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Thursday, May 15, 2025

Twenty-sixth 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 4:27 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT –37: The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, 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, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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

The Appointment of Dennis L. Algieri VICE Thomas Izzo to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2029.

Placed on the Calendar.

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. 103

BY Urso, Murray, Britto, Gu, Valverde, Pearson, Appollonio, Vargas, Lawson, Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates all insurance contracts, plans or policies provide insurance coverage for the expense of diagnosing and treating infertility, for women between the ages of 25 and 42 years including preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) in conjunction with IVF.)
{LC272/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 610 SUB A

(OHIC)

BY Lawson, Tikoian, Murray, Lauria, Britto, Burke, Bissaillon, Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT
INSURANCE POLICIES (Adds several consumer protections to existing Medicare Supplement law.)
{LC1359/A/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 705

BY DiMario, Valverde, Lauria, Lawson, Bissaillon, Acosta, Murray, Euer, Kallman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurance coverage for all community health workers'
services to include health and promotion coaching, health education and training, health system
navigation and resource coordination services, care planning and follow-up care
recommendations.)
{LC1159/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 1075**

BY Lawson
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION WELCOMING ELIZA REID, RENOWNED WRITER
AND FORMER FIRST LADY OF ICELAND, TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE
{LC2835/1}

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 The Honorable President Valarie Lawson,
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, Pearson, 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 former First Lady of Iceland, Eliza Reid, Robin Kall,
Burton Homonoff, and Emily Homonoff.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 1076****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING "NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK" ON MAY 11TH THROUGH MAY 17TH, 2025, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2858/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Murray requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Murray 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, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, 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 Senators Murray and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber from Brown University Health; John Fernandez, President and CEO Dr. Henry Sachs, President, Bradley Hospital, Dr. Dean Roy, Chief Medical Officer, Rhode Island Hospital, Dr. Deitch, Chief Medical Officer The Miriam Hospital, from Care New England; Dr. Michael Lee, Medical Director Kent Hospital at Home, from Eleanor Slater Hospital; Brett Johnson, CEO, from Hospital Association of Rhode Island; Howard Dulude, Interim President, and from South County Health, Aaron Robinson, CEO.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 1077****BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON ON THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF ITS 350TH ANNIVERSARY DURING 2025 {LC2906/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissailon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, 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 DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Phil Warren - Vice Chairman, Caroline Wordell – Secretary, Melissa McCarthy – Member, Roger (Skip) Roussell – Member, Barbara Passmore, Beth Ryan, Bill Boudreau, Carolyn Montgomery, Catherine Snell, Cheryl Cady, Edi Marion, George Goulart, Heather Cook, Herb Case, Joyce Mason, Mikel Folcarelli.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 1078****BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING LAO NEW YEAR (PI MAI LAO): A CELEBRATION OF RENEWAL, CULTURE, AND RESILIENCE ON APRIL 14 – APRIL 16, 2025
{LC2892/1}

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, Pearson, 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 Bissaillon and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Phanida Phivilay, Phouangphet Oupravanh, Khamfeung Thongsavath, Savanh Chantharangsy.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 1079**

BY Kallman, Lauria, Quezada, Valverde, DiMario, Vargas, Gallo, Gu, Sosnowski, Urso
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING "PERIOD POVERTY AWARENESS WEEK" ON MAY 12-18, 2025, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2818/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Kallman requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 1080

BY Raptakis, Gallo, Tikoian
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 19TH OF 2025 AS "GREEK AND PONTIC GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2382/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Raptakis requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Raptakis 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, Pearson, Quezada, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025:

1. ~~2025-S 1065~~~~BY Zurier~~~~ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 77TH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL'S DAY OF INDEPENDENCE ON APRIL 30TH THROUGH MAY 1ST, 2025, AND REAFFIRMING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL~~~~Ordered on the Consent Calendar.~~**2. 2025-S 1074****BY Rogers****ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF "NATIONAL EMS WEEK" ON MAY 18-24, 2025, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon suggestion of Senator Tikoian, and without objection, Senate Bill 1065 is ordered to be placed on the desk.

Upon motion of Senator Ciccone, 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 – 37: The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, 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, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.**NAYS – 0:**

Appendix**CALENDAR****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.

Senator LaMountain moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS – 0:

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Zurier and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Kimberly Ahern, her wife Jenna, and children Quinn, Camden, and Parker.

2. 2025-S 468**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION
DRUG COST PROTECTION

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

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

Senator DiPalma, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT**TO****2025 -- S 0468****AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION**

Madam President:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- S 0468, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION", as follows:

1. On page 4, line 15, by deleting the language, "[or distributor](#)".
2. On page 4, line 18, by deleting the language, "[or distributor](#)".
3. On page 4, line 24, by deleting the language, "[or distributor](#)".
4. On page 4, line 27, by deleting the language, "[or distributor](#)".
5. On page 4, line 32, by deleting the language, "[or distributor](#)".
6. On page 5, line 1, by deleting the language, "[or distributor](#)".
7. On page 5, line 3, by deleting the language, "[or distributor](#)".

Respectfully submitted,

Senator DiPalma

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The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative, 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, 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, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

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

The act is read and passed, as amended, upon a roll call vote, with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, 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, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

3. 2025-S 23

BY Zurier

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POTENTIAL CHANGES IN LEGISLATION/OVERSIGHT OF THE ACT ON CLIMATE

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Senator Zurier moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, Lauria, Mack, and McKenney.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS – 0:

4. 2025-S 269**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES -- HIV/AIDS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

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

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 2: Senators de la Cruz, and Morgan.

5. 2025-S 495 SUB A**BY** Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

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

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

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, 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, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

6. 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.

Senator Ciccone moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 29 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 29: The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 8: Senators de la Cruz, Euer, Lauria, Morgan, Paolino, Rogers, Ujifusa, and Valverde.

7. 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.

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

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote, with 34 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 2: Senators de la Cruz and Morgan.

8. 2025-S 313 SUB A**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --
PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

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

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, 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, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

9. 2025-S 364**BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

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

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, 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, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

10. 2025-S 989**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

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

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, 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, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator DiMario 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.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Kallman and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Semer Reya, intern.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senator Ciccone, the Senate adjourns at 5:33 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR MEGHAN E. KALLMAN**

As we begin today's work, let us pause to ground ourselves in responsibility and purpose. We are here to serve the public. May we do so with honesty, fairness, and compassion. May we remember that our decisions impact real people: the elderly, the young, the working families, the vulnerable. Let us speak truthfully, act justly, and listen with care. May we be mindful of those without power or voice, and make space at the table for all who are affected by our actions. Let us remember that leadership is a trust. May we approach it with humility, and with a commitment to doing what is right—not just what is easy, popular, or beneficial to a few. May today's work bring us closer to a society that values equity, dignity, and shared responsibility.

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025:

1. *The Appointment of Dennis L. Algiere VICE Thomas Izzo to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2029.*

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

2. **2025-S 103**
BY Urso
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

3. **2025-S 610 SUB A**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT
INSURANCE POLICIES

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

4. **2025-S 705**
BY DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.