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Eighth 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 4:19 o'clock P.M.

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 Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, 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 – 1: Senator Ciccone.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

Senator Sosnowski from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Reappointment of Janet L. Coit, Director of the Department of Environmental Management.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Senator Pichardo from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 6 SUB A

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/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 0081

BY Sosnowski, Conley, Walaska, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - RENEWABLE ENERGY (Changes the date the public utilities would issue an order in the docket as well as the effective date of any new rates.)
{LC480/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0082

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Prohibits electric distribution companies from charging an interconnecting renewable energy customer for upgrades that can be funded through rates assessed pursuant to an electric infrastructure, safety and reliability plan.)

{LC105/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0083

BY Picard, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - LAUNDRIES
(Requires dry cleaners to post a list containing retail prices charged for each type of garment,
except garments requiring special handling or to display a printed flyer with prices in a
conspicuous place.)

{LC211/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0084

BY Felag, Ottiano, Jabour, Doyle, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS
(Allows school departments to store epinephrine injections for use on students on an emergency
basis.)

{LC611/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0085

(by request)

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS
(Gives school committee discretion to utilize school bus monitors.)

{LC208/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0086

BY Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS
(Prevents the disciplining of a school child for possession of a toy gun unless a reasonable person
could mistake the toy for a real gun.)

{LC170/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0087**BY** Satchell, Lombardi, Gallo, Miller, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - MAYORAL ACADEMIES (Provides that a mayoral academy charter school's application would not be approved by the board of education unless the school committee and the city or town council of each included municipality also supported the application.)

{LC502/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0088**BY** Lombardo, Archambault, Lombardi, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Prohibits the disposal of any recyclable materials and or waste in the central landfill.)

{LC596/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0089**BY** Sosnowski, Conley, Walaska, Miller, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Extends the 2004 Renewable Energy Standard Schedule Program, which required the suppliers of retail electricity to obtain minimum increasing amounts of renewable energy resources, beyond 2019 to 2035.)

{LC309/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0090**BY** Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - FRESHWATER FISHING (Permits fishing in trout waters at any time of year without seasonal restriction.)

{LC569/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0091**BY** Kettle, Morgan, Fogarty, Sosnowski, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - RAW MILK (Establishes procedures and standards promulgated by the milk commission for the handling and sale of raw milk in this state.)

{LC572/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0092

BY Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH INSURANCE - PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Would regulate providers of pharmacy services as to acceptance or denial of benefits, substitution of drugs, cost limitations, maximum allowable cost rates, grievance procedures and liability sharing requirements.)

{LC162/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0093

BY Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS TO BE LABELED (Facilitators accurate labeling for food produced or made in Rhode Island containing generally modified organisms. Requires the manufacturer to label items before putting them for sale in Rhode Island.)

{LC173/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0094

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS ACT OF 2015 (Establishes procedures for the licensing of naturopathic physicians, and defines the practice of naturopathic medicine. The practice of naturopathic medicine would be subject to oversight by the director of the Rhode Island department of health.)

{LC221/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0095

BY Lynch, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Walaska, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (Authorizes the department of BHDDH to certify recovery housing facilities and programs for substance abuse treatment. Also, after July 1, 2016, only certified recovery housing will be eligible to receive funding to deliver recovery housing services.)

{LC688/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0096**BY** Sheehan, Gee

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN (Ratifies the amendments to the North Kingstown town charter approved on November 4, 2014, to the extent such ratification is needed.)

{LC616/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0097**BY** Crowley, Jabour, Sosnowski, Metts, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES-HOMELESS SHELTERS (Establishes and promulgate regulations for the safe, effective, and proper operation of homeless shelters for individuals and families in the state.)

{LC518/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0098**BY** Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND (Ratifies the amendments to the Richmond town charter passed on November 4, 2014, to the extent such ratification is needed.)

{LC636/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0099**BY** Goldin, Pearson, Ottiano, DiPalma, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES (Extends low income childcare benefits indefinitely by repealing the June 30, 2015 sunset provision from the law.)

{LC667/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0100**BY** Pearson, Satchell, Conley, Ottiano, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION

{LC736/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0101

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX-
EXEMPTION FOR RETIREMENT INCOME (Exempts the first fifteen thousand dollars
(\$15,000) of personal income from a retirement plan from taxation.)

{LC299/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0102

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Changes the calculation of the permanent foundation education
aid to school districts and makes an adjustment based upon students residing in qualified low-
income housing.)

{LC213/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0103

BY Raptakis, Felag, Cote, Ottiano, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX AND
FRANCHISE TAX (Refunds a portion of the minimum tax paid to corporations whose gross
receipts are less than five hundred dollars (\$500), but never more than five hundred dollars (\$500)
minimum tax paid.)

{LC330/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0104

BY Picard, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - BUDGET COMMISSIONS
(Prohibits a budget commission from selecting hiring and/or firing specific city, town, educational,
police and/or fire district employees.)

{LC242/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0105**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION AND EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Eliminates provisions of §16-7-34.3 re: reimbursement by the state for conventional public housing students and adds language to §16-7.2-6 to provide permanent foundation education aid funding for services for students residing in such housing.)

{LC212/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0106**BY** Metts, Satchell, Crowley, Lombardi, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MICRO ZONE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT (Creates a economic stimulus program to encourage redevelopment of certain areas called micro zones.)

{LC484/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0107**BY** Raptakis, Jabour, Lombardo, Felag, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from taxes fuel oil, propane and natural gas from the sale, use or consumption for heating by commercial establishments.)

{LC329/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0108**BY** Raptakis, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - FIRE DISTRICTS LOCATED IN COVENTRY (Would gradually make fire districts in Coventry subject to the maximum levy.)

{LC142/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0109**BY** Walaska, Lynch, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT (Permits the Pontiac Mills site in Warwick to be approved as an enterprise zone.)

{LC154/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0110

BY Kettle, Ottiano, Gee, Algieri, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX AND FRANCHISE TAX (Repeals the minimum business tax for corporations including small business corporations having an election under subchapter S, 26 U.S.C. § 1361.)

{LC303/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0111

BY Kettle, Cote, Ottiano, Algieri, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts military pensions from the state income tax.)

{LC298/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0112

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permits a municipality, where there is a budget commission, to charge a tax of up to fifteen percent (15%) of the qualified low-income housing's current year's gross scheduled rent.)

{LC205/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0113

BY Sheehan, Raptakis, Felag, Walaska, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Suspends the imposition of the minimum business corporation tax of five hundred dollars (\$500) for a period of three (3) years from the date of its incorporation with the secretary of state.)

{LC555/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0114

BY Kettle, Fogarty, Pearson, DaPonte, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - INCOME TAX REFUNDS - STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Gives all state income tax return filers the option to have their tax refund directly deposited into their bank account.)

{LC571/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0115

BY Lombardo, Algiere, McCaffrey, Felag, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Excludes from the state income tax the amount resulting from the receipt of a veteran's disability pension from the United States government for a service-connected disability.)

{LC597/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0116

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- BUDGET COMMISSIONS (Provides that budget commission shall be appointed for a period of no longer than twenty-four (24) months, and further requires that the director of revenue seek general assembly approval for the reappointment of a budget commission.)

{LC447/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0117

BY Ciccone, Lombardi, Felag, Walaska, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Creates a road construction business economic hardship relief fund to be disbursed to businesses that have suffered economic harm as a result of the road construction denial of motor vehicle access to their businesses.)

{LC686/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0118

BY Lombardo, Archambault, Lombardi, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Increases the Resource Recovery Corporation tipping fee from three dollars (\$3.00) to five dollars (\$5.00) per vehicle to be paid to the town of Johnston on a biannual basis.)

{LC598/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0119

BY Lombardo, Archambault, Lombardi, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Mandates that the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation pay six million dollars to the Town of Johnston annually in addition to other fees established and enumerated.)

{LC599/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0120

BY Kettle, Cote, Morgan, Algiere, 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.)

{LC570/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0121

BY Satchell, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts qualifying business located within a MED zone in West Warwick from fifty percent (50%) of current sales and use tax for a period of ten (10) years.)

{LC627/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0122

BY Pearson, Satchell, Kettle, Picard, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Creates the Stay Invested in RI Tax Credit authorizing a tax credit against state personal income tax for up to ten (10) years after graduation from an institution of higher education, for graduates who reside and work in Rhode Island.)

{LC296/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0123**BY** Morgan, Ottiano, Raptakis, Archambault, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS AND INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE (Increases the penalties for criminal offenses involving the sex trafficking of a minor.)

{LC568/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0124**BY** Lynch, Gallo, Doyle, Sosnowski, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC BEACH SMOKING POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (This act would prohibit smoking on public beaches in the state of Rhode Island.)

{LC265/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0125**BY** Kettle, Morgan, Gee, Cote, O'Neill**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - SELECT COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE FAILURE OF PUBLIC LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAMS (Establishes a select commission to investigate the failure of public loan guarantee programs and prescribes its powers and duties.)

{LC301/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0126**BY** Goldin, Satchell, Lynch, Conley, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES (Creates a nondiscriminatory clause under the children's bill of rights for all children who are under the supervision of the department of children, youth, and families.)

{LC659/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0127**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Conley, Jabour, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS (Amends the penalties for driving with a suspended or expired license.)

{LC491/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0128**BY** Sheehan, Gee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thorr D. Bjorn to join Jeffrey A. Cammans and Courtney F. Findlen in marriage on or about May 23, 2015, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC614/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0129**BY** Raptakis, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DISORDERLY CONDUCT - UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC (Criminalizes and sets mandatory minimum sentences for the unlawful interference with traffic upon the federal and state highways of this state.)

{LC695/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0130**BY** Lynch, Gallo, Jabour, McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - CAUSES OF ACTION (This act would create a cause of action for employees who are discharged or otherwise sanctioned by an employer on account of being required to attend court or other hearing pursuant to a validly issued subpoena.)

{LC251/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0131**BY** Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

{LC485/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0132

BY Raptakis, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

(This act would increase the time convicted murderers must serve of their sentences before they are eligible for parole.)

{LC65/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0133

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT

(Requires retailers to examine photo identification cards to verify a buyer who presents an EBT card is the person entitled to use the card.)

{LC300/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0134

BY DiPalma, McCaffrey, Algieri, Coyne, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - IDENTITY THEFT

PROTECTION (Creates the Identify Theft Protection Act of 2015, to protect personal information from unauthorized access, use, modification, destruction or disclosure, and to preserve the confidentiality and integrity of such information.)

{LC486/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0135

BY Cote, Felag, Sheehan, Picard, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (Mandates that all non-governmental employers with three (3) or more employees apply and participate in the E-Verify program.)

{LC280/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0136**BY** Lombardi, Lombardo, Archambault, DiPalma, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - PAYMENT OF WAGES (Requires all violations relative to the payment of wages to be referred to the attorney general for prosecution.)

{LC450/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 0137**BY** Picard, Paiva Weed, Pearson**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO APPEAR JOINTLY ON THE BALLOT) (Would amend the constitution so that in the year 2018 and on candidates for the office of governor and lieutenant governor would form joint candidacies so that voters cast a single vote for a candidate for governor and lieutenant governor.)

{LC308/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0138**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Changes the currently observed date for Vietnam Veteran's Day from May 15 to March 29 every year.)

{LC663/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0139**BY** Jabour, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Doyle, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES (Permits class A liquor retail license holders to elect on four (4) occasions annually to serve unlimited samples of wine products which are available for purchase from the licensee's outlet.)

{LC621/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0140**BY** Cote, Felag, Pearson, Doyle, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (Creates a veteran's preference in the issuance of state contracts.)

{LC283/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 0141**BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF OSCAR GLIEBERMAN, M.D., A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

{LC626/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 0142**BY** Picard, Crowley, Cote, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, ENHANCING BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS, AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

{LC673/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 143**BY** Jabour, Picard, Felag, Ottiano, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS ON THEIR EXEMPLARY 2014-2015 NFL SEASON THUS FAR, AND WISHING THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN SUPER BOWL XLIX

{LC684/1}

Senator Jabour requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Jabour moves passage, seconded by Senators Archambault, Satchell, Lombardo, Algieri, Goodwin, Gallo, Crowley, McCaffrey, Walaska, Felag, Metts and Pearson.

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

YEAS- 37: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bates, Conley, Cool Rumsey, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Jabour and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Peter F. Neronha, United States Attorney for the State of Rhode Island.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 144

BY Gallo, Miller, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Provides that funding for kindergartens that have been converted from part-time to full-time beginning with the 2015-2016 school year would be fully funded beginning in fiscal year 2016.) {LC702/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2015-S 79

BY Metts

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO BE KNOWN AS "THE 1696 HISTORICAL COMMISSION" OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE UNITED STATES

2. 2015-S 80

BY O'Neill

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BRIAN SULLIVAN, POLICE CHIEF OF LINCOLN, RHODE ISLAND, ON BEING CHOSEN TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE RHODE ISLAND POLICE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 37: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, 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.

NAYS- 0:

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015:

1. Appointment of The Honorable Charles J. Fogarty, VICE Catherine Taylor Director of the Division of Elderly Affairs

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Senator Miller seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski and Walaska moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative and 2 Senators abstaining as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bates, Conley, Cool Rumsey, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

ABSTAINED- 2: Senators Fogarty and Goodwin.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the family of the newly appointed Director of the Division of Elderly Affairs the Honorable Charles J. Fogarty, Nancy Fogarty, sister-in-law and Brendon Fogarty and Daniel Fogarty, nephews.

CALENDAR

2. Reappointment of Colonel Steven G. O'Donnell, Director of the Department of Public Safety

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

Senator McCaffrey seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bates, Conley, Cool Rumsey, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

Senator DaPonte discusses the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 37: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bates, Conley, Cool Rumsey, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators McCaffrey and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber newly reappointed Director of the Department of Public Safety, Colonel Steven G. O'Donnell.

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 Jabour announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Nesselbush announces that a Joint Committee on Finance and Health and Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Kettle the Senate adjourns at 4:40 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JAMES E. DOYLE, II

Almighty God, we ask today that You help us to live wisely, to fight for justice and truth, and to always try to live up to the expectations of our constituents. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015:

1. **2015-S 141**
 BY Goldin
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF OSCAR GLIEBERMAN, M.D., A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2015-S 142**
 BY Picard
 ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
 THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, ENHANCING BILATERAL
 TRADE RELATIONS, AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL
 COMMUNITY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015:****1. Reappointment of Janet L. Coit, Director of the Department of Environmental Management**

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

**2. 2015-S 6 SUB A
BY O'Neill**

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD

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