632/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2955**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE (Permits the department of environmental management and local municipalities to drain, remove, and replace an overflowing septic tank or system.)

{LC5804/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2956**BY** Euer, DiMario, Gu, Sosnowski, Valverde, Murray, Cano, Kallman, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Amends several provisions relative the powers and duties of the PUC and requires the submission by utilities of integrated distribution system plans identifying solutions to reduce greenhouse gases.)

{LC5194/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2957

BY Felag, F. Lombardi, Euer, Pearson, Ciccone, DiPalma, Britto, Tikoian, LaMountain, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --
RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- ADMINISTRATION (Reduces the number of years from five (5) to
three (3), when calculating for retirement purposes, the average of the highest consecutive years
of compensation, for state and municipal employees.)
{LC5891/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2958

BY DiPalma, Zurier, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Sosnowski, DiMario
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$180,000 FOR
THE RHODE ISLAND STATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE AND ITS THREE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum
of \$180,000 to the RI State Conservation Committee and its three Conservation Districts.)
{LC5827/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2959

BY Miller, Ruggiero
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION
TAX CREDITS (Increase the motion picture tax credit to \$10,000,000 and then to \$15,000,000
for 2026 and the total available credits to \$40,000,000 for 2025 and \$50,000,000 for 2026 and
eliminates the sunset provision. Effective 1/1/2025.)
{LC5897/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2960

BY Felag, DiPalma, Ciccone, LaMountain, Lauria, Murray, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a
modification to federal adjusted gross income of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) of taxable
pension and/or annuity income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.)
{LC5836/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2961**BY** DiPalma, Zurier, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Sosnowski, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts battery energy storage system equipment, solar thermal collectors for commercial applications and solar storage tanks that are part of a commercial solar hot water system from the state sales tax.)

{LC5796/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2962**BY** DiPalma, Zurier, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TUITION WAIVER PILOT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE (Establishes the tuition waiver program for children in Rhode Island foster care program. The purpose would be to increase the number of youths in foster care enrolling in and obtaining degrees in a timely fashion from Rhode Island college.)

{LC5826/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2963**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Sosnowski, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Provides state employee public safety professionals with parity to municipal public safety employees in the state/municipal retirement systems eff. 7/1/24 with 10% contribution.)

{LC5805/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2964**BY** Mack, Bissaillon, Cano**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$750,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION OVER THREE FISCAL YEARS (This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of the total sum of \$750,000 to the Rhode Island School of Progressive Education, a period of over three fiscal years, to be distributed in three (3) equal installments.)

{LC3789/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2965**BY** DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Provides that dental services rendered to patients would be reimbursed by standards governed by the general laws of Rhode Island.)
{LC5723/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2966**BY** Ujifusa, Lauria, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION
{LC5881/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2967**BY** Valverde, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island (Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island), a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)
{LC5749/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2968**BY** Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS -- WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON ROUTE 114 A EAST PROVIDENCE (Prohibits commercial motor trucks, with a gross weight rating of twenty-six thousand one pounds (26,001 lbs.) or more, from traveling on Route 114 A, East Providence between Pawtucket Avenue and the Massachusetts state line.)
{LC5832/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2969**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Miller, Sosnowski, Zurier, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Directs the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority (RITBA) design a safety barrier or netting system on the several bridges within its authority.)

{LC5798/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2970**BY** DiMario, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF RENTAL OF MOTORIZED BICYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS AND MOTORIZED TRICYCLES IN NEW SHOREHAM (Expands the authority of the town council to enact ordinances establishing procedures and standards related to the rental of motorized bicycles, motor scooters and motorized tricycles in New Shoreham.)

{LC5839/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2971**BY** F. Lombardi, Tikoian, Burke, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MECHANICS' LIENS (Provides the arbitrator in mechanics' lien actions submitted to arbitration the authority to make certain findings of fact regarding procedure compliance and amounts owed which findings would be binding in the mechanics' lien action.)

{LC5823/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2972**BY** Murray, DiPalma, Acosta, Felag, Zurier, Valverde, Lauria, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Establishes general caseload limits for DCYF workers similar to those contained in the Council on Accreditation standards.)

{LC5831/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2973**BY** Valverde, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Gregory A. Mancini, Esq., to join Abigail Elizabeth Moretti and Jake Scott Owen in marriage on or about October 12, 2024, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)

{LC5850/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2974**BY** Lauria, Murray, Bissaillon, DiMario, Britto, Acosta, Ciccone, DiPalma, Gallo, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Expands the law on school lunch service contracts requirements that provides for payment to workers/aides for 180 days or the contract for the school year, exclusive of paid time off, including vacation days or other forms of compensatory time off.)

{LC4770/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Resolution No. 2975**BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING TURKEY FOR ITS ILLEGAL INVASION AND CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS SINCE 1974

{LC5834/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2976**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Euer, F. Lombardi, Sosnowski, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

{LC5905/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7073

BY Azzinaro, Solomon, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Changes the service requirement for admissions to RI Veterans' Home from 90 days to 2 years, and gives priority to veterans defined as war veterans.)

{LC3327/1}

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

House Bill No. 7148

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Stewart, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Amends the composition of the Urban Collaborative and provide that the collaborative be governed by a board of trustees.)

{LC3406/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

House Bill No. 7297

BY Finkelman, Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- OPTICIANS -- QUALIFICATIONS (Establishes a second avenue of qualification as an optician, to include successfully completing an apprenticeship program.)

{LC4528/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

House Bill No. 7384

(Dept. of BHDDH)

BY Slater, Diaz, Hull, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames the "Roosevelt Benton Youth Assessment Center" as the "Roosevelt Benton Center".)

{LC4426/1}

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

House Bill No. 7437

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

BY Tanzi, Felix, Cotter, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (Reduces the number of commissioners on the board of commissioners to no less than fifteen and would add a d/b/a Serve RI designation after commissions name.)
{LC4375/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

House Bill No. 7440**BY** Boylan, Cotter, Bennett, Chippendale, Edwards, Handy, Cortvriend, Carson, Knight, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LOBSTERS AND OTHER CRUSTACEANS (Amends the current law to allow for the harvesting of blue crabs during the hours of darkness.)
{LC4596/1}

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

House Bill No. 7559

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Voas, Hull, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL (Requires that certain quarterly reports required to be filed by district charter schools, mayoral academies and independent charter schools be submitted to the commissioner of elementary and secondary education.)
{LC4450/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

House Bill No. 7654 SUB A**BY** Shanley, Kennedy, Bennett, Edwards, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE (Permits the department of environmental management and local municipalities to drain, remove, and replace an overflowing septic tank or system.)
{LC4597/A/1}

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

House Bill No. 7734 SUB A

BY Kislak, Fogarty, Ajello, Boylan, Speakman, Corvese, Potter, Cruz, Morales, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DENSE BREAST
NOTIFICATION AND EDUCATION (Amends the notice requirement to patients to follow the
mandated FDA national reporting standards following a mammogram.)
{LC5337/A/2}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

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, April 09th at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and the Senate adjourns at
4:17 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, APRIL 04, 2024

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}

Transmitted to Governor.

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ANA B. QUEZADA

Dear Lord, We pray that you bless this Senate. Help us to work with a real commitment to resolving the problems that face our State. Remind us to always treat each other with dignity and respect. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024:

1. *The Reappointment of Roger Booth (Rep. Fire Protection 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 Melissa M. Horne VICE Constance R. Pemmerl 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.

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

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024:

1. **2024-S 2857**
BY Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

2. **2024-S 2858**
BY Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RELATED DEMOLITION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 75% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

3. **2024-S 2859**
BY Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

4. **2024-S 2862**
BY de la Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS § 16-7-44, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL COSTS

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

5. **2024-S 2100**
BY Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.