

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Nineteenth 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 4:22 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 31 Senators present and 7 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 31: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Walaska.

ABSENT – 7: Senators Coyne, Crowley, Doyle, Gallo, Lynch, Satchell, Sosnowski.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Goldin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Pat Sapinsley, daughter of former State Senator Lila Sapinsely.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

March 3, 2015

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

Dear Madam President,

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend the Senate Session this week, March 3, 4, and 5 due to the passing of my father, Everett M. Armour.

Sincerely,

Cynthia A. Coyne
Senator-District 32

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

March 3, 2015

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

Dear President Paiva Weed:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley
Senate District 16

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

March 3, 2015

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

Dear President Paiva Weed:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to personal reasons, I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Adam J. Satchell
Senate District 09

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

March 3, 2015

Mr. Joseph R. Brady
Secretary of the Senate
State House, Room 145
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that the following bill be withdrawn at the sponsor's request.

The legislation I would like to have withdrawn is 2015 Senate Bill S-0507 which has been assigned to the Judiciary Committee. I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Senator William A. Walaska
Senate District 30

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

March 2, 2015

Mr. Joseph Brady
Secretary of the Senate
145 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Brady:

Pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Senate Rules, I am writing to ask you to please remove my name from Senate bill S-0377, An Act Relating to Taxation-Sales and Use Taxes-Liability and Computation.

If you have any questions or if you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley
Senate District

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

March 3, 2015
Joseph Brady
Secretary of the Senate
145 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Brady:

I would like to respectfully request the withdrawal of 2015-S-204, An Act Relating to Animals and Animal Husbandry-Permit Program for Cats, at my request. This bill has been referred to the Senate Environment and Agriculture Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Walter S. Felag, Jr.
Senator, District 10

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5098**BY** Giarrusso

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF EAST GREENWICH CITIZENS WHO CARE
{LC528/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 5080**BY** Canario, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LOULOU'S DECOR, INC.
{LC189/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 5199**BY** Ruggiero, Blazejewski, Handy, Marshall, Canario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - THE RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM (Makes changes in the timetable for public utilities commission review of electricity distribution rates under the Renewable Energy Growth Program.)
{LC493/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

House Bill No. 5287**BY** Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (This act would allow Robert Elmer to join Lauren Ellen Regan and David Gregory Tuttle in marriage on or about March 27, 2015, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.)
{LC937/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

House Bill No. 5286**BY** DeSimone, Palangio, O'Brien, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Michael Narducci to join Nicole Narducci and Ian Klebauskas in marriage on or about October 17, 2015, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)
{LC926/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

House Bill No. 5312**BY** Maldonado, McLaughlin, Fogarty, Tobon, Regunberg**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.))
{LC532/1}

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

Also:

House Resolution No. 5494**BY** Barros, Abney, Almeida, Tobon, Kazarian**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
{LC825/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Senator Miller from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Appointment of Maria Montanaro VICE Craig S. Stenning Director of the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 5048**BY** Malik, Marshall

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Matthew Ryan Hozempa to join Tracey Juliette Canario and Joseph Cruz, IV in marriage on April 11, 2015, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

{LC34/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 5184**BY** Craven

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.)

{LC613/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 5183**BY** Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow Christine Mitchell to join Michelle Melendy and Ben Albert in marriage on or about April 23, 2016, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island)

{LC710/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 5095**BY** Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows The Honorable Kenneth Shluger to join Steven D. Zuboff and Karen L. Shaw in marriage on or about May 30, 2015, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.)

{LC519/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 5094**BY** Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Robert Elmer to join Adam Tucker Young and Elizabeth Elmer in marriage on or about March 21, 2015, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.)

{LC423/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 535**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS (Allows self service gas stations to use delivery nozzles with latch-open device when equipped with safeguards.)

{LC2012/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 536**BY** McCaffrey, Conley, Nesselbush, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES - REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires electric and gas companies that require security deposit or escrow accounts from commercial or industrial customers to deposit such funds in a separate interest bearing account for the benefit of the customer.)

{LC68/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 537**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch, Ciccone, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES-WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (Authorizes connection to existing sanitary sewer lines from facilities across city and town lines under certain circumstances.)

{LC1521/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 538

(by request)

BY DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS - MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM (Authorizes the Middletown school committee to review and approve paid advertising and business sponsorship opportunities that use or may be located on school district property.)

{LC1839/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 539**BY** Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Miller, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING, REUSE, AND DISPOSAL OF MATTRESSES (Clarifies the definition of "mattress" in the "Responsible Recycling, Reuse, and Disposal of Mattresses Act".)
{LC1894/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 540**BY** McCaffrey, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Requires the state and municipalities to award bids for purchases of goods or services to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder whose bid is the lowest price.)
{LC919/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 541

(by request)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY -- DEBT MANAGEMENT
{LC1560/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 542**BY** Felag, Walaska, McCaffrey, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Creates a Rhode Island income tax deduction for medical expenses.)
{LC2010/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 543

(by request)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY BONDS (Authorizes the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority to include language establishing the rights of the holders with any agreement it makes with the holders of bonds or notes issued by it.)
{LC1813/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 544

BY Ruggerio, Pearson, Miller, Lombardi, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Creates a Rhode Island income tax deduction for medical and dental expenses not covered by insurance, provided the taxpayer qualifies for the deduction under federal law (26 U.S.C. 213).)
{LC1948/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 545

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT SECURITY ACT FOR LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PENSION FUNDS (Requires municipalities to include a 20 year amortization schedule with its annual report every 3 years and provides an alternative funding critical status funding plan to state officials.)
{LC1869/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 546

BY McCaffrey, Conley, Lombardi, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS - TAXATION (Repeals the five hundred dollar (\$500) minimum tax on corporations, limited liability companies and limited partnerships.)
{LC913/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 547

BY DiPalma, Ottiano, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR FUEL TAX (Amends the definition of "manufactured biodiesel fuel" to include both in-state and out-of-state use for motor fuel tax purposes.)
{LC1674/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 548**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi, Conley, Nesselbush, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts income attributable to the recovery during the tax year of any amount deducted in any prior tax year from state income tax.)

{LC921/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 549**BY** Nesselbush, Miller, Fogarty, Lombardi, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED RAW AND PACKAGED FOOD PRODUCTS (Requires that all genetically engineered food offered for retail sale in this state contain a label with the disclosure that the food is genetically engineered food.)

{LC1237/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 550**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch, Walaska, Ciccone, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Determines reimbursement rates for medical records copies from health care providers.)

{LC1388/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 551**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- LONG-TERM MANAGED CARE ARRANGEMENTS (Provides a payment methodology for managed care organizations engaged in a dual demonstration project providing post-acute skilled and rehabilitative care or long-term chronic care.)

{LC1373/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 552**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO EXAMINE THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN RHODE ISLAND
{LC2005/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 553**BY** DiPalma, Goldin, Ottiano, Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT CONVENE A TASK FORCE WITH THE GOAL OF FOCUSING ON IMPROVING COURT SCHEDULING, PLACEMENT DECISION-MAKING, AND INFORMATION SHARING FOR CHILDREN IN STATE CARE
{LC1312/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 554**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch, Walaska, Ciccone, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS (Provides appeal rights to patients being discharged for nonpayment of charges.)

{LC1552/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 555**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SELF-INSURANCE OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AGENCIES (Authorizes operators of developmental disability agencies acting as a group, to self-insure healthcare costs for employees, retirees and other beneficiaries, and allows a qualified third-party administrator to administer said program.)

{LC2013/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 556

(Attorney General)

BY Nesselbush, Lombardi, Pichardo, Ottiano, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - CATASTROPHIC HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN ACT (Requires a public hearing for all insurers or health maintenance organizations who propose rates for health insurance coverage in the individual market.)

{LC962/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 557**BY** Nesselbush, Walaska, Miller, Fogarty, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED RAW AND PACKAGED FOOD PRODUCTS (Requires that all genetically engineered food offered for retail sale in this state contain a label with the disclosure that the food is genetically engineered food.)

{LC1238/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 558**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch, Walaska, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - RHODE ISLAND DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ACT (Imposes moratorium on assessment/collection of impact fees on public facility projects for 36 months or until statewide single family permits exceed 1,500 units.)

{LC1372/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 559**BY** McCaffrey, Conley, Lombardi, Lynch, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Exempts from taxation residential property developments not completed or, if completed, not sold and occupied. This exemption does not affect taxes on common areas for residential condominiums.)

{LC1002/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 560**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch, Walaska, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE
(Establishes a formula for the assessment of municipal construction permit fees.)
{LC1370/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 561**BY** Gee, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME
RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH (Ratifies the amendments to the
East Greenwich town charter approved on November 2, 2010 and November 4, 2014, to the extent
such ratification is needed.)
{LC1890/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 562**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
LOCAL TAXES (Permits a municipality, where twelve percent (12%) of the housing in a
municipality qualifies for low-income housing, to charge based on the current year's gross
scheduled rent.)
{LC209/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 563**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -
PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Limits the temporary detention at, or commitment to, the
training school of a juvenile twelve (12) years of age or younger to situations in which that
juvenile has been charged with or found delinquent of committing an offense involving murder.)
{LC1678/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 564**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Abrogates the immunity of a physician or optometrist for failure to report a physical or mental condition which would impair a person's ability to operate a motor vehicle to the motor vehicle advisory board within the division of motor vehicles.)

{LC1380/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 565

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Lombardo, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - COMPUTER CRIME

(Provides that "conduct" for the purposes of cyberstalking would be defined as "a single act which causes a person to be repeatedly contacted by others or two (2) or more acts over a period of time, evidencing a continuity of purpose.)

{LC974/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 566

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Lombardo, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CRIME AGAINST THE

PUBLIC TRUST (Establishes crimes against the public trust and criminal penalties and civil damages for illegal trust offenses. It would set a 10 year criminal statute of limitations and provide for possible pension revocation or reduction for any job-related felony.)

{LC961/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 567

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Algieri, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - COMPUTER CRIME

(Prohibits the unauthorized and intentional access of another's computer with the intent to view confidential information. Violators would be guilty of a felony and subject to imprisonment for up to 5 years and a fine of not more than \$5,000.)

{LC1056/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 568

BY McCaffrey, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAX SALES (Provides for the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation to give thirty (30) days to parties of interest that the property tax was paid and a tax lien is acquired.)

{LC1621/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 569

(by request)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Provides notice to grandparents when paternal rights are terminated.)

{LC1501/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 570

(by request)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Imposes upon toll violators and evaders an increase in the administrative fees from \$6.00 up to \$75 for untimely payment of tolls, loss of license, fine of \$500, and inability to renew driver's license and/or vehicle registrations.)

{LC1263/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 571

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Lombardo, Algiere

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REPORTING OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE VENDORS (Prohibits state vendors from making political contributions to candidates for the office responsible for awarding those state vendor contracts.)

{LC1014/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 572**BY** McCaffrey, Miller, Nesselbush, Walaska, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Mandates the development of a transition plan by the DCYF and DBHDDH for all children under the jurisdiction of the family court who are developmentally delayed or seriously emotionally disturbed prior to the child turning age 21.)
{LC1671/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 573**BY** Ciccone, McCaffrey, Raptakis, Lombardi, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - COMPLIANCE OF HEALTH BENEFIT CONTRACTS AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH FEDERAL LAW (Provides that persons and small businesses purchasing coverage through the health benefit exchange shall have the option of purchasing at least one plan that excludes coverage for induced abortions.)
{LC1101/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 574**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - POST CONVICTION REMEDY (This act would remove the requirement that a person convicted of and sentenced for a crime be presently serving an initial term of imprisonment prior to requesting forensic DNA testing.)
{LC115/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 575**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS--LIABILITY LIMITATIONS (Changes the definition of "owner" to exclude the state and municipalities for the purposes of liability limitations relating to public use of private lands.)
{LC1385/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 576**BY** McCaffrey, Nesselbush, Lombardi, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT (Broadens the immunity from prosecution under the Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Act and would eliminate the sunset provision.)
{LC1112/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 577**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - CONTRIBUTION AMONG JOINT TORTFEASORS (Provides that an original tortfeasor is liable for a victim's enhanced injury from negligent third party treatment, subject to a right of contribution against a subsequent third person for the amount of the negligently enhanced injury.)
{LC1367/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 578

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Lombardo, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT PROGRAM (Requires registration of those individuals who provide personal care assistant services to a consumer.)
{LC1010/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 579**BY** Nesselbush, Doyle, Lombardi, Raptakis, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PUBLIC RECORDS--RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS (Makes a public record of a list sent by the department of corrections to the secretary of state containing information about formerly incarcerated inmates who have been eligible to vote.)
{LC1211/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 580

(Attorney General)

BY Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Criminalizes the mere possession of a firearm by a minor and further provides for limited exceptions while the minor is in the presence of a qualified adult or participating in certain competitive or ceremonial events.)

{LC1052/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 581**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Provides additional protections when a mortgage is subject to Servicemember's Civil Relief Act.)

{LC1375/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 582**BY** McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows The Honorable Kevan J. Cunningham to join Alexandra Jaye Cioper and Alan Jack Vaynerchuk in marriage on or about June 13, 2015, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC1027/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 583**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits the detention of juveniles at the Rhode Island Training School based on allegations that he or she was in violation of a court order and would not classify conditions when a petition is placed on file, as a valid court order.)

{LC1677/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 584

(Attorney General)

BY McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Transfers jurisdiction of possession of one ounce (1 oz.) or less of marijuana by person under age of eighteen (18) to family court.)

{LC966/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 585

(Attorney General)

BY Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING (Criminalizes residential mortgage fraud.)

{LC1023/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 586**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allow Ryans Tallmadge to join Kristen Conley and Scott Rubin in marriage on or about September 5, 2015, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC1522/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 587

(Attorney General)

BY Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Reduces the time for filing a foreclosure deed from 15 days, and require mortgagees to file copies of foreclosure notices with city or town clerks and appoint an agent for service of process. Requires holders of vacant property to provide for maintenance.)

{LC1054/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 588**BY** Lombardi, Conley, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS (Enables nursing home residents whose rights are violated to bring actions against the facility.)

{LC1391/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 589

(by request)

BY McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Allows parents of children with educational disabilities to recover their attorney and expert fees when they prevail in an adjudicatory proceeding or superior court action in matters governing the education of their child.)

{LC907/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 590**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- LITIGATION LENDING AGREEMENTS (Makes litigation loan agreements subject to state usury statutes.)

{LC1379/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 591**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi, Conley, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the governor to designate any person to solemnize a marriage on a particular day and within a particular city or town. People who are under a sentence or on parole or probation for any felony would be ineligible.)

{LC917/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 592**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch, Lombardi, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Provides that an open and obvious danger or defect is not a complete bar to recovery of damages in personal injury or property damage actions.)
{LC1377/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 593**BY** Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WILLFUL TRESPASS, DISORDERLY CONDUCT, AND SHOPLIFTING (Provides heightened penalties, including imprisonment, for certain actions deemed lascivious or those in violation of The Domestic Violence Prevention Act.)
{LC763/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 594**BY** Lombardi, Conley, Lynch

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE (Removes the requirement for appellant of an order or decree of probate court to file request for certified copy of record of the procedures appealed from.)
{LC911/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 595**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch, Lombardi, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - CONTRIBUTION AMONG JOINT TORTFEASORS (Provides for straight dollar for dollar setoff regarding tort settlements involving multiple defendants and provides for straight setoff of the amount paid by a settling tortfeasor from the amount recoverable against other tortfeasors.)
{LC1390/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 596

(Attorney General)

BY Algiere, McCaffrey, Walaska, Lombardi, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS (Authorizes the attorney general and/or aggrieved persons to file a bad faith patent infringement suit seeking equitable and/or monetary relief including punitive damages in connection with frivolous patent infringement claims.)

{LC1040/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 597

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Lombardo, Algiere**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION AND WHITE COLLAR CRIME UNIT (Establishes a public corruption and white collar crime unit within the department of the attorney general for the purpose of prosecuting breaches of the public trust.)

{LC1007/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 598**BY** Goldin, Ottiano, Miller, Lynch, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY- LILA MANFIELD SAPINSLEY COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT (Creates the Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act, to provide a legal mechanism whereby a terminally ill patient may choose to end his or her life using drugs prescribed by a physician.)

{LC1082/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 599**BY** McCaffrey, Ciccone, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - GENERAL PROVISIONS (Establishes definitions for leased and temporary employees for workers' compensation benefits. It also addresses the workers' compensation potential liability for "special employers.")

{LC1374/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 600

BY McCaffrey, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR (Requires that the designation of a worker as an "independent contractor" form to be filed annually, with a fifty dollar (\$50) filing fee with the director of revenue, and not the director of labor and training.)

{LC1520/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 601

BY Lombardi, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--GENERAL PROVISIONS (Makes various changes to workers' compensation provisions defining leased and temporary employees and liability and benefit changes.)

{LC1435/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 602

BY McCaffrey, Lynch, Walaska, Ciccone, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - ELECTRICIANS (Includes the maintenance, servicing, and testing of certain electrical components within the purview of chapter and corrects and clarifies certain outdated language and increases the penalties for violations of this chapter.)

{LC1676/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. **2015-S 197**
 BY Lombardo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
2. **2015-S 243**
 BY Algieri
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

3. **2015-S 244**
 BY Sheehan
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
4. **2015-S 268**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
5. **2015-H 5050 SUB A**
 BY Ruggiero
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Upon motion of Senator Ruggiero, seconded by Senator Algieri, the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 31: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggiero, Sheehan, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

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

Senator Conley announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Jabour announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 310 of the State House.

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

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet on Thursday, March 5, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Ruggiero wishes Senator Conley a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Kettle the Senate adjourns at 4:29 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR LOUIS P. DIPALMA**

We ask, that You guide us, Lord, in broadening our minds and extending ourselves in service to our constituents. May we better understand their concerns and needs and do our best to assist them. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04, 2015:**

1. **2015-H 5080**
 BY Canario
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF LOULOU'S DECOR, INC.

 Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
2. **2015-H 5098**
 BY Giarrusso
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF EAST GREENWICH CITIZENS WHO CARE

 Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
3. **2015-H 5048**
 BY Malik
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
4. **2015-H 5094**
 BY Azzinaro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
5. **2015-H 5095**
 BY Azzinaro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
6. **2015-H 5183**
 BY Ajello
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
7. **2015-H 5184**
 BY Craven
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

8. 2015-H 5494**BY** Barros

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

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04, 2015:**

1. **2015-S 58**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION
 AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2. **2015-S 63**
 BY Walaska
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE
 FACILITIES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3. **2015-S 126**
 BY Goldin
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4. **2015-S 177**
 BY Pearson
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
5. **2015-S 239**
 BY Metts
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - STATE AFFAIRS AND
 GOVERNMENT

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 05, 2015:

1. **Appointment of Maria Montanaro VICE Craig S. Stenning Director of the**
 Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

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