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Fifteenth Legislative Day

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Matthew L. LaMountain, Deputy Senate President Pro Tempore, on at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT –36: Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

ABSENT – 2: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senator Morgan.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Deputy Senate President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Sosnowski to deliver the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable Deputy Senate President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Sosnowski, 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 2025 proceedings is read in part.

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

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 882**

BY LaMountain, E Morgan, Paolino

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE 13TH ANNUAL PROSTART® HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION
{LC2336/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gu requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gu moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Gallo, Kallman, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Tikoian and Mack and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Deputy Senate President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber the ProStart Competition Winners; First Place Culinary Team from the William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical High School in Lincoln, RI Bobbi Calder, Abigail Grullon, and Aliyah Dantzler. First Place Foodservice Management Team from the William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical High School in Lincoln, RI Kenadee Houle, and Adrianny Jimenez. First Place Hospitality and Tourism Management Team from the Chariho Area Career & Technical Center in Wood River Junction, RI Gavin Apice, Molley Kennedy, Morgan Allen, Olivia Swanson, and Juliet Costa.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 883****BY** Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE RHODE ISLAND FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

{LC1893/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Ujifusa requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ujifusa moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Ujifusa, Mack, and Valverde and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Deputy Senate President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Diane Lynch-RIFPC Board President, Rebecca Kelley-RIFPC Food Access & Nutrition Security Work Group, Angel Mendez-RIFPC Food Business & Economic Development Work Group, Tyson Bottenus - RIFPC Food, Climate & Environment Work Group, Consul General Seiichiro Takahashi, Mr. Steve Aveson, Honorary Consul of Japan in Bristol, Deputy Consul General Suguru Minoya, Consul Keisuke Kawamura, Consul Chieko Yoshida.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025:****1. 2025-H 5252 SUB A****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET COMMISSION

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

Senator McKenney moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, Murray, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed in concurrence and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 33 members voting in the affirmative and 2 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 2: Senators Euer and Pearson.

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.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senate Majority Whip Tikoian, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Lawson, the Senate stands in Recess at 4:30 o’clock P.M.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5694

BY Cortvriend, Finkelman, Carson, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town of Middletown to adopt a tax classification plan for residential real estate which divides the class into non-owner and owner-occupied properties with separate tax rates.)

{LC1759/1}

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

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 884**

BY McKenney, Britto, DiPalma, Lawson, Tikoian, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RIGHT TO CONSUMER ACCESS TO POWERED WHEELCHAIR REPAIRS (Provides that original power wheelchair equipment manufacturers would be required to provide to independent service providers repair information and tools to maintain and repair original power wheelchair equipment.)

{LC2542/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 885

BY Britto, Bissaillon, Zurier, Urso, Acosta, Burke, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS (Extends certain protocols applicable to motor vehicle manufacturers to their distributors and factory branches, as well as updates warranty reimbursement and recall obligation policies.)

{LC2602/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 886

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Ciccone, Burke, Raptakis, Thompson, Britto, Appollonio, Gallo, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Amends the obligation of entities to sell at retail to Rhode Island and use customers.)
{LC2553/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 887

BY DiMario, Lawson, Gallo, Mack, Zurier, Bissaillon, DiPalma, Murray, McKenney, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CIVIL RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (Protects against discrimination based on disability in federally funded programs and activities, even if there is a change in the federal law.)
{LC2628/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 888

BY Pearson, Murray, Gallo, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAYORAL ACADEMIES (Provides that only a mayor or town administrator could be a voting member of the board of directors or trustees for a mayoral academy.)
{LC2562/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 889

BY Burke, Tikoian, Raptakis, Gallo, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT (Amends the definition of “dual enrollment” to encompass all Rhode Island public higher education institutions and amends all statutory references regarding the same.)
{LC2615/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 890

BY Patalano, Quezada, Thompson, Dimitri, Burke, Appollonio, Ciccone, LaMountain, Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET
METERING (Changes the excess renewable net-metering credit to a wholesale rate.)
{LC2420/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 891

BY Patalano, Thompson, LaMountain, Quezada, Dimitri, de la Cruz, Burke, Appollonio,
Bissaillon, Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires the PUC to produce report on comprehensive study by
April 30, 2026.)
{LC2418/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 892

BY Murray, DiPalma, Lawson, Tikoian, Felag, Gallo, DiMario, Bissaillon, Lauria, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- CORE STATE BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES SYSTEMS-988 (Establishes a core state behavioral health crisis
services system, to be administered by the director of the department of behavioral healthcare,
developmental disabilities and hospitals.)
{LC2632/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 893

BY Raptakis, E Morgan, Rogers
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- QUALIFYING LOW- AND
MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING -- TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH -- TAX
STABILIZATION (Authorizes the town council of West Greenwich to provide an exemption
and/or stabilization of tax agreement on qualified property used for residential purposes inclusive
of low- and moderate-income housing in the town of West Greenwich.)
{LC2608/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 894

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Ciccone, Burke, Raptakis, Thompson, Britto, Appollonio, Gallo, Rogers
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Removes the requirement that the public utilities commission allocate five million dollars (\$5,000,000) annually to the Rhode Island infrastructure bank for use with energy efficient programs.)
{LC2555/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 895

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Ciccone, Burke, Raptakis, Thompson, Britto, Appollonio, Vargas, Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX (Repeals the gross earnings tax on electric and gas companies.)
{LC2554/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 896

BY Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires reimbursement for medical, dental, and behavioral health services provided at community health care centers to equal the lesser of the actual cost, based on Medicaid reports, or 125% of the median rate for all community health centers within RI.)
{LC2616/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 897

BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health insurance providers to provide insurance coverage for pharmacists' services.)
{LC2198/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 898**BY** Bissaillon, McKenney, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE
WORKER PLATFORM ACT
{LC2366/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 899**BY** Lawson, Euer, Gallo, DiMario, Bissaillon, Felag, Burke, Britto, Tikoian, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Prohibit rate charges in excess of rates
applied if tenant of residential complexes with electrical master-meters receives electricity
directly from a public utility.)
{LC905/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 900**BY** Felag, Ciccone, DiPalma, LaMountain, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE
ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Includes manufactured homes on leased
land under a long-term lease in excess of thirty (30) years at the time of enrollment within the
classification of affordable housing.)
{LC2630/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 901**BY** Gallo, Tikoian, Lawson, LaMountain, DiPalma, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE APPRAISAL
(Changes the process by which a dispute between the insured and their insurance company,
concerning property damages and requires that the umpire appraisers shall be disinterested and
the cost shared equally.)
{LC2598/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 902**BY** Gallo, Tikoian, Lawson, LaMountain, DiPalma, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Makes it an unfair claims practice for insurer to designate a motor vehicle a total loss if the cost to repair motor vehicle to its pre-accident condition is less than 85% of the fair market value.)

{LC2599/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 903**BY** Lawson, Lauria, Kallman, Tikoian, DiPalma, LaMountain, Murray, Sosnowski, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- AGE-APPROPRIATE DESIGN CODE (Requires that any covered entity that develops/provides online services, products, or features that children are reasonably likely to access shall consider the best interest of children when designing/developing such online service, product, or feature.)

{LC2362/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 904**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Establishes the commercial sex buyer's accountability program which consists of an instructional program on prostitution and human trafficking schemes.)

{LC2431/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 905**BY** Gallo, Tikoian, Lawson, LaMountain, DiPalma, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Prohibits dental insurers from refusing to honor directions to pay from insured, modifying benefits to be paid. Requires providers to accept payment by virtual credit card as unfair claims practices.)

{LC2587/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 906**BY** Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE (Allows for a tenant to withhold payment of rent, and deposit the rent accruing into an escrow bearing account, upon the issuance of a second notice of violation by an enforcing officer for any state or local minimum housing code enforcement agency.)
{LC2376/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 907**BY** Thompson, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Redefines "Political Party" and defines and distinguishes between "major parties" and "minor parties" based on the total number of votes a party's candidate received in the previous election.)
{LC2411/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 908**BY** Bissaillon, LaMountain, McKenney, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Removes the mandatory certification for an individual 16 years or older who was found delinquent for having committed 2 offenses after the age of 16 which would render the person subject to an indictment if the person was an adult.)
{LC2358/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 909**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, LaMountain, Lawson, Bissaillon, Rogers, Paolino, E Morgan, McKenney, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Makes changes to the access to public records act, including clarifying various provisions, increasing the sanctions for knowing and willful violations of the law, and making certain traffic accident data and preferred license plate information public.)
{LC2603/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 910**BY** Bissaillon, LaMountain, Dimitri, McKenney, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Mandates that the clerk of the district court, upon request of the defendant, automatically seal individual counts of criminal complaints upon dismissal pursuant to rule 48(a) of the rules of criminal procedure for district court.)
{LC2377/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 911**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Nunzio Pontillo to join Andrew Peter Carson and Christos Nelson Anastasopoulos in marriage on or about May 10, 2025, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC2597/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 912**BY** Thompson, Murray, Pearson, Patalano, Urso, Valverde, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Requires all certified independent or district charter schools upon application for a renewal of said charter or an application for a new charter school to provide a union neutrality clause in the charter.)
{LC1636/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 913**BY** Thompson, Appollonio, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (Requires all applicants who seek to register as a contractor to produce a legible copy of a valid government issued identification.)
{LC2012/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 914**BY** Felag, Ciccone, Euer, Thompson, Lauria, Appollonio, LaMountain, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Removes the fee for registration and plate transfer for a Distinguished Service Cross registration plate.)

{LC2612/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 915**BY** Felag, Ciccone, Euer, Thompson, Lauria, Appollonio, LaMountain, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Eliminates the registration and service charge fees for National Guard plates.)

{LC2631/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 916**BY** Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL (Creates a voluntary program through which registrants of electric and hybrid motor vehicles can request stickers to affix to enclosures housing such vehicles to promote first responders' safety in responding to electrical fires.)

{LC2614/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 917**BY** Thompson, Tikoian, Appollonio, Pearson, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Repeals § 3-7-19 which prohibits retail liquor licenses within two hundred feet (200') of schools and religious institutions.)

{LC1944/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 918**BY** DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission to study the governance structure of Rhode Island's public education system, from March 1, 2025 to April 1, 2026, and said commission expires on June 1, 2026.)
{LC2573/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 919**BY** de la Cruz

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2025, AS "AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2576/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 920**BY** de la Cruz

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2025, TO BE "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2577/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 921**BY** DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION -- QUALIFIED DATA CENTERS LOCATION INCENTIVE (Creates qualified data centers and tax exemptions.)
{LC2642/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 922**BY** Bissaillon, Ciccone, Bell, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Requires the board of regents to adopt support and intervention strategies consistent with Comprehensive Education Strategy and SALT in one district at a time.)

{LC2640/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Resolution No. 923**BY** DiMario, Sosnowski, Gu, Euer, Lauria, Kallman**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$400,000 TO THE COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (CRMC) FOR FUNDING OF URI'S COASTAL RESOURCES CENTER (CRC) STORMTOOLS, CHAMP ANALYSIS, AND MYCOAST (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$400,000 to the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council for the continuation of STORMTOOLS, CHAMP, and MyCoast.)

{LC2629/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 924**BY** Bissaillon, LaMountain, Lawson, Murray, Appollonio, Lauria, Dimitri, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE MEDICAID REENTRY ACT (Requires that Medicaid enrollment be maintained or provided to all inmates in the first 30 days of incarceration at the adult correctional institutions within the department of corrections and the last 30 days of incarceration when possible.)

{LC2373/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 925**BY** Britto, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Gu, DiPalma, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Requires at fault insurance companies to provide to any claimant whose vehicle is damaged in an accident, to provide a vehicle that is comparable to the claimant's vehicle and that rental charges shall be based on local retail prices.)

{LC2650/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 926**BY** LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Extends the immunity from alcohol- or drug-related offenses in cases of emergency overdose care to violations of bail conditions.)
{LC2617/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 927

BY Ciccone, Burke, Raptakis, Rogers, de la Cruz, Tikoian, Gallo, DiPalma, Urso, Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- CODE OF ETHICS (Increases, for persons subject to the Code of Ethics, the maximum value of an acceptable gift to \$50.00 from a single interested person, but in no case can the gift have an aggregate value of more than \$250 in any calendar year.)
{LC2321/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 928**BY** Britto, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Gu, DiPalma, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- REGULATION OF VICIOUS DOGS (Changes term vicious to dangerous dogs, expands on requirements relative to leashes, enclosures, addresses fines, requires signage, mandates dangerous dogs be kept in enclosure and provides other requirements.)
{LC2364/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 929**BY** DiPalma, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND SOCIAL MEDIA REGULATION ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Social Media Regulation act, which would not permit a Rhode Island resident who is a minor to be an account holder on a social media's platform unless the minor has the express consent of a parent or guardian.)
{LC1398/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 930**BY** Bissaillon, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCING RECONSIDERATION ACT (Allows eligible individuals serving sentences of imprisonment to seek sentence reductions from the superior court, individuals serving life without parole or minimum mandatory sentences pursuant to law, would not be eligible for such relief.)
{LC2375/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 931**BY** Britto, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Gu, DiPalma, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION AND TITLING (Establishes a system of electronic registration and titling of motor vehicles. Rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this chapter to be promulgated by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles.)
{LC2654/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 932**BY** Felag, Ciccone, Euer, Thompson, Lauria, Appolonio, Dimitri, LaMountain, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Repeals a provision of the minimum prepaid special motor vehicle registration plate orders law that was set to expire on December 31, 2025.)
{LC2613/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

Senate Bill No. 280

BY Rogers, Dimitri, Tikoian, LaMountain, de la Cruz, Appollonio, Morgan, Paolino
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Replaces state marshals with capitol police as to those law enforcement officers being exempt from certain firearm restrictions.)
{LC388/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 296

BY Murray, Bell, McKenney, Euer, Lauria, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Acosta, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Repeals provisions that assess costs for women in the community corrections program for women offenders.)
{LC995/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 303

BY Zurier, Euer, LaMountain, McKenney, Dimitri
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Increases fees paid to jurors to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day.)
{LC1431/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 354

BY Dimitri, Vargas, DiMario, Appollonio, Tikoian, Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --
COURT SECRETARIES, COURT REPORTERS, AND ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTERS
(Increases the per page transcription fees for court reporters in court proceedings.)
{LC1187/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

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

House Bill No. 5189

BY Knight, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON (Validates and ratifies the amendments to the Barrington Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the town of Barrington on November 5, 2024.)

{LC896/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, Senate President Pro Tempore, on Tuesday, April 01st at 4:14 o'clock P.M

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Lawson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and the Senate adjourns at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID

Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR V. SUSAN SOSNOWSKI**

Heavenly Father, we ask you to teach us to give and not count the cost, and to labor and not ask for rewards. Above all, teach us that it is only what we give in love and service to others which endures forever. Amen.

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

House Bill No. 5252 SUB A

BY McNamara, Shekarchi, Solomon, Bennett, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET COMMISSION (Creates a budget commission to oversee the Warwick schools district until such time as the fiscal year 2025 - 2026 Warwick school budget is approved.)

{LC917/A/2}

Transmitted to the Governor.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025:

1. **2025-S 918**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF
 THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE GOVERNANCE
 STRUCTURE OF RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2025-S 919**
 BY de la Cruz
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2025, AS
 "AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. **2025-S 920**
 BY de la Cruz
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2025, TO BE
 "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025:

- 1. 2025-S 280**
BY Rogers
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 2. 2025-S 296**
BY Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 3. 2025-S 303**
BY Zurier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 4. 2025-S 354**
BY Dimitri
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
COURTS -- COURT SECRETARIES, COURT REPORTERS, AND ELECTRONIC
COURT REPORTERS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 5. 2025-H 5189**
BY Knight
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE
HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

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 2025-2026, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

☐ 2025-H 5252 Sub A

☒ 2025-S

(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,

Dominick J. Ruggerio
 Senator Dominick J. Ruggerio
 Senate District 4

Date 03/27/2025

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

On this 27th day of March, 2025, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Dominick J. Ruggerio, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

Helena S. Reid
 Notary Public Signature

Helena S. Reid
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