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Twenty-third Legislative Day

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, President of the Senate, on at 4:11 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 Valarie Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

ABSENT – 2: Senators DiMario, and Pearson.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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


APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-second Legislative Day of the 2025 proceedings is read in part.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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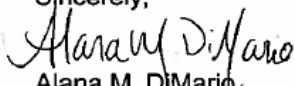
May 7, 2025

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

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised that on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, I will be absent from Senate Session.

I would appreciate you recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Alana M. DiMario
Senator District ~ 36

Placed on file.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairman Murray, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 114

BY Valverde, DiMario, Ujifusa, Pearson, Murray, Bell, Euer, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT (Prohibits any health insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or other third-party payor from discriminating against any 340B entity participating in a drug discount program.)
{LC843/1}

Placed on Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 263

BY DiMario, Lauria, Urso, Appollonio, Valverde, Bissaillon, Lawson, Murray, Britto, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires coverage for acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services to eligible individuals enrolled as plan beneficiaries.)
{LC1160/1}

Placed on Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 271

BY Urso, DiMario, Lauria, Tikoian, Quezada, Rogers, Appollonio, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT (Prohibits health benefit plans reviewing prescriptions for opioid addiction treatment.)
{LC1161/1}

Placed on Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 343

BY Tikoian, Urso, Bissaillon, Britto, Dimitri, Murray, LaMountain, Gallo, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Requires all lifeguards, and park rangers, to be trained in administering opioid antagonists, and would require all public beaches to keep available a minimum of four doses of opioid antagonist.)
{LC1195/1}

Placed on Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 462

BY Murray, Lauria, Lawson, McKenney, Bissaillon, Kallman, DiMario, Felag, Mack, Urso
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM (Removes the sunset provision of the four (4) year pilot program to prevent drug overdoses through the establishment of harm reduction centers and creates a permanent program for harm reduction centers.)
{LC1372/1}

Placed on Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 468

BY DiPalma, Ujifusa, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION (Prohibits the state, participating ERISA, or any health plan from purchasing referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.)
{LC1215/1}

Placed on Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 475

BY Dimitri, Ciccone, Thompson, Britto, LaMountain, Raptakis, Appollonio, Patalano, Burke, McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires public or private golf courses to have an automated external defibrillator on the premises.)
{LC1384/1}

Placed on Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 688

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Makes a technical amendment to correctly reference a section of general law that allows for a tax refund deduction for contributions to the Rhode Island organ transplant fund.)
{LC1324/1}

Placed on Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

The Reappointment of Kimberly R. Ahern to the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission for a term expiring May 17, 2031

Placed on the Calendar.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 1028**

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 5TH THROUGH MAY 9TH OF 2025, TO BE "TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2466/1}

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, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

Senators Gallo, Bissaillon, and Lauria discuss the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 1029**BY** Dimitri**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BURRILLVILLE POLICE CHIEF COLONEL STEPHEN J. LYNCH UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE RHODE ISLAND CRIMINAL JUSTICE HALL OF FAME

{LC2730/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Dimitri requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Dimitri, Tikoian, and de la Cruz discuss the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 1030**BY** de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING RHODE ISLAND INDEPENDENCE DAY ON MAY 4, 2025

{LC2579/1}

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, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 1031**BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING "SAVING WANSKUCK LIBRARY: A CELEBRATION OF COUNCILMAN ANDREW J. ANNALDO, JR." ON MAY 7TH OF 2025 {LC2735/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Bissaillon requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Bissaillon, Bell, McKenney, Urso, and Dimitri discuss the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 1032**BY** Valverde, Kallman, Lauria, Mack, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 5TH THROUGH MAY 12TH OF EACH YEAR TO BE "COMPOSTING AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND" {LC2827/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Valverde requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Valverde and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Isaac Berg and Warren Helmond.

Senate Resolution No. 1033**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 10TH, 2025, TO BE "LUPUS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2467/1}

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, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

Senators Gallo and Britto discuss the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 1034**BY** Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF THE POKANOKET TRIBE AS THE ANCIENT AND ONGOING STEWARDS OF THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMELAND, AND ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR CENTRAL ROLE IN SHAPING THE REGION'S PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE
{LC2775/1}

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, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

Senators Ujifusa and Britto discuss the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Ujifusa and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Guests for the Pokanoket Resolution; The Sagamore of the Pokanoket Tribe, Dr. William Winds of Thunder Guy, The Chief Sachem, Tracey Dancing Star, Sachem Toni Marie Warrior Princess Walmsley, Sachem Harry Hawk Edmonds, the wife of the Sagamore, Deanna Guy, Tribal Council members: Don Brown Jr., also the Tribal Historian, with his wife Rosa and children Tracey and Lucas, Darlene Bruce Spencer, Elsie Morrison, Carter Thomas Jr., Kelly Harden with his wife Beverly and granddaughter Angelea, Tribal Elders Lee Edmonds and Carol Thomas, Fire Keeper Roger Derosior and his wife Donna and Pokanoket Tribal Members: Ryan Brown, Richer Gosselin, Kristine Thomas Jones, Toni Weeden-Wright, and Jeffrey Wright.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator de la Cruz and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Kelly Harden & Angela Harden from the Pokanoket Tribe.

Senate Resolution No. 1035**BY** Gu

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND DESIGNATING MAY 5-11, 2025, TO BE "LUNG CANCER ACTION WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2524/1}

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, Bissailon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, 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 Senator Gu and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Daniel Fitzgerald, Director of Advocacy for American Lung Association in Westerly, and Kelsey Theroux, Board member & Lung Force Hero for American Lung Association in Smithfield.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Senator Patalano announces that the Senate Committee on Labor and Gaming will meet at the rise of the senate in room 212.

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

Senator Britto announces that the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet at the rise of the senate in the senate lounge.

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.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

Chairwoman Britto, from the Committee on Commerce, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 85 SUB A

BY Lawson, LaMountain, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GROCERY STORES (Requires grocery stores to specifically limit the number of self-service checkout units to six (6) units per location. The consumer protection unit of the department of attorney general would have authority to enforce these restrictions.)
{LC406/1}

Placed on Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Chairwoman Gallo, from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 238

BY McKenney, Bissaillon, Gallo, Lauria, Gu, Lawson, Britto, Mack, Euer, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- THE FREEDOM TO READ ACT (Promotes free expression and access of information by prohibiting the censorship of library materials.)
{LC1099/1}

Placed on Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 771

BY Murray, Thompson, DiPalma, Acosta, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires every public school to have a policy regarding the use of personal electronic devices on school grounds.)
{LC1681/1}

Placed on Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR & GAMING

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

Senate Bill No. 828

BY Ciccone, Raptakis, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Includes police officers to fire fighters who are unable to perform duties as a result of heart disease, stroke or hypertension to be presumed to have suffered an in-the-line-of-duty disability, unless contrary evidence is presented.)
{LC1742/1}

Placed on Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 959

BY Ciccone, Burke

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.)
{LC2724/1}

Placed on Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senator Ciccone, the Senate adjourns at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JACOB E. BISSAILLON

Do not stand By my grave, and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep— I am the thousand winds that blow I am the diamond glints in snow I am the sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle, autumn rain. As you awake with morning's hush, I am the swift, up-flinging rush Of quiet birds in circling flight, I am the day transcending night. Do not stand By my grave, and cry— I am not there, I did not die. **Immortality by Clare Harner**

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 08, 2025:

- 1. 2025-S 83**
BY Raptakis
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LENDERS
AND LOAN BROKERS

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
- 2. 2025-S 84 SUB A**
BY Raptakis
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE
RATING

Committee on Commerce recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and
passage of Substitute A.
- 3. 2025-S 169**
BY Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
- 4. 2025-S 172**
BY Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
- 5. 2025-S 381 SUB A**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND
ESTHETICIANS

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

6. **2025-S 387**
 BY Appollonio
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --
 PUBLIC BUILDINGS
- Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
7. **2025-S 602**
 BY Zurier
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL
- Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
8. **2025-S 767**
 BY Zurier
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL
 REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GENETIC INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT
- Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
9. **2025-S 700**
 BY Murray
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
 CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND
 INFORMATION ACT
- Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
10. **2025-S 711**
 BY Bissaillon
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
 RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND CONSERVATION TRUST FUND ACT
- Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
11. **2025-S 944**
 BY Thompson
 ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE
 HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET
- Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

12. **2025-S 979**
 BY Kallman
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
 LOCAL TAXES
- Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
13. **2025-S 76 SUB A**
 BY Gu
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
 REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of
the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
14. **2025-S 75**
 BY Felag
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES
 OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS -- VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CHECKS
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
15. **2025-S 624**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS'
 AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
16. **2025-S 625**
 BY Felag
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE
 ISLAND VETERANS' HOME
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
17. **2025-S 914 SUB A**
 BY Felag
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
 REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of
the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
18. **2025-S 953**
 BY Dimitri
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS
- Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix
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IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025:

1. 2025-S 85 SUB A

BY Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GROCERY STORES

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

2. 2025-S 238 SUB A

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- THE FREEDOM TO READ
ACT

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

3. 2025-S 771 SUB A

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF
PUPILS

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

4. 2025-S 114

BY Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

5. 2025-S 263

BY DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

6. 2025-S 271 SUB A**BY** Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

7. 2025-S 343 SUB A**BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

8. 2025-S 462 SUB A**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

9. 2025-S 468**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

10. 2025-S 475 SUB A**BY** Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES -- DAVID CASEY ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

11. 2025-S 688**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Appendix
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IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025:

1. *The Reappointment of Kimberly R. Ahern to the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission for a term expiring May 17, 2031.*

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

2. **2025-S 828**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF
INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

3. **2025-S 959 SUB A**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
WORKPLACE PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY ACT

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