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Thirty-Third 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 4:26 o'clock P.M.

### ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

**PRESENT –37:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**ABSENT – 1:** Senator Euer.

### INVOCATION

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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


**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Thirty-Second of the 2026 proceedings is read in part.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

<p>SENATOR <b>DAWN EUER</b> District 13</p> <hr/> <p>Room 112 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>OFFICE: 401-276-5589 sen-euer@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>Committee on Judiciary</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Special Legislation &amp; Veterans' Affairs</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Rules, Government Ethics &amp; Oversight</p>
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May 19, 2026


The Honorable Valarie J. 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 today, Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Please record my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn Euer  
Senator - District 13

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cc: Helena Reid, Secretary of the Senate

Placed on file.

**APPOINTMENT BY THE DISTRICT COURT OF RHODE ISLAND**

The Honorable President presents the following communication from Jeanne E. LaFazia, Chief Judge of the District Court of Rhode Island transmitting the following appointment and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



JEANNE E. LaFAZIA  
CHIEF JUDGE

District Court of Rhode Island  
Garraty Judicial Complex  
One Dorrance Plaza  
Providence, RI 02903

May 8, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

I have the honor and the privilege to inform you that, in accordance with the provisions of R.I.G.L. 8-8-16.2, entitled District Court: Clerk/Magistrate. This is a ten-year term from the date of appointment. I have made the following appointment as Clerk/Magistrate of the Rhode Island District Court:

ALAN GOULART of North Kingstown

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

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Jeanne E. LaFazia in cursive.  
Jeanne E. LaFazia  
Chief Judge

cc: Honorable Daniel J. McKee, Governor  
Honorable Paul A. Suttell, Chief Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court  
Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate President  
Honorable Frank A. Ciccone III, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable David P. Tikoian, Senate Majority Whip  
Honorable Matthew L. LaMountain, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee  
Honorable Mark McKenney, Vice Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader  
Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House  
Jason M. Gramitt, Exec. Dir./ Chief Prosecutor, Rhode Island Ethics Commission

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

*The Appointment of Joanna M. Achille, Esq. VICE Stephen P. Nugent as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court*

Placed on the Calendar.

*The Appointment of Hon. Maria Ferro Deaton VICE Melanie Wilk Thunburg as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court*

Placed on the Calendar.

**TRANSFER OF BILL**

Senator LaMountain, In accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Judiciary to the Committee to on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2139**

**BY** Bell, Ciccone, Gallo, Murray, Appollonio, Urso, Bissaillon, Thompson, Burke, Gu **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Prohibits participation in federal school voucher tax credit for contributions to scholarship-granting organizations unless both the general assembly and the governor approve such participation.)

{LC3448/1}

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**House Bill No. 7989 SUB A**

**BY** Baginski, Biah

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Exempts certain vehicles that are not manufactured with the proper front plate registration bracket from the requirement that motor vehicles display a front facing registration plate.)

{LC5266/A/1}

Referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Appolonnio and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Gianna Scotti, Cranston Police Department.

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Sarah Rosendale, Director RI Auditory Oral Program.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****Senate Resolution No. 3304**

**BY** Ujifusa, Gu

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MAY OF 2026, AS "ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC5906/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gu requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Ujifusa and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Dr. Robert George Lee, Keynote Speaker and Olivia Vongsomphou, Lao Dancer, AMOR: Catarina Lorenzo, ACLU of Rhode Island: Steven Brown, Madalyn McGunagle, Zoe Chakoian, Catholic Charities and Social Ministry Immigration and Refugee Services: James Jahnz and Nancy Gonzalez, Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island: Milagro Sique, The Immigrant Coalition of Rhode Island: Juan Pablo Ocampo Sheen Lawyers' Committee for Rhode Island: Miriam Weizenbaum and Amy Romero PrYSM: Suonriaksmay (Suon) Keo and Jenni Nguyen, Rhode Island Center for Justice: Jennifer Wood, RWU Immigration Clinic: Deborah Gonzalez, Karen Perez and Eduarda Moura Sojourner House: Vanessa Volz.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****Senate Resolution No. 3305****BY** Gu**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2026, TO BE "ALS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC6248/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gu requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Gu and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber from ALS Rhode Island: Emily Verdone-Doyle, Programs Assistant, Jacquelin Carrascoza, Clinic Coordinator, and Antonio Rosario.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****Senate Resolution No. 3306****BY** Thompson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 2026 AS "BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC6429/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Thompson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Thompson and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Lisa D'Ambra, Executive Director RI Brain & Spine Tumor Foundation, Stephanie Gemski, Senate Policy.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 3307****BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RAYMOND POULIOT  
{LC6284/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 3308****BY** Rogers**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 17 TO MAY 23, 2026, TO BE "NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC6491/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Appendix****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026:****1. 2026-S 2123 SUB A****BY** Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

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

Senator Urso moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, 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, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative and 0 member voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 37:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**2. 2026-S 2036 SUB A****BY** Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

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

Senator Ujifusa moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gu, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Pearson, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, and Zurier.

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

**YEAS – 37:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**3. 2026-S 2424 SUB A****BY** Famiglietti**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES

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

Senator Famiglietti moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Gu, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Pearson, 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, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative and 0 member voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 37:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**4. 2026-S 2694****BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE--DISABLED VETERAN HOME MODIFICATION ACT

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

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

**YEAS – 37:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**5. 2026-S 2692 SUB A****BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW

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

Senator Bissaillon moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas, and Zurier.

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

**YEAS – 37:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**6. 2026-S 2896 SUB A****BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP

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

Senator McKenney moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, Lauria, Mack, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Thompson, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas, and Zurier.

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

**YEAS – 37:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**7. 2026-S 2800 SUB A****BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ABANDONED PROPERTY

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

*Upon suggestion of Senator Tikoian and without objection, placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.*

**8. 2026-S 2913****BY** Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --  
OPERATION OF RAILROADS GENERALLY

Committee on Housing &amp; Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Vargas moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, and Zurier.

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

**YEAS – 37:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:****9. 2026-S 2334 SUB A****BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SAFEGUARDING ELECTION  
CANDIDATES USING REASONABLE EXPENDITURES ACT

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

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

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

**YEAS – 37:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**10. 2026-S 3000 SUB A****BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

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

Senator Lauria moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Pearson, Quezada, Rogers, Sosnowski, 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, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative and 0 member voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 37:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**11. 2026-S 2178 SUB A****BY** Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

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

Senator Urso moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, and Vargas.

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

**YEAS – 37:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Urso and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber RAMP Board Chair Jacob de Blecourt, and Tina Guenette.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Sosnowski announces that the Senate Committee on Commerce will meet at the Rise of the Senate in Room 211.

Senator Felag announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet at the Rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge.

Senator Lauria announces that the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services will meet at the Rise of the Senate in Room 212.

Senator Bissailon announces that the Senate Committee on Judiciary will meet at the Rise of the Senate in Room 313.

Senator Britto announces that the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the Senate Lounge.

Senator Murray announces that the Senate Committee on Education will meet on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in Room 313.

Senator Thompson announces that the Senate Committee on Labor and Gaming will meet on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in Room 212.

Senator Rapatakis announces that the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs will meet on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm 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.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2517**

**BY** Vargas, Thompson, Bell, Dimitri, Quezada, Lauria, Mack, Murray, DiPalma, Appollonio **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- COMMUNITY OBLIGATIONS AND BANKING OFFENSES (Requires that automated teller machines disclose the account balance prior to any cash withdrawal.)

{LC4706/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2379**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Ujifusa, Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, Appollonio, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Zurier, Acosta **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Commencing January 1, 2027, mandates insurers provide health insurance coverage without cost-share requirements for vaccinations recommended by the DOH and mandates the coverage for the medical assistance program and managed care organizations.)

{LC3650/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 3058**

**BY** Murray, Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- 988 CALL CENTER AND BH LINK OPERATIONS ACT (Establishes the operations necessary for a 988 hotline for suicide prevention/behavioral health crisis management. Establishes the operations necessary for acute mental health crisis outreach/stabilization services in direct response to the 988 hotline.)

{LC5059/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 3059****BY** Britto, Murray, Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE--FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES (Imposes certain duties, transparency, and accountability from pharmacy benefits managers and pharmacy benefits management services.)  
{LC5060/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 3060****BY** Appollonio, Murray, Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS ACT (Requires pharmacy benefit managers to apply for certificate of authority from DBR to operate such a business in this state. Empowers the health insurance commissioner to oversee pharmacy benefit managers and penalize violations.)  
{LC5062/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2125****BY** Bissaillon, LaMountain, Ciccone, McKenney, Kallman, Famiglietti**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Removes the mandatory certification for an individual 16 years or older who was found delinquent for having committed 2 offenses after the age of 16 which would render the person subject to an indictment if the person was an adult.)  
{LC3840/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 3294****BY** Felag, Lauria, Ujifusa, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Joseph Couto to join Brandon Kemmy and Jacqueline Manousos in Marriage on or about August 2, 2026, within the Town of Tiverton, Rhode Island.)  
{LC6465/1}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chairman DiPalma, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 2674**

**BY** Bissaillon, Ciccone, Bell, Mack, Famiglietti, Kallman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FUND THE PROVIDENCE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO FINANCE AFFORDABLE MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE CITY (Authorizes the city of Providence to issue not more than \$25,000,000 in general obligation bonds and notes to fund the providence housing trust fund to finance affordable multi-family housing projects in the city.)

{LC4832/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 3087**

**BY** Acosta

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$25,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND/OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR (Authorizes the City of Central Falls to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$25,000,000 to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities in the city.)

{LC6069/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senator Ciccone, the Senate adjourns at 5:12 o'clock P.M.

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

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR PETER A. APPOLLONIO, JR.**

Lord, as we deliberate over the bills before us, grant us your wisdom and insight, and above all compassion. Amen.

**Appendix****CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026:**

1. **2026-S 3307**  
**BY** E Morgan  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RAYMOND POULIOT

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2026-S 3308**  
**BY** Rogers  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 17 TO MAY 23, 2026, TO BE "NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. **2026-S 3294**  
**BY** Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

## Appendix

## CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026:

1. *The Appointment of Joanna M. Achille, Esq. VICE Stephen P. Nugent as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court*

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

2. *The Appointment of Hon. Maria Ferro Deaton VICE Melanie Wilk Thunburg as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court*

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

3. **2026-S 2800 SUB A**  
**BY Bissaillon**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ABANDONED PROPERTY**

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

4. **2026-S 2195 SUB A**  
**BY Urso**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COMPANION MODELS**

Committee on Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Tech recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

5. **2026-S 2197 SUB A**  
**BY Urso**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- OVERSIGHT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE ACT**

Committee on Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Tech recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**6. 2026-S 2342 SUB A****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --  
RESTRICTIONS ON SELF-SERVICE CHECKOUT STATIONS ACT

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

**7. 2026-S 2563****BY** Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRESCRIPTION  
DRUG SAVINGS AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2026

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

**8. 2026-S 3061****BY** Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

**9. 2026-S 3063 SUB A****BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE  
COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF RHODE ISLAND'S  
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE IMPACT ON HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND  
HEALTH CARE COSTS IN RHODE ISLAND

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

**10. 2026-S 3056****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEDICAID SECTION 1115  
DEMONSTRATION WAIVER REQUESTS AND RENEWALS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

11. **2026-S 3057**  
**BY** Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF RHODE ISLAND'S HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE RELATED TO EDUCATING AND RETAINING PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

12. **2026-S 3064**  
**BY** Sosnowski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

13. **2026-S 2413**  
**BY** Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

14. **2026-S 3170 SUB A**  
**BY** Bissaillon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

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

15. **2026-S 2181 SUB A**  
**BY** Burke  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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

16. **2026-S 2333**  
**BY** LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

17. **2026-S 2185**  
**BY** Dimitri  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

18. **2026-S 2176**  
**BY** DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

**Appendix**  
**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026:**

**1. 2026-S 2517 SUB A**

**BY** Vargas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS --  
COMMUNITY OBLIGATIONS AND BANKING OFFENSES

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

**2. 2026-S 2674**

**BY** Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE  
NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO  
FUND THE PROVIDENCE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO FINANCE AFFORDABLE  
MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE CITY

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**3. 2026-S 3087**

**BY** Acosta

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO  
FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT,  
ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND  
SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN  
\$25,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND/OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS  
THEREFOR

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**4. 2026-S 2379 SUB A**

**BY** Ujifusa

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

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

**5. 2026-S 3058 SUB A****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- 988 CALL CENTER AND CRISIS OUTREACH AND STABILIZATION SERVICES CENTER OPERATIONS ACT

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

**6. 2026-S 3059 SUB A****BY** Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE--FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES

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

**7. 2026-S 3060 SUB A****BY** Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS ACT

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

**8. 2026-S 2125****BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.