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Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Eighteenth 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 4:15 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT –34: 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, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Valverde, and Zurier.

ABSENT – 3: Senators Morgan, Paolino, and Ujifusa.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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


APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Tikoian 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 JOSHUA MILLER District 28</p> <hr/> <p>41 Talbot Manor Cranston, Rhode Island 02905</p> <p>Room 212 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>OFFICE: 401-276-5568 sen-miller@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>CHAIRPERSON Committee on Health & Human Services</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Environment & Agriculture</p>
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April 23, 2024

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the Senate
State House, Room 318
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 23, 2024.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joshua Miller

Joshua Miller
Senator District ~ 28

JM/ko

Placed on file.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

April 23, 2024

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

Dear President Ruggiero:

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate Session and committees the week of April 22-26, 2024 as I will be in Sicily, Italy.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Ujifusa".

Linda Ujifusa
Senator District 11

LU/erl

Cc: Helena Reid

State of Rhode Island

SENATOR
SAMUEL W. BELL
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Committee on
Commerce

Senate Chamber

April 23, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber today, Tuesday, April 23rd due to Passover.

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 blue ink, appearing to read "Samuel W. Bell", is written over a horizontal line.

Samuel W. Bell
Senator - District 5

swb:slb

cc: Ms. Helena Reid, Secretary of the Senate

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INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber former State Senator John A. Pagliarini, Jr.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 3005****BY** Tikoian

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2024, AS "ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY" TO COMMEMORATE THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923, AND IN HONOR OF ARMENIAN-AMERICANS
{LC5731/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Tikoian requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Tikoian and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber his mom, Ann Tikoian, his brother, Gary Tikoian, his aunt, Margaret Morrachian and Father Der Karpriel Nazarian from Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 3006****BY** de la Cruz, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PORTUGUESE CARNATION REVOLUTION WHICH TRANSFORMED PORTUGAL INTO A DEMOCRATIC NATION
{LC5927/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator de la Cruz requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator de la Cruz and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Eduardo Ramos, the Consul of Portugal to Providence, The Honorable Daniel DaPonte, former State Senator and his wife Marcia Sousa DaPonte, the Council of Portuguese Communities, Al Nunes Chairman of the Board, RI Day of Portugal, Liliana Bolarinho Vice President, RI Day of Portugal, Ana Isabel dos Reis Couto, Immediate Past President, RI Day of Portugal, and Jose Francisco Costa Veteran of Portugal's Military.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024:

- 1. 2024-H 7061**
BY Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

- 2. 2024-H 7657**
BY Costantino
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

Committee on Environment & Agriculture 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, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024:

1. 2024-S 2007

BY Murray

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

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Senator Murray moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Kallman, Lauria, Tikoian, Gallo, Lawson, Sosnowski, Zurier, and Gu.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 30 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 4: Senators de la Cruz, De Luca, Paolino, Rogers.

2. 2024-S 2153 SUB A

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION --
FRESHWATER LAKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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

Senator Sosnowski moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators DiPalma, Felag, Pearson, Murray, Quezada, Tikoian, Valverde, DiMario, Lombardi, Zurier, Bissaillon, and de la Cruz.

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 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: 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, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

3. 2024-S 2735

BY Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Ciccone, Pearson, and Gallo.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: 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, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

4. 2024-S 2839

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Gallo, Lawson, Sosnowski, Bissaillon, LaMountain, Burke.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, 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 Picard announces that the Senate Committee on Commerce 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.

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

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

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

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

Senator Lawson would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Senator Louis P. DiPalma and Senator Ana B. Quezada.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Lawson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess at 4:51 o'clock P.M.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Chairwoman Cano, from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Resolution No. 2984

BY Zurier, Kallman, Cano, Quezada, Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL TO BE "HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC5841/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

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}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 3002

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Patrick Sean Golden to join Catherine Amani Bhattacharya and John Joseph Golden in marriage on or about May 3, 2024, within the Town of Portsmouth, Rhode Island.)
{LC5928/1}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

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

Senate Bill No. 2119

BY Tikoian, Pearson, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Felag, Euer, Lombardo, Ciccone, Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT (Allows governmental employee union contracts to contain specific references to specific health insurance companies.)
{LC4187/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2122

BY Acosta, Cano, Quezada, Mack, Ciccone, Zurier, Gu, Bell, Kallman, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES (Clarifies the role of a workers' cooperative to allow it to operate as a hiring hall under certain circumstances.)
{LC3655/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2123

BY Acosta, Cano, Kallman, Mack, Ciccone, Zurier, Gu, Quezada, Bell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Requires employer to furnish items and conditions of employment and a pay stub explaining how wages were calculated/reasons for deductions/allows the employee to file a court action against employer for violation.)
{LC3656/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2124

BY Raptakis, Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Lombardo, Britto, Burke, LaMountain, Quezada, Tikoian
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW RHODE ISLAND'S MINIMUM WAGE (Creates an eleven (11) member special legislative study commission whose purpose it would be to study Rhode Island's minimum wage, and who reports back to the Senate no later than May 4, 2025, and whose life expires on January 4, 2026.)
{LC3281/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2235**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Gives authority to the department of labor and training to enforce violations of the state purchases chapter and also adds penalties for those violations.)

{LC4546/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2472**BY** McKenney, Ciccone, Burke, Lawson, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Amends the current law on workers' compensation to require any person who is considered an independent contractor to file annually with the director of labor and training and removes the requirement that the form be in writing.)

{LC4708/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2473**BY** Ciccone, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, Bissaillon, Rogers, E Morgan, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKPLACE PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY ACT (Protects bullying/psychological abuse in workplace inflicted upon employees by employers/co-employees/provides civil remedies to affected employees/fines against employers/imprisonment/fines against co-employees.)

{LC4520/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2476**BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ARBITRATION (Expands the definition of correctional officer, to include any bargaining unit, in which correctional officers constitute a majority of the bargaining unit's membership.)

{LC4515/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

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

{LC5637/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2901**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Raptakis, F. Lombardi, Burke, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Prohibits contractors and subcontractors from paying employees the cash equivalent of any applicable healthcare benefit in lieu of actually purchasing the healthcare benefit. Violations would be subject to civil fines.)

{LC4771/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2687**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Britto, Zurier, Burke, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT CLERKS' INCENTIVE PAY (Extends the incentive pay plan to all full-time court clerks who meet the eligibility requirements.)

{LC5143/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 3007****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GRACE GUNNIP

{LC6008/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Deputy Senate President Pro Tempore, Matthew L. LaMountain, on Thursday, April 25th at 4:09 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and the Senate adjourns at 4:11 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DAVID P. TIKOIAN

Dear Lord, as we return from the vacation break, remind us that in the days ahead there will be many choices before us as we work to make our State a greater place to live. Help us to work together to reach common ground and find positive solutions for the benefit of all our constituents. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024:

- 1. 2024-S 2973**
BY Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 2. 2024-S 3002**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 3. 2024-S 3007**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF GRACE GUNNIP

Ordered on the Consent Calendar

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024:

1. **2024-H 7244 SUB A**
BY Ackerman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

2. **2024-H 7245**
BY Ackerman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024:

- 1. 2024-S 2984**
BY Zurier
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL TO BE
"HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE
ISLAND

Committee on Education recommends passage.
- 2. 2024-S 2119**
BY Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
LABOR RELATIONS ACT

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
- 3. 2024-S 2122 SUB A**
BY Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND
PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and
passage of Substitute A.
- 4. 2024-S 2123 SUB A**
BY Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
PAYMENT OF WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and
passage of Substitute A.
- 5. 2024-S 2124**
BY Raptakis
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE
COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW RHODE ISLAND'S MINIMUM WAGE

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

6. **2024-S 2235**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

7. **2024-S 2472 SUB A**
BY McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

8. **2024-S 2473 SUB A**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKPLACE PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY ACT

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

9. **2024-S 2476**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ARBITRATION

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

10. **2024-S 2785**
BY LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT -- EMPLOYEE FREE SPEECH RIGHTS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

11. **2024-S 2901 SUB A**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

12. **2024-S 2687**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
COURTS -- COURT CLERKS' INCENTIVE PAY

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

House Bill No. 7061

BY Tanzi, Fogarty, McEntee, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Johnnycake Center Realty Corporation, a domestic nonprofit corporation, located in South Kingstown.)
{LC3812/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

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}

Transmitted to the Governor.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 8.13 of the Rules of the Senate for the Years 2023-2024, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

2023-H

2023-S 2007 / _____
(Bill Number) (Advice & Consent, Order of Business, or Amendment Number)

* If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Paolino 4/23/24
Senator Paolino (PRINT NAME) Date
Senate District 17

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island
County of Providence

On this 23rd day of Apr. 1, 2024, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Paolino, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.



[Signature] Brandon S. Bell 244424 2/25/2027
Notary Public Signature Notary Public Printed Notary ID Commission Expiration

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Date Initials

RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

4-23-24 [Signature]
Date Initials

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 8.13 of the Rules of the Senate for the Years 2023-2024, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

2023-H

2023-S 2153 Sub A
(Bill Number)

(Advice & Consent, Order of Business, or Amendment Number)

* If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Paolino
Senator Paolino (PRINT NAME)

4/23/24
Date

Senate District 17

NOTARY

NOTARY SEAL

State of Rhode Island
County of Providence

On this 23rd day of April, 2024, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Paolino, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

[Signature]
Notary Public Signature

Brandon S. Bell 44424
~~John B. Fleming, Jr.~~ 2
Notary Public Printed Notary ID

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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 8.13 of the Rules of the Senate for the Years 2023-2024, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

2023-H

2023-S 0735 /

(Bill Number)

(Advice & Consent, Order of Business, or Amendment Number)

* If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Paulino

4/23/24

Senator Paulino (PRINT NAME)

Date

Senate District 17

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

On this 2nd day of April, 2024, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Paulino, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

[Signature]
Notary Public Signature

Brandon S. Beel
~~John E. Fleming, Jr~~
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Commission Expiration



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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 8.13 of the Rules of the Senate for the Years 2023-2024, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

2023-H

2023-S 2839 /

(Bill Number)

(Advice & Consent, Order of Business, or Amendment Number)

* If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Paulino

4/23/24

Senator Paulino (PRINT NAME)

Date

Senate District 17

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

On this 23rd day of April, 2024, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Paulino, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.



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VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 8.13 of the Rules of the Senate for the Years 2023-2024, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

2023-H

2023-S

(Bill Number)

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Consent Calendar

(Advice & Consent, Order of Business, or Amendment Number)

* If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

APPROVE

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Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Paolino

4/23/24

Senator Paolino (PRINT NAME)

Date

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