

State of Rhode Island

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Fourteenth Legislative Day

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## CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, President of the Senate, at 4:17 o'clock P.M.

## ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT –34:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Patalano, Pearson, Raptakis, Quezada, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**ABSENT – 4:** Senators Acosta, Britto, Paolino, and Sosnowski.

## INVOCATION

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journals of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Legislative Days of the 2026 proceedings are read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Quezada and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journals are dispensed with and the Journals approved as recorded.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

<p>SENATOR <b>ELAINE J. MORGAN</b> District 34</p> <hr/> <p>DEPUTY MINORITY WHIP</p> <hr/> <p>P.O. Box 841 Ashaway, Rhode Island 02804</p> <p>MOBILE: 401-744-0505 OFFICE: 401-222-2708 FAX: 401-222-1206</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>Committee on Commerce</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Finance</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Special Legislation &amp; Veterans' Affairs</p>
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March 4, 2026

Mrs. Helena Reid  
Secretary of the Senate  
219 State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mrs. Reid:

I would like to respectfully request the withdrawal of 2026- S- 2293 an act relating to Education – Fairness in Women’s Sports Act. 2026-S- 2293 has been assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

  
Senator Elaine J. Morgan  
Deputy Minority Whip

Placed on file.

<p>SENATOR <b>GORDON E. ROGERS</b> <i>Senate Minority Whip</i> District 21</p> <hr/> <p>61 Cucumber Hill Road Foster, Rhode Island 02825</p> <p>Room 120 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>OFFICE: 401-222-2708 MOBILE: 401-255-6357 FAX: 401-222-1206</p> <p>sen-rogers@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>SECRETARY Committee on Housing &amp; Municipal Government</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Environment &amp; Agriculture</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Health &amp; Human Services</p> <hr/> <p>Ex-Officio</p>
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March 4, 2026

Mrs. Helena Reid  
Secretary of the Senate  
219 State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mrs. Reid:

I would like to respectfully request the withdrawal of 2026- S- 2443 an act relating to Agriculture and Forestry—Agricultural functions of Department of Environmental Management. 2026-S-2443 has been assigned to Senate Finance Committee.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

  
Gordon E. Rogers  
Senate Minority Whip

Placed on file.

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Committee on Rules  
Government Ethics & Oversight

Committee on Special Legislation  
& Veterans' Affairs

March 5, 2026

The Honorable Valerie Lawson  
President of the Senate  
State House, Room 318  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Lawson:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Thursday,  
March 5, 2026

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathon Acosta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jonathon" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Acosta".

Jonathon Acosta  
Senator District-16

State of Rhode Island



SENATOR  
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Labor and Gaming

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Artificial Intelligence &  
Emerging Technologies

Senate Chamber

March 6, 2026

Helena Reid  
Secretary of the Senate  
Room 220 State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing to respectfully request the withdrawal of 2026 S-2864, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES, at my request. This bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L. Vargas", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Lammis J. Vargas  
Senator – District 28

Placed on file.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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

**Senate Resolution No. 2018**

**BY** Acosta, Lawson, Gallo, Mack, Zurier, Bissaillon, Valverde, Quezada, Thompson, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (Amends the constitution to guarantee Rhode Island residents with equal opportunity to receive an education that is adequate, equitable and meaningful and provides judicial enforcement of this provision.)  
{LC3203/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****Senate Resolution No. 3006**

**BY** Urso  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2026, AS "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY" AND THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC4921/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Urso requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Urso moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Pearson, Raptakis, Quezada, Rogers, 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 Urso and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Danicah Xavier, Student from Tolman High School, Behnema Sirleaf, Student from Shea High School, Isabella Benevides, Student from Jacqueline M. Walsh School for the Arts, Christina DiPrete, Teacher from Tolman High School, Rosemary Gomes, Teacher from Shea High School, Laura Ciano, Teacher from Jacqueline M. Walsh School for the Arts, and Tiffany Reaves, Counselor from Shea High School.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****Senate Resolution No. 3007****BY** Quezada**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING SANDRA LAKE FOR HER EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO WOMEN AND COMMUNITIES IN RHODE ISLAND

{LC5971/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Quezada requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Quezada moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Rogers, 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 Vargas and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Sandra Lake.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Tikoian announces that Rhode Island's Annual Hobey Baker High School Character Awards Ceremony will take place on Monday, March 09<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 3:00pm in The Governors State Room.

Senator DiMario announces that the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet at the Rise of the Senate in Room 212.

**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.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Bill No. 3008**

(by request)

**BY** Dimitri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- RHODE ISLAND LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT (Requires the Rhode Island life and health insurance guarantee association to be obligated to cover a minimum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in present value of annuity benefits, including net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values.)

{LC5211/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Resolution No. 3009**

**BY** Acosta, Felag, DiPalma, Quezada, Gu, E Morgan, Ujifusa, DiMario, McKenney, Zurier

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY SHARED SERVICES AND THE POTENTIAL FOR REGIONALIZATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (Creates a 9 member commission to study shared services and the potential for regionalization of school districts, and who would report back to the Senate by April 15, 2027, and whose life would expire once its report is issued.)

{LC5709/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 3010**

**BY** Valverde, DiPalma, DiMario, Mack, Zurier, McKenney, Murray, Lauria, Thompson, Raptakis

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

(Requires the names of any non-teacher school employee who is terminated for good and just cause, to be furnished to the department of education.)

{LC5533/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 3011**

**BY** Vargas, Thompson, Appollonio, Murray, DiPalma, McKenney, Valverde, Pearson, Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- POST-SECONDARY STUDENT

HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN ACT (Prohibits public and private colleges and universities from charging students for institution provided health insurance in the absence of affirmative action by the student opting-in to coverage.)

{LC5980/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 3012**

**BY** McKenney, Valverde, LaMountain, Murray, Gu, Vargas, Urso, Euer, DiMario, Kallman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EXTENDED PRODUCER

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING AND PAPER ACT (Creates multiple chapters to provide and establish a comprehensive program for extended producer responsibility for packaging and paper, and for recycling of beverage containers.)

{LC6008/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 3013**

**BY** Vargas, Murray, Thompson, Tikoian, DiPalma, McKenney, Bissaillon, Kallman, Quezada, Zurier

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION

OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Increases and reallocates the fees collected for motor vehicle inspections, including motorcycle inspections, with an allocation of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA).)

{LC5969/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 3014**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Vargas, Urso, Murray, Thompson, Tikoian, DiPalma, Pearson, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE INVESTMENT COMMISSION (Requires the state investment commission to create a capital access initiative to expand potential investment opportunities for the state's pension fund and engage qualified but traditionally underrepresented investment managers.)

{LC4677/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 3015****BY** Gallo, DiPalma, Tikoian, Ciccone, Burke, LaMountain, Raptakis, Pearson, Urso, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND EDUCATION FUNDING AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island education funding and accountability act, which would include a totally revised and revamped formula for funding all levels of public education in Rhode Island.)

{LC5921/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 3016****BY** Bissaillon, Bell, Ciccone, DiPalma, Lawson**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$800,000 TO WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$800,000 to WaterFire Providence.)

{LC6047/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 3017****BY** Dimitri, Famiglietti, Raptakis, Tikoian, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification to federal adjusted gross income for personal income tax for qualified tips and overtime income consistent with the federal tax treatment.)

{LC5922/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 3018**

**BY** Dimitri, Patalano, Famiglietti, LaMountain, Appollonio, Britto, Burke, Tikoian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification for up to \$50,000 of individual retirement account income that is included in federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year; provided that the person with individual retirement accounts has no income from pensions.)  
{LC4434/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 3019**

**BY** McKenney  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO THE HOUSING NETWORK: THE RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING DEVELOPERS, DBA HOUSING NETWORK OF RHODE ISLAND (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$ 200,000 to the Housing Network of Rhode Island.)  
{LC6050/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 3020**

**BY** Dimitri, Thompson, Famiglietti  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM -- ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY MEDICAID RATES (Requires the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS) to apply an automatic cost-of-living adjustment ("COLA") to the Medicaid reimbursement rates paid for assisted living services provided pursuant to this chapter.)  
{LC5203/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 3021**

**BY** Raptakis, Bell  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF THE LEGISLATIVE POWER (Proposes a state constitutional amendment that no department or other entity created by the state would have power to incur debt in excess of \$ 50,000, without express approval from the legislature and voters.)  
{LC3457/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 3022****BY** Bissaillon, Murray, DiMario, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurers to develop plans for coverage and access to nonnarcotic, nonopioid and nonmedication pain management for moderate to severe pain. It further restricts utilization review for nonopioid drugs.)  
{LC5923/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 3023****BY** Vargas, Murray, Appollonio, Thompson, Tikoian, Lauria, Pearson, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates health insurance coverage by eliminating out-of-pocket costs for lung cancer screenings in order to enable patients to get the critical care they need without delay.)  
{LC5973/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 3024****BY** Bissaillon, Murray, DiMario, LaMountain, Ciccone, DiPalma, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (Increases the number of state childcare licensing inspectors to meet the national recommended average of one inspector for every fifty (50) to sixty (60) childcare providers.)  
{LC6014/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 3025**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires the disclosure of the transfer of certain assets of healthcare facilities and provides penalties for failing to file healthcare facility ownership information.)  
{LC5340/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 3026****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS (Changes the direct client contact hour requirements for applicants for licensure of marriage and family therapist associate and applicants for licensure of marriage and family therapist.)

{LC6011/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 3027****BY** Dimitri, Thompson, Famiglietti**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM -- ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES (Provides that licensed assisted living community is not required to hold a residential unit for a Medicare-eligible resident absent from the facility for a period exceeding 10 days unless EOHHS provides payment to the facility to hold the bed.)

{LC5205/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 3028****BY** Famiglietti, Dimitri, Tikoian, Thompson, McKenney, Appollonio, Felag, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Prohibits healthcare providers and health plans from denying the payment of a medical bill, solely because the bill may have arisen from a third-party claim.)

{LC6007/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 3029****BY** Patalano, Ciccone, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Thompson, Dimitri, Appollonio, Burke, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (Prohibits municipalities from restricting certain landscaping equipment based on its power source. It also prohibits any changes in the regulation of the use of power equipment in the municipality, without a positive referendum vote.)

{LC5253/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 3030****BY** Raptakis, Rogers, E Morgan, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Requires that in the town of Coventry, local regulations shall require approval of the permitting authority for both private and public improvements prior to final plan approval.)

{LC5954/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 3031****BY** Famiglietti, Dimitri, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Authorizes the town of North Providence, if an aggregate of two hundred fifty (250) or more units should be proposed in comprehensive permit project(s), to enact an emergency moratorium until the permit requirement of § 45-53-4 are amended.)

{LC5939/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 3032****BY** Tikoian, Ciccone, Gallo, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Establishes a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2031, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor.)

{LC6059/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 3033****BY** Famiglietti, Dimitri, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Allows the town of North Providence to determine its density bonuses based upon its underlying zoning.)

{LC5940/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 3034**

(Dept. of Transportation)

**BY** Dimitri, Tikoian, Thompson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Clarifies when mobile equipment can travel on a public highway as an incidentally permitted practice limited to the active participation in an active work zone.)

{LC5134/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 3035**

**BY** Famiglietti, Dimitri, Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING--PARKING SPACES (Permits North Providence to require 2 parking spaces for each studio, 1 bedroom, or 2 bedroom low- or moderate-income housing unit upon the determination that limited or no local public transportation or off-street parking is available near these units.)

{LC5938/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 3036**

**BY** Bissaillon, LaMountain, McKenney, Bell, Quezada, Ciccone, Gallo, Urso, Dimitri, Lawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Permits those individuals convicted of multiple felonies and misdemeanors to have their records expunged and provide criteria for the court to consider in determining whether the person is of good moral character.)

{LC6012/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 3037**

**BY** Patalano, Raptakis, Dimitri, Appollonio, Burke, de la Cruz, Thompson, Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Prohibits individual who operates a recreational vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner which hinders the movement of other vehicles with a group of 2 more vehicles be guilty of felony, punishable by imprisonment up to 2.5 years and fine up to \$2,000.)

{LC5469/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 3038****BY** Patalano, Dimitri, Appollonio, Urso, Burke, de la Cruz, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDERS (Requires a court considering evidence for the issuance of a temporary emergency protective order to cause the respondent to be taken into protective custody by law enforcement and sent to an emergency room of any hospital, pursuant to § 40.1-5-7.1.)

{LC5946/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 3039****BY** Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Authorizes a property owner to pursue reasonable actions to protect their property from coastal hazards that affect life, infrastructure, or essential land uses without prior approval.)

{LC5315/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 3040****BY** Bell, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST TOWNS (Requires a municipality to disclose on their official website the specific issues, details and costs of any legal action of which the town or city is a named defendant within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year.)

{LC6002/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 3041****BY** Patalano, Ciccone, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Thompson, Dimitri, Appollonio, Burke, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' DUE PROCESS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (Amends the Law Enforcement Officers' Due Process, Accountability, and Transparency Act" by changing the provision for payment of legal fees.)

{LC5861/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 3042**

**BY** Patalano, Raptakis, Dimitri, Appollonio, Burke, de la Cruz, Thompson, Tikoian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Bans street takeovers and violators would be guilty of a felony and punishable by imprisonment for more than one year and be subject to a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).)  
{LC4755/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 3043**

**BY** Raptakis, Burke, de la Cruz, Quezada, Thompson, Tikoian, DiPalma, Ciccone, Urso, Zurier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES -- DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND PRIMARY VOTES (Sets an earlier deadline from June to April for filing of declaration of candidacy and nomination papers.)  
{LC3864/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 3044**

**BY** Urso, Felag, Ciccone, Appollonio, McKenney, DiPalma, Bissaillon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Increases the role of the DMV in the voter registration and address verification process, by establishing very specific obligations and responsibilities that must be followed before offering an individual an application to register to vote.)  
{LC6009/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 3045**

(Public Safety)

**BY** Dimitri, Patalano, LaMountain, Thompson, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Burke  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS (Dictates the length a search warrant involving a tracking device would be valid and provide a process to extend the time frame of the tracking device for good cause.)  
{LC5023/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 3046**

(DCYF)

**BY** Patalano, Dimitri, Raptakis, Appollonio, Tikoian, Urso, Burke, de la Cruz**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- JAILS AND PRISONS**

(Prohibits individuals from conveying items to or from the training school for youth without prior consent by the executive director of the division of youth development at the department of children, youth and families.)

{LC5364/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 3047**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Patalano, Dimitri, Ciccone, Appollonio, Thompson, Urso, Burke**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --****PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE** (Provides amendments to the assessment of filing fees required to appeal from certain matters adjudicated by the district court.)

{LC5277/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 3048****BY** McKenney**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING, AND ATHLETICS -- DOG RACING IN BURRILLVILLE, LINCOLN, AND WEST GREENWICH** (Prevents anyone from wagering money or any other thing of value on the outcome of a greyhound race or other dog race, or accept or facilitate such wagering, regardless of the location at which the race takes place.)

{LC6049/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 3049**

(Dept. of Labor &amp; Training)

**BY** Dimitri, Thompson, Raptakis, Famiglietti**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES**

{LC5371/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 3050****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT (Permits retired superior court magistrates to be assigned to perform service pursuant to §§ 8-2-11.1, 8-2-39, 8-2-39.1 or 8-2-39.2 and be reemployed by the superior court without any forfeiture or reduction of any retirement benefits.)

{LC6062/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 3051****BY** de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EMBRACING THE TOWNS OF FOSTER AND GLOCESTER (Changes the date of the regional school district financial meeting for the Foster-Glocester regional school district to March 24, 2026.)

{LC6004/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2037****BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Barrington to provide a tax dollar credit reduction for legally blind persons by ordinance.)

{LC3418/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2040****BY** Ujifusa, Felag, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes the town of Bristol to apply the owner-occupied tax rate for mixed-used properties where the residential portion is owner-occupied.)

{LC3488/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2041****BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes the town council of Little Compton to establish a homestead exemption for residential dwellings.)

{LC3740/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2422****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Jamestown to authorize, by ordinance, the expansion of the local tax exemption ordinance for seniors.)

{LC4592/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2470****BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Permits the town of Barrington to assess an annual dog licensing fee of seven dollars (\$7.00).)

{LC4837/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2472****BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Increases the fines for dog ordinance violations in the town of Barrington.)

{LC4838/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2700**

(By Request)

**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Middletown to adopt by ordinance, a veterans' property tax exemption to any veteran, who was honorably discharged, or discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, regardless of dates or periods of service.)

{LC5409/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Ciccone, the Senate adjourns at 4:40 o'clock P.M.

**HELENA S. REID**  
*Secretary of the Senate*

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR ANA B. QUEZADA**

Gracious and Loving Source of All Life, We gather today in gratitude for the countless women who have shaped our families, communities, and nations. We honor their strength, wisdom, and perseverance through generations of struggle and triumph. Amen.

**Appendix**  
**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026:**

- 1. 2026-S 2018**  
**BY** Acosta  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION

Committee on Education recommends passage.
- 2. 2026-S 2037**  
**BY** Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
- 3. 2026-S 2040**  
**BY** Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
- 4. 2026-S 2041**  
**BY** DiPalma  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
- 5. 2026-S 2422**  
**BY** Euer  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

6. **2026-S 2470**  
**BY** Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --  
DOGS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

7. **2026-S 2472**  
**BY** Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --  
DOGS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

8. **2026-S 2700**  
**BY** DiPalma  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO  
TAXATION

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.