

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Twenty-first 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 4:30 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 34: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Algieri, Coyne, Gallo, Morgan.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Nesselbush 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**

March 5, 2015

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

Dear Madam President:

Due to the inclement weather and dangerous road conditions, I will not be attending the Senate session today, Thursday, March 5, 2014.

Sincerely,

Elaine J. Morgan
DEPUTY MINORITY WHIP

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

March 5, 2015

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

Dear Madam President:

Due to the inclement weather and dangerous road conditions, I will be unable to attend today's Senate session, Thursday, March 5, 2014.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Algieri
Senate Minority Leader

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

March 4, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Brady:

I would like to respectfully request the withdrawal of 2015 S-0335, An Act relating To Health And Safety – Vital Records, at my request. This bill has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Ryan W. Pearson
Senator, District 19

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. 5043

BY Nardolillo, Roberts, Nunes, Morgan, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES--COVENTRY (Permits the town of Coventry to adopt a tax classification plan including a class of mixed-use residential and commercial properties.)
{LC285/1}

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Finance.

House Bill No. 5126

BY Price

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.)
{LC284/1}

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

House Bill No. 5319

BY Ruggiero, Reilly, Abney

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.)
{LC936/1}

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

House Bill No. 5664**BY** DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello to join Tiffany Maria Carnevale and Frank J. Russo, Jr., in marriage on or about July 2, 2015, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC1724/1}

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5420**BY** Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allow John A. Murphy, Esq. to join Joseph L. Gadreault III and Jan Carlos Estrella in marriage on or about September 6, 2015, within the City of Cranston, Rhode Island.)
{LC1333/1}

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5421**BY** Price

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Frank Bellistri to join Ashley Lynn Choquette and Kevin James Wright in marriage on or about June 20, 2015, within the Town of Richmond, Rhode Island.)
{LC1330/1}

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5665**BY** Gallison, Marshall

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows The Honorable Matt M. Railey to join Kimberly Frances Morse and Brian Benjamin McDevitt Goldberger in marriage on or about June 27, 2015, within the Town of Middletown, Rhode Island.)
{LC134/1}

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5640**BY** Lally

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Randall Shepard to join Eve Elliott and Jesse Bousquet, Jr., Esq., in marriage on or about September 26, 2015, within the Town of New Shoreham.)
{LC1461/1}

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Senator Felag from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 68

BY Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Exempts the premises at 721-723 Broad Street; Central Falls (Assessor's Plat 1, lot 164) from the restrictions regarding the proximity of a liquor license to a church or school.))
{LC60/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President presents the following communication from Her Excellency, the Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE

March 5, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64-7.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation:

Christopher H. Little, Esq.

VICE
Bradford S. Dimeo

for a term expiring June 1, 2019.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

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

March 5, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64-7.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation:

Heather P. Tow-Yick

VICE
John Justo

for a term expiring June 1, 2019.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

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

March 5, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-75-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts:

Carmen R. Díaz-Jusino

VICE
Francis Parra

for a term expiring March 1, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also:

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

March 5, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-75-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts:

Lorén M. Spears

VICE
Deming Sherman, Esq.

for a term expiring March 1, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also:

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

March 5, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-75-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts:

Katherine Blacklock

VICE
Jean Rondeau

for a term expiring March 1, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also:

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

March 5, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-75-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts:

Michelle Kwan

VICE
James Riley

for a term expiring March 1, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 605

BY Ruggerio, Goodwin, Metts, Ottiano, Paiva Weed

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 5, 2015, TO BE "SMOKE FREE 10 DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2023/1}

Senator Ruggerio requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Lynch, Pichardo and Crowley.

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

Senate Bill No. 606

BY Picard, Paiva Weed, Sheehan, Pearson, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Establishes the governmental responsiveness, expediency and efficiency team program to utilize private sector expertise to assist state agencies in making government more responsive, streamlined and accessible to citizens and businesses.)

{LC1659/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 607**BY** Cote, Lombardi, Archambault, O'Neill, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE BRIGHT TODAY SCHOLARSHIP AND OPEN ENROLLMENT EDUCATION ACT (Establishes a new educational program that would allow students to enroll public and private schools of their choice.)

{LC1566/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 608**BY** Ruggerio, Conley, Archambault, McCaffrey, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - MERCURY REDUCTION AND EDUCATION ACT (Requires manufacturers of mercury containing lamps to establish and implement a statewide collection for the recycling of mercury containing lamps.)

{LC1949/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 609**BY** Lynch, Crowley, Sosnowski, Pichardo, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR FAMILIES (Expands the income disregards or other methodology for parents or relative caretakers eligible for medical assistance.)

{LC1074/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 610**BY** Doyle, Conley, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES (Expands the number of municipal economic zones permitted by law.)

{LC1272/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 611**BY** Pearson, Picard, Lombardi, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS BANKING REGULATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE LEGISLATION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT CROWDFUNDING IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2009/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 612**BY** Lombardo, Ciccone, Nesselbush, Fogarty, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (Establishes a procedure for the timely payment to contractors and subcontractors in connection with state contracts.)

{LC906/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 613**BY** Lynch, Lombardi, Conley, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE --

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY (Required that, before any account surplus from the treasurer's unclaimed intangible and tangible property fund is transferred to the general fund, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) shall be paid to Rhode Island Legal Services.)

{LC1611/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 614**BY** DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation real/tangible property of Morning Star Lodge and Woonsocket Masonic Temple Corporation of Woonsocket.)

{LC1918/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 615**BY** Nesselbush, Sosnowski, Doyle, Miller, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND LIVABLE HOME TAX CREDIT ACT (Establishes the "Rhode Island Livable Home Tax Credit Act", and provide for its administration.)

{LC1929/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 616**BY** Felag, Ottiano, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION --TIVERTON ELDERLY EXEMPTION (Amends the town of Tiverton's elderly low income tax exemption in order to provide a tax credit to more seniors and would give the town council flexibility in enacting future town ordinances on such tax credits.)

{LC2061/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 617**BY** Pearson, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Provides that a court may issue orders of support, maintenance and education for certain adult children who are dependent on a parent for support.)
{LC464/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 618**BY** Doyle, Goodwin, Ottiano, Nesselbush, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STROKE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT OF 2009 (Broadens the designation of certain stroke centers in RI to include the term "comprehensive". Also requires the DOH to establish reporting requirements and in order to create uniformity and integrity in the data submitted to the statewide database.)
{LC1885/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 619

(by request)

BY Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Directs the insurance commissioner to adopt a single payer health care system for primary and preventative care.)
{LC1277/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 620**BY** Miller, Goodwin, DaPonte, DiPalma, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY-OFFICE OF HEALTH POLICY (Establishes the office of health policy for the purpose of establishing a comprehensive health policy and management system for the state.)
{LC1404/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 621**BY** Algieri, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Regulates the blasting, creation, and storage of stone dust.)
{LC2037/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 622**BY** Cote, Lombardo, Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- ACQUISITION OF LAND (Provides that condemnation for a "public use" would not include the taking of private property for transfer to a private entity for the purpose of economic development or enhancement of tax revenue.)

{LC1357/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 623**BY** Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Paul Conroy to join Emilie Anne Joost and Michelle Lynn Cunningham in marriage on or about July 11, 2015, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC2052/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 624**BY** Lynch, Lombardi, Jabour, Archambault, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER (Creates the joint committee of the repealer for a term of five (5) years to compile suggestions for repeal of certain statutes, regulations, and executive orders.)

{LC1075/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 625**BY** Lynch, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES (Prohibits dissemination, of visual images of another person engaged in sexually explicit conduct, without that person's consent.)

{LC1073/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 626**BY** Lynch, Lombardi, Metts, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - ELECTIVE MEETINGS (Creates a process for in-person early voting before the actual election day.)

{LC1083/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 627**BY** Lynch, Nesselbush, Lombardi, Archambault, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION (Adds court magistrates to the list of covered public officials that are protected from felonious threats.)
{LC1284/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 628

(Attorney General)

BY Sosnowski, Goodwin, Lynch, Raptakis, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Creates a new criminal offense for driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and/or drugs which results in the physical injury of anyone other than the operator.)
{LC978/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 629

(Attorney General)

BY Sosnowski, Lynch, Raptakis, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Extends the "lookback" period for third and subsequent offenses under the driving under the influence of liquor or drugs law and the refusal to submit to a chemical test law from 5 years to 10 years.)
{LC972/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 630

(Attorney General)

BY Lynch, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES (Prohibits a person from electronically disseminating visual images of another engaged in sexually explicit conduct or the intimate parts of another, without that person's consent and where the person had a reasonable expectation of privacy.)
{LC1026/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 631**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Changes the period of time that the board of elections must keep mail ballots from the first day of September in the second year after they were cast to a period of twenty-two (22) months after the election.)
{LC1972/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 632**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Deletes the specification of the address of the board of elections from the return envelopes provided for mail ballots and would require only that the address of the board of elections be on the return envelope.)

{LC1974/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 633**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTORS

(Clarifies independent advocate campaign finance reporting requirements and exempts candidates who fund their campaigns or receive party in-kind contributions from annual filing requirements.)

{LC1988/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 634**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows the application of a mail ballot to serve as an affirmation form for inactive voters.)

{LC1994/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 635**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER REGISTRATION (Allows a voter to vote a provisions ballot without obtaining a temporary registration certificate.)

{LC1990/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 636**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Eliminates the need for the certified envelope containing the mail ballot to be placed in the outer envelope.)

{LC1980/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 637**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Allows federal and state officials or employees to serve as primary officials.)

{LC1992/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 638**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTION OFFENSES (Repeals the requirement that all posters, fliers and circulars used in political campaigns contain the name(s) and address(es) of the person or organization responsible for it.)
{LC1984/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 639**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOT (Allows a voter who has applied for a mail ballot to cast a provisional ballot.)
{LC1986/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 640

(Attorney General)

BY Sosnowski, Lynch, Raptakis, Archambault, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases imprisonment penalties for driving so as to endanger, resulting in death and driving so as to endanger resulting in personal injury.)
{LC968/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 641**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Makes changes to the procedure for counting mail ballots and public notice of counting sessions.)
{LC1982/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 642

(Attorney General)

BY Conley, Lombardi, Lombardo, Archambault, Ottiano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - FORM AND EFFECT OF CONVEYANCES (Provides that all transfers of an interest in a mortgage be recorded and would prohibit the recording of mortgages and assignments in the name of a party other than the holder of the note secured by the mortgage.)
{LC976/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 643

(by request)

BY Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Redefines the method by which a police officer will be considered "totally and permanently disabled" under this section.)
{LC339/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 644**BY** Nesselbush, Doyle, Lombardo, Miller, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - TEACHING AFTER RETIREMENT (Permits retired members of ERSRI to substitute teach no more than 90 days per year.)
{LC2066/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 645**BY** Lombardo, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- THE OPEN CONTRACTING ACT (Prohibits state/municipalities to issue contract specs for public works projects to mandate labor union workforce unless voluntary and to favor some in selection process with remedies for violations.)
{LC1681/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 646**BY** Pichardo, Paiva Weed, Felag, Crowley, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Gives veterans priority for housing rental subsidy and housing retention assistance under the Rhode Island housing resource act.)
{LC1519/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 647

(by request)

BY Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION FEES (Provides for a one year registration or renewal for leased vehicles having less than a year remaining on the lease term.)
{LC1524/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 648

BY Pearson, Nesselbush, Satchell, Conley, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Accelerates the transition plan for calculation of state aid to education.)

{LC1514/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the senate chamber Joanne and Stanley Pickford.

CALENDAR

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.

Senator Miller seconded by Senators Ciccone, Archambault, Lombardi, Goldin, Conley and Ruggerio 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 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 34: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Miller and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the senate chamber newly appointed Director of the Department of Behavioral Healthcare Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, Maria Montanaro along with Thom Kante, Donna Martin and Linda Reilly.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 604

BY Nesselbush, Paiva Weed, Lombardi, Sosnowski, Archambault

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2015, AS "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2039/1}

Senator Nesselbush requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.
Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Nesselbush moves passage, seconded by Senators DiPalma, Conley, Kettle, Gee, Goldin, Pichardo, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Goodwin and Jabour.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 34: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 5049

BY Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Phillip Soder to join Misty Dawn Richard and Karen Lynn Beaupre in marriage on or about October 31, 2015, within the Town of North Smithfield, Rhode Island.)

{LC136/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 513

BY Jabour, McCaffrey, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE TAXATION (Requires the state tax administrator to provide written notice of the existence of a lien on real property owned by a decedent, to his or her executor, administrator, heirs-at-law and surviving joint tenant.)

{LC1573/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 175

BY Lombardo, Crowley, Ottiano, Ruggerio, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (Makes the possession of powdered alcohol a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment.)

{LC741/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Ruggerio announces that Senator Sosnowski and Senator Miller will be honored by Tobacco Free Rhode Island.

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

Senator Sosnowski 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Kettle the Senate adjourns at 4:51 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR DONNA M. NESSELBUSH**

Dear Lord, remind us that all men and women are created equal, that they are bestowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among them are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015:

- 1. 2015-H 5049**
BY Handy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015:**

1. **Appointment of Joseph F. Azrack VICE Michael Van Leesten to the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission for a term expiring October 3, 2018.**

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

2. **Appointment of Sidney Macky McCleary, IV VICE Paul McGreevy Director of the Department of Business Regulation**

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

3. **Appointment of Melba Depena VICE Sandra Powell Director of the Department of Human Services**

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

4. **2015-S 177
BY Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015:

1. **2015-S 175
BY Lombardo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2015-S 513
BY Jabour
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE TAXATION**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. **2015-S 68
BY Crowley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES**

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.