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Tuesday, June 03, 2025

Thirty-first 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 4:13 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT –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, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Pearson.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President, 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 Thirtieth 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.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President presents the following communication from His Excellency, The Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. McKEE

June 1, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Sections § 23-28.2-23 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Fire Education & Training Board:

Michael A. Dexter, Sr
(RI Association of Fire Chiefs)

Vice
Richard Andrews

For a term expiring, January 31, 2027

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate President
Honorable Frank A. Ciccone, III, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. McKEE

June 2, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 23-27.3-100.1.4, I have made the following appointment to the Building Codes Standards Committee:

Kenneth J. Filarski

(Architect)
Vice
Dana Newbrook

For a term expiring May 1, 2028

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKee".

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate President
Honorable Frank A. Ciccone, III, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 1120****BY** Britto, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- OLD GROWTH FOREST PROTECTION ACT (Creates the Old Growth Forest Protection Act to provide protection for state-owned forestland in their natural state prohibiting extractive logging and clearcutting in any forest on state-owned land.)
{LC2978/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 1121**BY** Britto, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Allows preferred sites to be developed without being subject to the cap or rate reduction in the net metering statute.)
{LC2949/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 1122**BY** Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes the town of Smithfield to set rates that more closely relate to the changes in values and ensure that the tax classification system creates fair and equitable taxation between residential and commercial property.)
{LC2964/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 1123**BY** Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Smithfield to provide a tax credit for any person with paraplegia and who by reason of the paraplegic disability requires specially adapted housing.)
{LC2963/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 1124**BY** Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- LICENSES GENERALLY (Authorizes the town of Scituate to issue a total of three (3) Class A liquor licenses.)

{LC2912/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 1125**BY** Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES-CENTRAL FALLS (Allows Central Falls to exempt the property located at 913-915 Dexter Street, AP 7, Lot 156 from the law that prohibits any proposed retailers' license of any class located within two hundred feet (200') of the premises of a school or place of worship.)

{LC2985/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 1126**BY** Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$71,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS (Authorizes the town of West Warwick to issue not more than \$71,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.)

{LC3015/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 1127**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FRANK J. KARPINSKI ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-ONE YEARS OF HONORABLE SERVICE TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, TO THE STATE'S ACTIVE AND RETIRED PUBLIC SERVANTS, AND TO THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL TREASURER

{LC3017/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 1128**BY** Murray, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes the city of Woonsocket to levy a tax for its fiscal year at a rate of five and one-half percent (5.5%) in excess of the amount levied and certified by the city for the prior year.)

{LC3019/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 1132**BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and personal property of the Rhode Island Business Development Institute located at 220 Smith Street, Providence.)

{LC3026/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5034**BY** Edwards, Cortvriend, Knight, Speakman, Shanley, Craven, Caldwell, Chippendale, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Allows school committees to add item(s) not appearing in published notice to their agendas for purposes of discussion only if the revised agenda is filed with the secretary of state and posted on district website at least 48 hrs in advance of the meeting.)

{LC321/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5052**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Casimiro, Kennedy, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Changes the service requirement for admissions to RI Veterans' Home from 90 days to 2 years, and gives priority to veterans defined as war veterans.)

{LC44/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

House Bill No. 5250 SUB A**BY** Biah, DeSimone, Hull, Abney, Sanchez, Cruz, Morales, Giraldo, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HOLIDAY BUSINESS (Adds Juneteenth National Freedom Day to the definition of "holidays" to the chapter governing retail business.)

{LC886/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Labor and Gaming.

House Bill No. 5593

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

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

{LC1689/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education,

House Bill No. 5603**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Allows emergency preliminary certificates for teaching to be issued for up to a total of five (5) school years.)

{LC2107/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

House Bill No. 5710**BY** Perez, Hull, Slater, Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE (Would amend certain signature requirements and deadlines regarding primaries for election of delegates to national conventions for presidential preference.)

{LC655/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5822**BY** Phillips, Morales, Dawson, Casey, Lima, Brien, Finkelman, Shanley, Read, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- SOLAR SITING ADVISORY TASKFORCE (Creates a taskforce to provide recommendations, advice and guidance to help expedite and provide technical assistance with regard to the development of solar energy systems on property owned by the state.)

{LC2057/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

House Bill No. 6033 SUB A**BY** Hull, Fellela, Azzinaro, DeSimone, Shallcross Smith, Sanchez, Bennett, Casey, Messier, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Requires all public utilities to maintain a customer service facility within the state to perform services such as addressing customer inquiries and accepting bill payments.)

{LC2306/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 6129**BY** Noret, Serpa, Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$71,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS (Authorizes the town of West Warwick to issue not more than \$71,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.)

{LC2581/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

House Bill No. 6272**BY** Casimiro, Diaz, Slater, Batista, Lombardi, Costantino, Hull, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Amos House, provided it remains a qualified tax-exempt corporation pursuant to §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

{LC2777/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

House Bill No. 6286**BY** Knight, Boylan, McGaw, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT (Provides that law enforcement officers who appears before the court for prosecution of a violation of a protective order shall self-certify that the officer has successfully completed a specialized domestic violence prosecution training course.)
{LC2809/1}

Referred to the Senate committee on Judiciary.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 1129****BY** Kallman

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE 3RD OF 2025, AS "PHARMACY ADVOCACY DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC3007/1}

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, 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 Kallman and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Representing the Rhode Island Pharmacists Association; Chris Federico, Caitlin Kennedy, URI College of Pharmacy, Dean Kerry LaPlante, Matt Lacroix, Kelly Orr, Jeffrey Bratberg, RI Pharmacy Foundation Michael Poirier, Scott Lancelotta, RI Society of Health Systems Pharmacists, Conor McGladrigan, Bryan McCarthy, and Ruth Dapaah- Afriyie.

Senate Bill No. 1130**BY** de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Thomas J. Paolino to join Mariah Marie Paolino and Conner Joseph Gerlach in marriage on or about June 13, 2025, within the Town of Lincoln, Rhode Island.)
{LC2982/1}

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

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS – 0:

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025:

1. ***The Appointment of Ashlee Barrett (Southern RI Conservation Committee) VICE Kate Sayles to the Conservation Committee for a term expiring April 20, 2027.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. ***The Appointment of David Corsetti to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2027.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

3. *The Appointment of Andrew T. Tyska (Marine Trades Industry) VICE Malcom Cooper to the Derelict and Abandoned Vessel and Obstructed Removal Commission for a term expiring May 31, 2027.*

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

4. **2025-S 1117**

BY Ujifusa

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION STRONGLY REPROVING THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD'S PLAN TO REMOVE 38 BUOYS FROM RHODE ISLAND WATERS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

5. **2025-S 1118**

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2025 LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY'S "LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK" EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

6. **2025-H 6232**

BY Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

NAYS – 0:

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025:

- 1. 2025-S 324**
BY DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Senator DiMario moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, 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 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 Valarie Lawson, 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.

NAYS – 0:

- 2. 2025-S 325**
BY Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --
ANIMAL CARE

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Tikoian, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, June 05.

3. 2025-S 327**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- GREEN AMENDMENT

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Senator Sosnowski 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, Murray, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 32: 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, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 4: Senators de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino, and Rogers.

4. 2025-S 644**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

Committee on Environment & Agriculture 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, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

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

NAYS – 0:

5. 2025-S 650 SUB A**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER POLLUTION

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

Senator DiMario moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, 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 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 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, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

6. 2025-S 651 SUB A**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL

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

Senator Murray moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Paolino, Patalano, 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 35 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: 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, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Murray and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber from the Audubon Society Phoenix Wheeler, Susan Gibbons, and Anna Cimini.

7. 2025-S 938 SUB A

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LICENSING

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 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, 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 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, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Susan, Daniel, Liam Cromie and Chef Stacy Deetz from Hangry Kitchen.

8. 2025-S 678**BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- THE PARKING SERVICES TAXATION ACT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Bissaillon moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 31: 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, Quezada, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.**NAYS – 5:** Senators de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis, and Rogers.**9. 2025-S 50****BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS IN CHILDREN RELIEF FUND

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Lauria 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, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

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, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.**NAYS – 0:**

10. 2025-S 198**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

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

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

NAYS – 0:

11. 2025-S 266**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
LICENSE PROCEDURE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator DiMario moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, 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 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: 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, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 1: Senator Morgan.

12. 2025-S 461**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

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

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

NAYS – 0:

13. 2025-S 464 SUB A**BY** Murray**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.

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

NAYS – 0:

14. 2025-S 474**BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RARE DISEASE
ADVISORY COUNCIL

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Murray 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, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

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

NAYS – 0:

15. 2025-S 483**BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PHARMACIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Lauria 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, LaMountain, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas.

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 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, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas.

NAYS – 0:

16. 2025-S 795**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

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

NAYS – 0:

17. 2025-S 1110**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES-GENERAL POWERS -- NARRAGANSETT LANDING FEES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator DiMario moves passage of the act, seconded by 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.

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

NAYS – 0:

18. 2025-S 1111**BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE WARWICK CITY CHARTER TO ALLOW FOR ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, RAISING THE SMALL PROCUREMENT DOLLAR THRESHOLD BY ORDINANCE, AND ESTABLISHING MINORITY REPRESENTATION APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS VIA ORDINANCE

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

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

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

NAYS – 0:

19. 2025-S 913**BY** Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

Senator Thompson moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators 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, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

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

NAYS – 0:

20. 2025-S 1058**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
WAREHOUSE WORKER PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

Senator Ciccone moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

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

NAYS – 0:**21. 2025-S 1112****BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE UTGR MASTER CONTRACT AND THE
TWIN RIVER -- TIVERTON MASTER CONTRACT -- CONSOLIDATED
MARKETING PROGRAM

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

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

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 4: Senators Bell, Euer, Mack, and Ujifusa.

22. 2025-S 1113**BY** Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --
LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

Senator Thompson moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, 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 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: 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, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, 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 Sosnowski announces that the Senate Committee on Commerce will meet at the rise of the senate in Room 212.

Senator Lauria announces that the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services will meet at the rise of the senate in the senate lounge.

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

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

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

Senator Mack would like to congratulate Senator Linda L. Ujifusa on receiving the Housing Network Award.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

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

The Appointment of Sarah Bratko VICE Stephen S. Iannazzi to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2027.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Reappointment of Michael A. Traficante to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2029.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Reappointment of Gregory A. Pizzuti to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2029.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Reappointment of John S. Justo to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 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. 482

BY Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Murray, Felag, DiMario, Pearson, Thompson, Urso, Acosta **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT (Amends the types of less expensive generic products which pharmacists may prescribe to include "devices and supplies" and "therapeutically equivalent products" and requires the director to provide a list of therapeutically equivalent products.) {LC2044/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 680**BY** LaMountain, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSENT TO MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CARE (Requires that an individual's caregiver be present when healthcare decisions are discussed with the hospice team. It would also prevent a denial of home hospice care because of age or income.)
{LC1579/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 796

(Dept. of Health)

BY Murray, Valverde, Gu, Lawson, Sosnowski, Urso, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (Provides a duty upon midwives, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to obtain a blood specimen of pregnant women within thirty (30) days after the first professional visit.)
{LC1422/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

The Appointment of Robert A. Rapoza VICE Diane C. Mederos to the Rhode Island Board of Elections for a term expiring June 1, 2034.

Placed on the Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Ciccone, the Senate adjourns at 5:09 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

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

Dear Lord, 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 all of our people. Amen.

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON TUESDAY, JUNE 03, 2025****House Bill No. 5083 SUB A****BY** Fellela, Serpa, Messier, Corvese, Ackerman, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES -- DAVID CASEY ACT (Requires public or private golf courses to have an automated external defibrillator on the premises.)

{LC120/A/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 5171 SUB A as amended**BY** Edwards, Craven, Potter, Caldwell, Kislak, Bennett, Ajello, Batista, McEntee, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM (Extends the sunset provision of the four (4) year pilot program to prevent drug overdoses through the establishment of harm reduction centers for two (2) years to March 1, 2028.)

{LC790/A/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 5273 SUB A**BY** O'Brien, McEntee, Lima, Fellela, Corvese, McNamara, Casey, Read, Donovan, Hopkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Requires all lifeguards, and park and forest rangers, who work on a full time basis at any public beach or facility to be trained in administering opioid antagonists.)

{LC771/A/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 5513

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Phillips, Perez, Casey, Corvese, Costantino, Noret, Shanley, Read, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Implements a thirty (30) day waiting period following the issuance of a learners permit and the waiting period must expire before the person is permitted to take the road test in order to obtain a full license.)

{LC1264/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 6232

BY Messier, Serpa, Furtado, Cruz, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends Pawtucket property tax classification system.)
{LC2719/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025:

- 1. 2025-S 843**
BY Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET-METERING

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
- 2. 2025-S 884**
BY McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RIGHT TO CONSUMER ACCESS TO POWERED WHEELCHAIR REPAIRS

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
- 3. 2025-S 940 SUB A**
BY Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS 2013

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
- 4. 2025-S 1002 SUB A**
BY Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- REBUILD RHODE ISLAND TAX CREDIT

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
- 5. 2025-S 345**
BY McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

6. 2025-S 347 SUB A**BY** Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

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

7. 2025-S 487 SUB A**BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF
HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

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

8. 2025-S 609**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

9. 2025-S 696**BY** Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

10. 2025-S 706**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

11. 2025-S 791**BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

12. **2025-S 848**
 BY Tikoian
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF
 HEALTHCARE FACILITIES
- Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
13. **2025-S 977**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF
 PUPILS
- Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
14. **2025-S 1005**
 BY Murray
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD
 POISONING PREVENTION ACT
- Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
15. **2025-S 499**
 BY McKenney
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT
 OF LOCAL TAXES
- Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
16. **2025-S 510**
 BY Vargas
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND
 MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS
- Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
17. **2025-S 611 SUB A**
 BY Bissaillon
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND
 MODERATE INCOME HOUSING
- Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends indefinite postponement
of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

18. 2025-S 612 SUB A**BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

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

19. 2025-S 712 SUB A**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT -- NEW SHOREHAM

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

20. 2025-S 716**BY** Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

21. 2025-S 849**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

22. 2025-S 850 SUB A**BY** Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FARMLAND PRESERVATION ACT

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

23. 2025-S 981 SUB A**BY** Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT

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

24. 2025-S 982**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

25. 2025-S 1009 SUB A**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

26. 2025-S 1050**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

27. 2025-S 527**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

28. 2025-S 550 SUB A**BY** Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

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

29. 2025-S 579 SUB A**BY** Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- COMMITTEES AND STAFF

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

- 30. 2025-S 729 SUB A**
BY Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION

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

- 31. 2025-S 800**
BY Dimitri
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 32. 2025-S 67**
BY Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

- 33. 2025-S 70**
BY Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

- 34. 2025-S 124 SUB A**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT

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

- 35. 2025-S 127**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CERTIFIED SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

36. 2025-S 361**BY** Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

37. 2025-S 584**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

38. 2025-S 586**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

39. 2025-S 622**BY** Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY --GENERAL PROVISIONS

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

40. 2025-S 743**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

41. 2025-S 748 SUB A**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

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

42. 2025-S 749 SUB A**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING

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

43. 2025-S 987**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

44. 2025-S 988 SUB A**BY** Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL
OBSERVANCE -- WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS

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

45. 2025-S 1059**BY** Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

46. 2025-S 757**BY** Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --
NATIONAL GUARD

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

47. 2025-S 879 SUB A**BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION FEES

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

48. 2025-S 1018

BY Ciccone

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

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

49. 2025-S 1062

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025:

1. *The Appointment of Sarah Bratko VICE Stephen S. Iannazzi to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2027.*

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

2. **2025-S 1119**
BY DiMario
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DOLORES MARY DUPRE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar

3. **2025-H 5019**
BY Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage in concurrence.

4. **2025-H 5730 SUB A**
BY Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS

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

5. **2025-H 5514**
BY Furtado
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

6. **2025-H 5645**
BY Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

7. **2025-H 5637**
 BY Ackerman
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CREDIT CARD
 CRIME ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025:

1. *The Reappointment of Michael A. Traficante to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2029.*

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

2. *The Reappointment of Gregory A. Pizzuti to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2029.*

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

3. *The Reappointment of John S. Justo to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2029.*

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

4. *The Appointment of Robert A. Rapoza VICE Diane C. Mederos to the Rhode Island Board of Elections for a term expiring June 1, 2034.*

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

5. **2025-S 325**

BY Britto

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

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

6. **2025-S 1096**
 BY McKenney
 ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARWICK TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, DEMOLITION, ARCHITECTURAL COSTS, ENGINEERING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF (I) TWO NEW HIGH SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES TO REPLACE PILGRIM HIGH SCHOOL AND TOLLGATE HIGH SCHOOL AND ON-SITE ATHLETIC FIELDS, AND (II) RECREATION AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

7. **2025-S 1097**
 BY McKenney
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

8. **2025-S 482 SUB A**
 BY Lauria
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT

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

9. **2025-S 680 SUB A**
 BY LaMountain
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSENT TO MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CARE

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

10. **2025-S 796 SUB A**
 BY Murray
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

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

11. 2025-H 6159

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
COURTS -- COURT SECRETARIES, COURT REPORTERS, AND ELECTRONIC
COURT REPORTERS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025:

1. **2025-S 1127**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FRANK J. KARPINSKI
 ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-ONE YEARS OF HONORABLE SERVICE
 TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, TO THE STATE'S ACTIVE AND RETIRED
 PUBLIC SERVANTS, AND TO THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL TREASURER

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.