

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Fourth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:25 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 38: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Goodwin to ask members of the senate to stand in a moment of silence for the passing of former Senate Page David Louis Cunha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Third Legislative Day of the 2015 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo 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 Her Excellency, the Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

January 13, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as Director of the Department of Public Safety:

Colonel Steven G. O'Donnell

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

January 13, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as Director of the Department of Corrections:

Ashbel T. Wall, II

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS STATE HOUSE January 13, 2015 TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE: I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Director of the Department of Administration: Michael DiBiase VICE Richard A. Licht To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent. Sincerely, Gina M. Raimondo Governor
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Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS STATE HOUSE January 13, 2015 TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE: I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Director of the Department of Human Services: Melba Depeña VICE Sandra Powell To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent. Sincerely, Gina M. Raimondo Governor
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Read and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

January 13, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as Director of the Department of Environmental Management:

Janet L. Coit

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

January 13, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-154-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Director of the Division of Elderly Affairs:

The Honorable Charles J. Fogarty

VICE
Catherine Taylor

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 0005

BY Sheehan

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND UNITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE AND EXTENDING PROFOUND SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO DIED IN THE TRAGIC TERRORISTS ATTACKS IN PARIS, FRANCE

{LC499/1}

Senator Sheehan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sheehan moves passage, seconded by Senators Cote, Archambault and Picard.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a rising vote.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0006

BY O'Neill, Cote, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD (Ratifies the 2014 amendment to the North Smithfield town charter and would provide for the town charter's amendment to be applicable to state law relative to school committee composition, election and terms of members.)
{LC327/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 0007

BY Picard, Pearson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (This amendment to the state constitution would provide the paramount duty of the general assembly, department of education and other governmental agencies to provide Rhode Island residents equal opportunities to receive adequate high levels of education.)

{LC218/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0008

(by request)

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE (Requires an eighty percent (80%) school attendance rate for children in families receiving cash and medical assistance from the state as a condition of eligibility. Parent/guardian would be required to attest to attendance rates.)

{LC216/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0009**BY** Picard, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Encourages all public secondary schools managed or controlled by the state to provide instruction in performing arts education as part of its curriculum.)
{LC206/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0010**BY** Picard, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Requires that the board of education adopt a competency-based/proficiency based learning policy whereby students can earn credits through demonstration of competency and this policy would be approved by June 1, 2016.)
{LC223/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0011**BY** Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks weighing fourteen thousand pounds (14,000 lbs) or less from sales and use tax.)
{LC161/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0012**BY** O'Neill, Cote, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD TO FINANCE THE REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF THE KENDAL-DEAN BUILDING, MEMORIAL TOWN HALL BUILDING AND THE MUNICIPAL ANNEX TO ACHIEVE EFFICIENCIES AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION FUNCTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,200,000 OF BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR (Authorizes the town of North Smithfield to issue (\$5,200,000) of General Obligation Bonds and Notes in order to finance the repair and rehabilitation of the repair and rehabilitation of the Kendal-Dean Building.)
{LC425/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0013**BY** Lombardi, Felag, McCaffrey, Walaska, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX

{LC445/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0014**BY** Lombardi, Felag, McCaffrey, Cote, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX

{LC431/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0015**BY** O'Neill, Cote, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD TO FINANCE THE DEMOLITION (OR SAFEGUARDING), REPAIR, REHABILITATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL CLASSROOM AND STORAGE BUILDINGS, INCLUDING HALLIWELL MEMORIAL SCHOOL, NORTH SMITHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NORTH SMITHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL, NORTH SMITHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND THE ANDREWS SCHOOL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$4,300,000 OF BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR (Authorizes the town of North Smithfield to issue (\$4,300,000) of general obligation bonds and notes in order to finance the demolition (or safeguarding), repair, rehabilitation and consolidation of school classroom and storage buildings,)

{LC424/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0016**BY** DiPalma, DaPonte, Jabour, Archambault, Ottiano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT

{LC237/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0017**BY** DiPalma, Felag, Ottiano, Pichardo, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Would modify the federal adjusted gross income for purposes of state income tax by deducting military and federal pension income.)

{LC239/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0018**BY** Walaska, Ciccone, Lombardo, Raptakis, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERFORMANCE AUDITS OF GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES (This act would require independent performance audits to be conducted periodically by the state auditor general.)

{LC158/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0019**BY** Walaska, Ciccone, Lombardo, Raptakis, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX

{LC155/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0020**BY** O'Neill, Raptakis, Cote, Nesselbush, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts social security benefits from the state income tax.)

{LC63/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0021**BY** Picard, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX - EXEMPTION (This act would exempt wages from state personal income taxes for individuals for each year before they reach twenty-two (22) years of age and for each year after they reached sixty-two (62) years of age.)

{LC202/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0022

BY Paiva Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TO PURCHASE 138 NARRAGANSETT AVENUE IN SAID TOWN AND TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND RENOVATION THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,500,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR

{LC293/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0023

BY Walaska, Ciccone, Nesselbush, Felag, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS (This act would amend car tax statutes so that the assessment of used motor vehicles would be based on the average trade-in price, rather than retail price. It would also extend the appeal period to forty-five (45) days.)

{LC160/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0024

BY Felag, Pichardo, Ottiano, DiPalma, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Commencing on January 1, 2016, modify federal adjusted gross income by including military retirement income from the armed forces, reserves, and national guard paid to persons sixty-five (65) years and older.)

{LC314/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0025

BY Felag, Walaska, McCaffrey, Ottiano, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL TAX (Reduces the tax per gallon on all taxable gallons of gasoline sold or used in this state from thirty-two cents (\$0.32) per gallon to twenty-seven cents (\$0.27) per gallon.)

{LC315/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0026

BY Raptakis, Kettle, Morgan, Cote, O'Neill

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Exempts the towns of Coventry, East Greenwich and West Greenwich from all the terms and provisions of § 42-64.17-1 entitled the "Long-Term Economic Development Vision and Policy.")

{LC178/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0027

BY Felag, Fogarty, Ottiano, Kettle, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the provision of the education equity and property tax relief act freezing the amount of regionalization bonus at 2% of the state's share of foundation education aid formula and removes the provision that the bonus ceases in the 3rd fiscal year.)

{LC316/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0028

BY Raptakis, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES--COVENTRY (Permits the town of Coventry to adopt a tax classification plan including a class of mixed-use residential and commercial properties.)

{LC321/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0029

BY Walaska, Sheehan, Ciccone, Nesselbush, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX

{LC159/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0030**BY** O'Neill, Cote, Fogarty, Kettle, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks under eight thousand one hundred pounds (8,100 lbs.) gross weight used exclusively for personal use from sales tax.)
{LC276/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0031

(by request)

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (This act would allow the Woonsocket city council to exempt from valuation for taxation any real property located in Woonsocket owned by Elks Lodge 850.)
{LC204/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0032**BY** Picard, Cote, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (This act would increase the maximum tax on qualifying low income property from eight percent (8%) to ten percent (10%) of prospective gross scheduled rental income.)
{LC210/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0033**BY** Picard, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Would increase the maximum tax from eight percent (8%) to ten percent (10%) of the property's previous year's gross scheduled rental income for qualifying low income housing.)
{LC207/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0034**BY** Walaska, Ciccone, Felag, Lombardo, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE TAX (This act would provide all net taxable estates with an exemption from the estate and transfer tax of up to the amount of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000).)

{LC156/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0035**BY** Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - COMMERCE CORPORATION (Removes the restriction that projects be approved by the commerce corporation prior to July 12, 2011 to be eligible for exemption from taxation.)

{LC168/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0036**BY** Ciccone, Raptakis, Lombardi, O'Neill, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Reforms Rhode Island Welfare with a residency requirement and places limits on the duration of benefits.)

{LC191/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0037**BY** Raptakis, Kettle, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE HOPKINS HILL ROAD FIRE DISTRICT

{LC331/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0038**BY** Kettle, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF COVENTRY (Ratifies amendments to Coventry Home Rule Charter adopted and approved at the November 4, 2014 general election.)

{LC320/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0039

BY Raptakis, Jabour, Lombardi, Conley, Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -
REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Limits the increases in rates that electric
distribution companies may impose without general assembly approval.)

{LC253/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0040

BY Crowley, Picard, Cote, Metts, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
ECONOMIC AMBASSADOR OF RHODE ISLAND (Establishes the position of economic
ambassador in Rhode Island.)

{LC326/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0041

BY Lombardi, Felag, McCaffrey, Walaska, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -
LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Provides for an increase in the marital estate deduction in
certain instances.)

{LC432/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0042

BY O'Neill, Cote, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD TO FINANCE
THE REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF LOCAL ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE BY THE
ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,500,000 OF BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR
(This act would authorize the town of North Smithfield to issue two million five hundred thousand
dollars \$2,500,000 of general obligation bonds and notes in order to finance the repair and
rehabilitation of local road infrastructure.)

{LC426/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0043**BY** Crowley, Metts, Pichardo, Conley, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTOR VEHICLE TAX

ELIMINATION (Provides a six thousand dollar (\$6,000) exemption to the motor vehicle excise tax for residents of distressed communities beginning in fiscal year 2016.)

{LC399/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0044**BY** DiPalma, Goldin, Ottiano, Pichardo, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

(Requires a state reimbursement system for community and nonprofit agencies and increases pay rates for direct support professionals to \$13.97 per hour.)

{LC238/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0045**BY** Lombardi, Felag, McCaffrey, Cote, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Requires the tax administrator to commence any action for collection of personal income tax due and

payable within ten (10) years of April 15 of the year the tax return was or should have been filed.)

{LC434/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0046**BY** Kettle, Ottiano, Morgan, Cote, O'Neill**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET (Provides that all legislative grants awarded by the general assembly be included in the annual state budget.)

{LC304/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0047**BY** DiPalma, DaPonte, Pearson, Ciccone, Ottiano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT (Prohibits the use of direct cash assistance funds on electronic benefit cards for the purchase of certain items.)

{LC240/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0048

BY Lombardi, Felag, McCaffrey, Walaska, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Adds urns and shrouds to those funeral items which are already exempt from sales and use taxes.)

{LC449/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0049

BY Lombardi, Felag, McCaffrey, Walaska, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION-PERSONAL INCOME TAX

{LC430/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0050

BY O'Neill, Cote, Morgan, Kettle, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks under six thousand pounds (6,000 lbs.) gross weight used exclusively for personal use from sales tax.)

{LC275/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0051

BY Raptakis, O'Neill, Cote, Sheehan, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes an office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.)

{LC334/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0052

BY Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Michael John McCarthy to join Kathleen Elizabeth Enright and Brian Scott Pardini in marriage on or about August 22, 2015, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC302/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0053

BY Ciccone, Nesselbush, Crowley, DaPonte, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' LICENSES (Authorizes the department of motor vehicles to issue driving permits to those unable to establish lawful presence in the country. The document would not be valid for identification or voting.)

{LC111/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0054

BY Pearson, Felag, Sosnowski, Ottiano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Exempts fire districts with no tax and/or policy making authority from certain posting requirements of the open meetings act.)

{LC462/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0055

BY O'Neill, Cote, Raptakis, Nesselbush, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS (This act would increase the penalties and fines for the various motor vehicle offenses involving leaving the scene of an accident.)

{LC62/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 0056

BY O'Neill, Cote, Nesselbush, Crowley, Jabour

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (ETHICS COMMISSION)

{LC64/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 0057**BY** O'Neill, Raptakis, Cote, Nesselbush, Crowley**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE REFERENDUM ON LINE ITEM VETO

{LC82/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0058**BY** Lombardi, Gallo, Miller, Goodwin, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Allows bake sales to be held on election days at polling places.)

{LC279/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 0059**BY** Raptakis, Morgan, O'Neill, Cote, Ottiano**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE REFERENDUM ON LINE ITEM VETO

{LC77/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0060**BY** Ottiano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Stephen Carl Bailey to join Abigail Rachel Bailey and Michael Joseph Parker in marriage on or about August 10, 2015, within the Town of Portsmouth, Rhode Island.)

{LC258/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0061**BY** Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

{LC313/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 0062

BY O'Neill, Picard, Ciccone, Lombardi, Cote

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE - FOUR YEAR TERMS AND THREE TERM LIMITS FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS

{LC277/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0063

BY Walaska, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES (Eliminates requirement of publication in newspapers by self-storage facilities enforcing a lien.)

{LC166/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0064

BY Picard, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (This act would make eligible for expungement persons with fewer than three (3) prior criminal convictions.)

{LC203/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0065

BY Ruggerio, Goodwin, Fogarty, Miller, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - HUMAN RESOURCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL (Provide for a wage reimbursement incentive for employers participating in the non-trade apprenticeship program and would permit the governor's workforce board to establish rules and regulations for the program.)

{LC261/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0066**BY** Cote, Ottiano, Picard, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM (Establishes a process for the establishment of voter initiative and referendum proposal and also for a process of submitting said proposals to the secretary of state, the general assembly and the governor for approval.)

{LC282/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 0067**BY** Cote, Ottiano, Picard, Kettle**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM)

{LC281/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0068**BY** Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES (Exempts the premises at 721-723 Broad Street; Central Falls (Assessor's Plat 1, lot 164) from the restrictions regarding the proximity of a liquor license to a church or school.))

{LC60/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0069**BY** Raptakis, Felag, Ottiano, Pichardo, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE (Raises the amount of life insurance for which the state will reimburse the cost of premiums to a mobilized Rhode Island National Guard member from four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).)

{LC353/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 0070**BY** O'Neill, Algieri, Picard, Ciccone, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION REINSTATING AND EXTENDING THE COMMISSION LIFE AND AMENDING THE NAME OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE PURCHASE AND USE OF TEXTBOOKS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the legislative commission to study the purchase and use of textbooks.)

{LC292/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0071**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Entitles a surviving relative to receive a purple heart plate transfer upon the death of the recipient.)

{LC112/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 0072**BY** Ciccone, Satchell, Felag, Walaska, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY 25TH THROUGH JULY 31ST, 2015, TO BE "WATERWAY AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC310/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Michael Thomas, New England Board of Higher Education.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to Her Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

(See Appendix for List)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Miller announces that the Nurse Anesthetist Reception will meet today, at 5 o'clock P.M. at the Marriot Downtown Providence on Orms Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algiere and upon suggestion of Senator Sheehan the Senate adjourns at 4:36 o'clock P.M. in memory of the people of France who died in the tragic terrorist attacks in Paris, France.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR HANNA M. GALLO**

Dear Lord, as Senators we have great responsibility to our constituents. Help us to emulate your example of patience, respect, and kindness to all, as we strive to solve the problems, and improve the lives, of those we serve. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015:

- 1. 2015-S 0072**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY 25TH THROUGH JULY 31ST, 2015, TO BE "WATERWAY AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.