

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Fourteenth Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:26 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 33 Senators present and 5 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 33: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 5: Senators Conley, Gallo, Goodwin, Metts, Ruggerio.

**INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

February 10, 2015

The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed  
President of the Senate  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street, Room 318  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate Sessions on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Harold M. Metts  
Senator District # 6

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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President of the Senate  
State House Room 318  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Maryellen Goodwin  
Senate Majority Whip

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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STATE HOUSE**

February 10, 2015

The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed  
President of the Senate  
State House Room 318  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Wednesday, February 11, and Thursday, February 12, 2015.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Dominick J. Ruggerio  
Senate Majority Leader

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Senator McCaffrey from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 52**

**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 be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 60**

**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 be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 61**

**BY** Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Donato T. DiGenova to join Kayla Rose Mineau and David Daniel Kurtz in marriage on or about August 15, 2015, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.)

{LC313/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 128**

**BY** Sheehan, Gee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thor 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 be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 131**

**BY** Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Steven M. Bailey to join Eric P. Anderson and Brandi S. Layfield in marriage on or about March 5, 2015, within the Town of Smithfield, Rhode Island.)

{LC485/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 176**

**BY** Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Rene Perreault, Jr., to join Keri Lyn Evans and Michael Alex Camera in marriage on or about May 1, 2015, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

{LC249/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON RULES**

Senator Lynch from the Committee on Rules, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

**Senate Resolution No. 150**

**BY** Lynch, Archambault, Ottiano, McCaffrey, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE  
{LC877/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 198**

**BY** Pichardo, Paiva Weed, Algieri, Satchell

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 11TH OF 2015 TO BE  
UNITED WAY 2-1-1 DAY IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC1071/1}

Senator Pichardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri and Satchell.

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

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber from the United Way 2-1-1, Paola Fernandez, Courtney Smith, Amanda and Selele.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Bill No. 199**

**BY** Miller, Sosnowski, Metts, Pichardo, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Allows the department of human services to use low-income home energy assistance funds throughout the calendar year, establishes an arrearage program and requires the PUC to conduct a review of programs impacting low-income ratepayers.)  
{LC874/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 200****BY** Kettle, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES - PRODUCE SCALES IN MARKETS (Requires sealers appointed by the state and city or town receive the same fees.)  
{LC998/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 201****BY** DiPalma, Lombardi, O'Neill, Morgan, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' TENURE -- HEARINGS (Provides that teacher dismissal cases may be heard by less than an entire school board.)  
{LC1048/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 202****BY** Gallo, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Lynch**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FUNDING OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Changes the method in determining the local share of the per pupil amount for each student attending the charter public school and local district payments to charter public schools would be made at the end of school quarter.)  
{LC852/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 203****BY** Sosnowski, Sheehan, Archambault, Fogarty, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - VETERINARY PRACTICE (Allows non-veterinarians to perform certain husbandry procedures that are commonly performed by owners of animal pets and livestock.)  
{LC833/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 204**

(by request)

**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - PERMIT PROGRAM FOR CATS (Requires owners of cats to have the cat licensed, collared and inoculated or be subject to fines.)  
{LC952/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 205**

**BY** Sosnowski, Sheehan, Archambault, Fogarty, Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- LIVESTOCK DEALERS (Repeals the statutory requirement that livestock dealers have a DEM-issued license plate, and requires livestock dealers to care for animals in their custody according to standards adopted by the RI livestock welfare and care standards advisory council.)

{LC844/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 206**

**BY** Walaska, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PROPER MANAGEMENT OF UNUSED PAINT (Exempts latex paint sold on or after January 1, 2016 from fee assessment imposed under the paint stewardship program.)

{LC71/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 207**

**BY** Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRED HYDRONIC HEATERS (Regulates the sale and installation of outdoor wood-fired hydronic heaters.)

{LC150/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 208**

**BY** McCaffrey, Walaska, Lynch

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- THE PERMANENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING ACT (Extends the sunset provision of The Permanent Air Quality Monitoring Act from July 31, 2015 to July 31, 2017.)

{LC1143/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 209****BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - CIGARETTE TAX-MINIMUM PRICE OF CIGARETTES (Reduces the cigarette tax by fifty cents (\$0.50) per pack and requires a fifteen percent (15%) minimum markup be added to the total cost of cigarettes sold by retailers.)

{LC806/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 210****BY** Fogarty, Pearson, Felag, McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts from personal income tax various types of retirement income.)

{LC747/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 211****BY** Gallo, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Lynch**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in values of motorcycles from sales taxes retroactive to January 1, 2015.)

{LC850/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 212****BY** Gallo, Ruggerio, Lynch**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - FACILITY AND IMAGING SURCHARGES (Exempts medical supplies from the outpatient health care facility surcharge and the imaging services surcharge and reduces the surcharge from two percent (2%) to one percent (1%) over two (2) years.)

{LC848/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 213****BY** Felag, Walaska, Jabour, Ciccone, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts purchases for telecommunication service purposes from sales and use taxes.)

{LC1036/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.



Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 214**

**BY** Doyle, Lynch, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$15,000,000 FOR SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

{LC781/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 215**

**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Pichardo, Sheehan, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Expands the definition of food and food ingredients for purposes of title 44 to include seeds and plants used to grow food and food ingredients.)

{LC665/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 216**

**BY** Sosnowski, Kettle, Morgan, Pichardo, Crowley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES TAX (Eliminates the sales tax on taxi services.)

{LC662/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 217**

**BY** Sosnowski, DiPalma, Kettle, Crowley, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Repeals the sales tax on pet care services.)

{LC674/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 218**

**BY** Archambault, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Increases the tax exemption for a war veteran in the town of Smithfield from four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).)

{LC661/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 219****BY** DaPonte, Felag, DiPalma, Lombardo, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Defines as "disabled," persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government for purposes of property tax relief.)

{LC838/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 220****BY** Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides for a capital gains tax exemption with respect to investments made in Rhode Island businesses, provided certain conditions are met.)

{LC148/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 221****BY** Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Repeals the sales tax on pet care services.)

{LC172/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 222****BY** Sheehan, Felag, McCaffrey, Walaska, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - RHODE ISLAND NEW QUALIFIED JOBS INCENTIVE ACT OF 2015 (Creates a financial incentive for business entities to create new jobs by offering a business tax reduction.)

{LC802/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 223****BY** Walaska, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE ACT (Establishes procedures that would reduce the state's correctional inmate healthcare costs.)

{LC153/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 224**

**BY** Archambault, O'Neill, Ottiano, DaPonte, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - START-UP RHODE ISLAND TAX FREE ZONE PROGRAM (Establishes the "Start-Up Rhode Island Act" to allow for the establishment of certain tax free zones in the state.)

{LC498/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 225**

**BY** Walaska, McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS (Reduces inmate healthcare costs by billing Medicaid for eligible inpatient hospitals and professional services.)

{LC151/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 226**

**BY** Sheehan, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Gee, Algiere

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - USER FEES (Increases the percentage of state beach fees payable to the city or town where the facility is located from sixteen percent (16%) to twenty percent (20%).) {LC1198/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 227**

**BY** Crowley, Nesselbush, Picard, Metts, Satchell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ELIMINATION (Provides a six thousand dollar (\$6,000) state funded exemption to the motor vehicle excise tax for residents of distressed communities beginning in fiscal year 2017.)

{LC1046/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 228**

**BY** Walaska, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES (Amends the law on state purchases so that when the chief purchasing officer determines an allowable cost it would include the cost of labor and benefits of programs mandated by a worker's compensation insurer.) {LC164/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 229**

**BY** Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION ACT OF 2004 (Eliminates the exemption from bonding requirements for professional employer organizations that have been certified by the division of taxation for at least two (2) years.)

{LC152/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 230**

**BY** Archambault, O'Neill, Ottiano, DiPalma, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Changes the minimum corporate tax by calculating the tax based on gross income.)

{LC494/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 231**

**BY** Miller, Crowley, Ottiano, Sheehan, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RHODE ISLAND INFORMATION EXCHANGE ACT OF 2008 (Requires HIE advisory commission with making strategic plan/recommendations to department of health for standards/infrastructure for EHR systems interoperability.)

{LC1218/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 232**

**BY** Nesselbush, Lombardo, Crowley, Sosnowski, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (Authorizes the practice of "public health hygienists" who would be authorized to perform certain dental services in a public health setting.)

{LC1152/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 233****BY** Miller, Goldin, Sosnowski, Sheehan, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- INSURANCE BENEFITS (Provides state college or university adjunct faculty members teaching at least 50% of hours regularly worked by full-time faculty be eligible for same state hospital care and suggested surgical-medical service as other state employees.)

{LC908/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 234****BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - THE HEALING ART OF ACUPUNCTURE (Includes the term Oriental medicine in defining the scope and technique of acupuncture.)

{LC983/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 235****BY** Archambault, Sheehan, Ottiano, Nesselbush, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS (Requires nonprofit dental service plan providers to provide notice of any changes relating to coverage to all plan purchasers purchasing dental services for employees under a group or individual policy contract or health benefit plan.)

{LC492/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 236****BY** Doyle, Sosnowski, Ottiano, Miller, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - RARE DISEASE COMMUNITY SUPPORT, RESOURCE COORDINATION, AND QUALITY OF LIFE ACT OF 2015 (Establishes the Rhode Island Rare Disease Community Advisory Council.)

{LC466/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 237****BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN (Ratifies the amendment to the Middletown town charter passed on November 4, 2014.)

{LC935/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 238****BY** Walaska, Felag, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Increases the interval of time within which a municipality must conduct an update of its last real property revaluation.)

{LC149/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 239****BY** Metts, Crowley, Jabour, Nesselbush, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Requires persons in government custody use actual residence for census and redistricting purposes as determined by department of corrections and secretary of state.)

{LC817/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 240****BY** Raptakis, Sosnowski, Walaska, Algiere, Ottiano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES - VIOLATIONS (Mandates that the police confiscate the license plates from a vehicle when making an arrest for operating on a suspended license due to a conviction for DUI or breathalyzer refusal.)

{LC770/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 241****BY** Felag, Ciccone, Pichardo, DiPalma, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT (Adds military status discrimination as an unlawful housing practice.)

{LC1102/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 242**

**BY** Raptakis, O'Neill, Cote, Walaska, Sheehan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Requires the joint committee on legislative services to make the record of the votes of the general assembly available to the public and the secretary of state electronically within thirty (30) minutes of the casting of said vote.)

{LC772/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 243**

**BY** Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Mark A. Hodgkin to join Christine LaFrance and Raymond Farnsworth in marriage on or about June 20, 2015, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC1219/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 244**

**BY** Sheehan, Cote, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Travis Allen Ward to join Julianne Marie Forchione and James Ernest Joly in marriage on or about June 6, 2015, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

{LC1269/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 245**

**BY** Jabour, Crowley, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - MERIT SYSTEM (Allows a classified employee to run and hold elective state office.)

{LC927/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 246**

**BY** Sosnowski, Sheehan, Nesselbush, Crowley, Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Provides a penalty for failing to exercise due care to avoid colliding with a vulnerable road user. {LC889/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 247**

**BY** Raptakis, Sosnowski, Walaska, Algiere, Ottiano

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Amends the penalties for certain drunk driving offenses.)

{LC771/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 248**

**BY** Metts, Doyle, Crowley, Sosnowski, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES - SCHOOL BUS DRIVER ANNUAL TRAINING (Requires that school bus drivers' annual training include the national highway traffic safety administration's school bus driver in-service training series.)

{LC810/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 249**

**BY** Doyle, McCaffrey, Lynch, Jabour, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW - PAROLE BOARD (Requires that parole board members serve no more than three (3) terms.)

{LC467/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 250**

**BY** Gallo, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Lynch

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Requires persons seeking a Rhode Island driver's license to complete a minimum of six (6) hours of over-the-road driver's training from a licensed driver's training school within this state.) {LC847/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 251**

**BY** Doyle, McCaffrey, Lynch, Jabour, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW - PAROLE BOARD (Requires parole board members be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.)

{LC469/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.



Also:

**Senate Bill No. 252**

**BY** Ciccone, Kettle, Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY (Changes the maximum size of shotgun shells a person may have in his or her possession while hunting from a number two (no. 2) shot to a 00 ("double-aught") shot.)  
{LC680/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 253**

**BY** Walaska, Ciccone, McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Creates an animal abuser registry and would provide for penalties for failure to register.) {LC163/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 254**

**BY** Sosnowski, Lynch, Crowley, Miller, Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Authorizes police officers to provide a verbal warning to a person who is smoking in a vehicle containing a child who is restrained or required to be restrained.)  
{LC656/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 255**

**BY** Crowley, Lombardo, Sosnowski, Jabour, Ottiano

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (Makes the possession of an alcohol without liquid device a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment.)  
{LC829/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 256**

**BY** Raptakis, Cote, O'Neill, Ottiano, McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows a voter to change their party affiliation on or before the twenty-ninth (29th) day preceding any primary election for which the voter is eligible.)  
{LC333/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 257**

**BY** Conley, Goldin, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES (Directs the department of administration to adopt regulations granting preference in awarding of state contracts to businesses whose highest paid executive receives compensation equal to or less than 25 times the median pay of its non-executive employees.)

{LC690/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 258**

**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, DiPalma, Ciccone, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Allows police/animal control officer to hold animal up to 72 hours pending court hearing as to costs, fees, charges, surrender of ownership.)

{LC1033/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 259**

**BY** Metts, Pichardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- IMMIGRATION STATUS (Prohibits a landlord from asking about the immigration status of a prospective tenant.)

{LC816/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 260**

(by request)

**BY** Sosnowski, Gee, Sheehan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- LEFT TURN PENALTIES (Increases the penalties for illegal left turns that occur on Route 1 in North and South Kingstown.)

{LC905/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 261****BY** Metts, Ciccone, Archambault, Jabour, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - EXPUNGEMENT (Permits individuals convicted of between one and six misdemeanors to get those convictions expunged after ten years from the date of their last conviction. Certain exceptions (domestic violence, DUI/Refusal) would apply.)

{LC813/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 262****BY** Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - ATTORNEY'S FEES (Authorizes a court, in a breach of contract lawsuit, to award attorney's fees to the successful defendant.)

{LC165/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 263****BY** Sosnowski, Kettle, Sheehan, Archambault, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - TRESPASS AND ACTIONS FOR POSSESSION (Creates a cause of action against encroacher of open space land or conservation easements.)

{LC660/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 264****BY** Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CRIMINAL INTENT (Requires each element of a criminal offense be considered proven only after criminal intent is established.)

{LC169/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 265****BY** Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - NONTRANSPARENT WINDSHIELDS AND WINDOWS (Increases the allowable window tinting on the side and rear windows of a motor vehicle.) {LC79/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 266**

**BY** Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS (Requires a notice and opportunity to be heard by the  
public with regard to the permitting of wastewater treatment facilities.)  
{LC171/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 267**

**BY** Sosnowski, Lombardo, Crowley, Miller, Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOBILE  
TELEPHONE USE (Prohibits the use of a non-hands-free personal wireless communication  
device while operating a motor vehicle, except for public safety personnel or in an emergency  
situation, and provides for monetary fines for violations.)  
{LC670/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 268**

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Rita  
Brant to join Kristine Alvanas and Brian Kearns in marriage on or about September 18, 2015,  
within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)  
{LC955/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 269**

**BY** Metts, Pichardo, Jabour, Miller, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -  
COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY - POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015 (Requires all  
police departments to submit annual reports to the office of highway safety regarding racial  
disparities in traffic stops.)  
{LC811/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 270****BY** Metts, McCaffrey, Ciccone, Ruggerio, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE - LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS (Requires that legally appointed guardians, whether temporary or permanent, file for their ward, a durable power of attorney for health care and/or a living will within thirty (30) days of appointment and to adhere to the expressed wishes of their ward.) {LC812/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 271****BY** Fogarty, Ciccone, Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HOISTING ENGINEERS (Increases the fines for violations of chapters regulating hoisting engineers.) {LC947/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 272****BY** Raptakis, McCaffrey, Ciccone, Lombardi, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MINIMUM WAGES (Increases the minimum hourly wage annually commencing on January 1, 2016 using the Consumer Price Index, but in no case by more than fifty cents (\$.50).) {LC988/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 273****BY** Doyle, Fogarty, Picard, Lombardo, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY (Requires the director of labor and training to consider representatives from industries participating in non-trade apprenticeship programs when making appointments to the apprenticeship council.) {LC473/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 274****BY** Nesselbush, Fogarty, Miller, Walaska, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WAGES (Gives employees several enhanced ways to help them collect their wages from nonpaying employers, set forth penalties for nonpayment of wages by an employer, and implements the procedure to be followed for filing of claims.) {LC699/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 275**

**BY** Fogarty, Ciccone, Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - INJURED AIRPORT FIREFIGHTERS (Entitles the Rhode Island airport corporation rescue, firefighters, and the executive military staff to obtain injured in the line of duty benefits.)

{LC945/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 276**

**BY** Gallo, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Lynch

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Prohibits employers from discriminating against employees due to pregnancy or medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth.)

{LC851/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 277**

**BY** Doyle, Ciccone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--BENEFITS (Increases the spendable base wage calculation from seventy-five percent (75%) to eighty-five percent (85%) under the workers' compensation law and makes additional changes relating to partial incapacity.)

{LC756/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 278**

**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Ciccone, Lombardo, McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - ELECTRICIANS (Increases the administrative penalties for violations determined by the board of examiners of electricians.)

{LC512/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 279****BY** Goldin, Miller, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION STRONGLY CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITIC ACTS

{LC1246/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 280****BY** Ciccone, McCaffrey, Felag, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- OUTDOOR ADVERTISING (Allows a change in outdoor advertisement copy by means of trivision technology or other equivalent technology without approval by the department of transportation or the federal highway administration.)

{LC1253/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 281****BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS - ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Provides an exemption to the access to public records law for winners of lottery prizes.)

{LC618/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 282****BY** Fogarty, Nesselbush, Miller, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- RENAMING BRIDGE #672 LOCATED ON ROUTE 102 AND BRANCH AVENUE IN THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE (Names bridge #672 in the town of Burrillville as "The PFC Allen B. McCutcheon and PFC James A. Blanchard Memorial Bridge.)

{LC948/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 283****BY** Walaska, Felag, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- VETERAN COURTESY REGISTRATION PLATE (Permits a courtesy plate to be issued on the "veteran" plate design.)

{LC72/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 284**

**BY** Fogarty, Doyle, Felag, McCaffrey, Lombardi

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

(Provides that on and after 7/1/15, any city or town council would have the authority to exempt said city or town from the prohibition against the issuance of certain alcoholic beverage licenses within 200' feet of a school or place of public worship.)

{LC800/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 285**

**BY** Felag, Ciccone, Walaska, Pichardo, Doyle

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

DESIGNATION ON OPERATOR LICENSE (Requires retail establishments within the state

offering a veteran's preference or discount to honor the Rhode Island operator's license designation as proof of military service.)

{LC949/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 286**

**BY** DiPalma, Nesselbush, Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING

AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Reduces the licensing fee to \$500 for any distillery producing less than 50,000 gallons per year and grants a tax exemption to distilleries doing business in RI for at least 12 months.)

{LC821/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 287**

**BY** Sosnowski, Miller, Crowley, Nesselbush, Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND

WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Repeals the Rhode Island parimutuel facilities exemption to the public health and workplace safety act thereby banning smoking at Twin River Casino and Newport Grand.)

{LC634/1}

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

Also:



**Senate Bill No. 288****BY** Gallo, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Lynch**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (Allows college or universities that offers driver retraining courses to determine tuition rate.)

{LC849/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 289****BY** Ottiano, DiPalma, Lynch, Miller**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATES FOR THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DISABILITIES COUNCIL EXAMINE AND REFINE ITS CURRENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES (Extends the reporting dates for the Joint Resolutions respectfully requesting the Rhode Island Disabilities Council to examine and refine its current policies and practices from January 5, 2015, to April 10, 2015.)

{LC934/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 290****BY** Miller, Conley**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CHALLENGES FACING COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE REDEVELOPMENT OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN RHODE ISLAND (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study challenges facing commercial development and the redevelopment of historic buildings from February 15, 2015 to March 31, 2015, and would expire on June 30, 2015.)

{LC1111/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Senator McCaffrey from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

**House Bill No. 5300****BY** Costa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Doreen Costa to join Michael James McCabe, Jr., and Mary Ann O'Sullivan in marriage on or about February 21, 2015, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC1000/1}

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch and Lombardo.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 33: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

### FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

#### **House Bill No. 5008**

**BY** Ruggiero

**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

{LC287/1}

Senator DaPonte requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DaPonte moves passage, seconded by Senators DiPalma, Pearson and Felag.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 33: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

### CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

**1. 2015-H 5004 SUB A**

**BY** Newberry

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

Upon motion of Deputy Majority Whip Lombardo, seconded by Senator Algieri, the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 33: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

### CALENDAR

**1. Appointment of Scott R. Jensen VICE the Honorable Charles J. Fogarty Director of the Department of Labor and Training**

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

Senator Fogarty seconded by Senators DiPalma, Archambault, Lombardi, Walaska, Pichardo, Nesselbush, Crowley, Picard, Lynch and Algieri 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 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 33: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

### GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Fogarty and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber newly appointed Director of the Department of Labor and Training, Scott Jensen, along with Matt Weldon.

### 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 Sosnowski announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Crowley announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Lombardo reminds the Chamber that the introduction of bills deadline is tomorrow, Thursday, February 12, 2015.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Deputy Majority Whip Lombardo seconded by Senator Algieri the Senate adjourns at 4:40 o'clock P.M.

**JOSEPH R. BRADY**  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR MICHAEL J. MCCAFFREY**

Dear God, we ask that you be with us today in our thoughts and actions as we try to work for the benefit of all our constituents. Amen.

**Appendix****CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015:**

1.     **2015-S 289**  
       **BY** Ottiano  
       **ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATES FOR  
       THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND  
       DISABILITIES COUNCIL EXAMINE AND REFINE ITS CURRENT POLICIES AND  
       PRACTICES

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2.     **2015-S 290**  
       **BY** Miller  
       **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND  
       EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY  
       THE CHALLENGES FACING COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE  
       REDEVELOPMENT OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3.     **2015-S 52**  
       **BY** Nesselbush  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4.     **2015-S 60**  
       **BY** Ottiano  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

5.     **2015-S 61**  
       **BY** Algieri  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

6.     **2015-S 128**  
       **BY** Sheehan  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7.     **2015-S 131**  
       **BY** Archambault  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

8.     **2015-S 176**  
       **BY** Goodwin  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**Appendix****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015:****1. 2015-S 22****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

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**2. 2015-S 28****BY** Raptakis

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

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015:****1. 2015-S 150****BY** Lynch

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE

Committee on Rules recommends passage.



**Appendix****BILLS TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR****House Bill No. 5004 SUB A****BY** Newberry

**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 provides for the town charter's amendment to be applicable to state law relative to school committee composition, election and terms of members.)

{LC37/A/1}

**House Bill No. 5008****BY** Ruggiero

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{LC287/1}

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