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Twenty-seventh 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 4:43 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 Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Crowley, Doyle, Gallo, Ruggerio.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-sixth Legislative Day of the 2015 proceedings is read in part.

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

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 727****BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FREEDOM FROM PRONE RESTRAINT ACT (Prohibits the use of prone restraints in certain facilities.)

{LC1262/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 728

(Attorney General)

BY Miller, Metts, Goodwin, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

{LC1297/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 729**BY** Nesselbush, Gallo, Morgan, Cote, Lynch**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2-8, 2015, AS NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2208/1}

Senator Nesselbush requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Nesselbush moves passage, seconded by Senator Lombardi, Archambault, Algieri, Morgan, O'Neill, McCaffrey, Lynch, Fogarty, Metts, DiPalma, Satchell and Ciccone.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Michelle Dickson, Director of Public Policy, Steve Sookikian, Associate Vice President of Communications, Meredith Sheehan, Communication Program Manager, Ericka Tavares, Media Relations Specialist, Megan Cutler, Development Manager, Lauren Bardsley, Development Associate and Andy Skipworth, Administrative Assistant for Walk of Multiple Sclerosis.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 730****BY** Lynch, McCaffrey, Paiva Weed, Walaska**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE KOCH FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF PETER ALFRED KOCH

{LC1814/1}

Senator Lynch requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 732**BY** Raptakis, Lombardi, Gallo, Miller, Lynch**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF REVEREND FATHER MATTHEW JEREMY BAKER

{LC2161/1}

Senator Raptakis requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Raptakis moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Walaska, Lynch, Pichardo, Nesselbush, Miller, Metts, Archambault and Ciccone.

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

Senate Bill No. 733

(Administration)

BY Miller, Sosnowski, Walaska, Conley, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Extends the least cost procurement and system reliability programs reporting requirements, regarding utility base rates and adds a charge per kilowatt to be charged to customers to fund demand like management programs.)

{LC1765/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 734**BY** Archambault, DiPalma, Jabour, Lombardi, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prohibits insurers from using credit ratings to underwrite or rate risks for casualty insurance.)

{LC2112/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 735**BY** Satchell, Pearson, Lombardi, Conley, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - STAFFING (Requires all public schools in grades kindergarten through twelve (12), to have at least one full-time certified school social worker for every four hundred (400) students.)

{LC2206/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 736**BY** Satchell, Lombardi, Conley, Metts, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Allows parents and legal guardians to elect to have their child opt out of Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for Colleges or "PARCC" assessment, or similar assessments.)

{LC2207/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 737**BY** Lynch, Sosnowski, Walaska, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY - AGRICULTURE FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Amends the general laws relative to regulation of freshwater wetlands by establishing state standards for freshwater buffers and setbacks.)

{LC2156/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Resolution No. 738**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO BE KNOWN AS "THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE INTEGRATION OF BLOCK ISLAND INTO THE STATE ELECTRIC GRID" (Creates a 10 member "Task Force" to study the integration of Block Island into the State Electric Grid, and who would report back to the Senate President by January 31, 2016, and expire on March 31, 2016.)

{LC2083/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 739

(by request)

BY Pearson, Picard, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Limits the total funding for charter schools in 2016 to the amount funded in 2015 and requires school committees and town or city council approval for the creation of charter schools in their jurisdiction.)

{LC2232/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 740

(Administration)

BY DiPalma, DaPonte, Ottiano, O'Neill, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE (Requires state agencies and public corporations to establish and maintain adequate internal control structures, and financial reporting policies and procedures, in order to reduce fraud and errors in state programs.)

{LC1738/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 741**BY** Sosnowski, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - MUNICIPAL STREETLIGHT INVESTMENT ACT (Amends the provisions of the general laws related to conversion charges for municipality service, from a subject tariff rate to an alternative tariff rate, for delivery service of electric energy.)

{LC2229/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 742**BY** Walaska, Lynch, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Diana E. Pearson, Esq., to join Karen Holt Fletcher and Roger Alan Trudell in marriage on or about July 11, 2015, within the Town of Foster, Rhode Island.)

{LC2241/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 743

(Attorney General)

BY Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Repeals exemption for issued permits under sections 11-47-11 and 11-47-18 for prohibition on school grounds.)

{LC1034/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 744

(Attorney General)

BY Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURTS (Provide for the transmission of a notice of violation to the arresting agency or place of presentment by the attorney general upon a finding of probable cause that a defendant is a violator of his or her bail or probation.)

{LC1021/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 745**BY** DiPalma, Ottiano, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY (Requires the court, to consider certain new standards, when deciding whether or not to grant amendments to conservation restrictions.)

{LC1962/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 746**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Prohibits an employer from terminating an employee for failing to report to regularly scheduled work when employee is responding to an emergency in his or her capacity as a volunteer firefighter or ambulance technician.)

{LC2234/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5479

(Attorney General)

BY Naughton, Shekarchi, Bennett, McNamara, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- THE PERMANENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING ACT (Extends the sunset provision of the permanent air quality monitoring act until July 31, 2017.)

{LC1008/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment & Agriculture.

House Bill No. 5254

(by request)

BY Malik, Hearn**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON (Ratifies and confirms November 4, 2014, amendments to the Barrington Home Rule Charter approved by the electors.)

{LC306/1}

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

House Bill No. 5461 SUB A**BY** Keable, Johnston, Filippi, Serpa, O`Grady**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTORCYCLES (Requires motor vehicle operator and chauffeur licenses valid for motorcycle operation, to state so conspicuously.)
{LC1223/A/1}

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

House Bill No. 5798 as amended**BY** O`Grady, Ackerman, Phillips, Casey, Morin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TWIN RIVER CASINO GAMBLING (Removes a provision in the 2005 public laws which prohibits the construction of a hotel on the Twin River premises in Lincoln, Rhode Island.)
{LC1954/1}

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

House Bill No. 5779**BY** McNamara, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Scott Avedisian to join Erik Scott Manchester and Kerri Anne Roy in marriage on or about May 1, 2015, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)
{LC2015/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5842**BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Felix Betro, Esq., to join Louis Rossi and Stephanie Zeidenberg in marriage on or about November 7, 2015, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC2095/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5843**BY** Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Elizabeth Ann Elrick to join Nancy Elizabeth Leslie and Maria Louise Meleschnig in marriage on or about August 1, 2015, within the Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island.)
{LC2107/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5822**BY** Marcello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Louis Joseph Fiorenzano, Jr., to join Kaitlin Francis Fiorenzano and Vincent Della Gotta in marriage on or about May 24, 2015, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)
{LC2064/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5823**BY** Marcello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Craig Pina to join Carlye Christina Crosby and Stephen Vincent Pina in marriage on or about April 3, 2015, within the Village of Wakefield, Rhode Island.)
{LC2073/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5876**BY** Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kenneth Perry to join Jennifer Paiz and Michael Mason in marriage on or about July 4, 2015, within the Town of Glocester, Rhode Island.)
{LC2114/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5875**BY** Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Craig Volatile-Wood to join Courtney Cramer and Liam Murnane in marriage on or about April 25, 2015, within the Town of North Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC2150/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5778**BY** Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Matthew V. Doria to join Courtney Brooke Fraser and Brian Paul Williams in marriage on or about September 26, 2015, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC2001/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5370

(RI Judiciary)

BY Keable, Shekarchi, Craven, McKiernan, Lally**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.)

{LC1229/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5785**BY** Marshall, Malik**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF OCEAN STATE PLAZA, INC.

{LC2022/1}

Read and ordered to the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5752**BY** Edwards, Canario**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.)

{LC1938/1}

Read and ordered to the Consent Calendar for Wednesday, March 25th, 2015.**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. **2015-S 582**
 BY McCaffrey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
2. **2015-S 415**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY MOTOR FUEL TAX
3. **2015-S 379**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ADVOCATE FOR RESTORING FUNDING FOR NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY
4. **2015-S 689**
 BY McCaffrey
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 17, 2015, TO BE "LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE SERVICE DEPARTMENT DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

5. **2015-S 726**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE
 PASSING OF DORIS SHELDON BLANEY
6. **2015-H 5287**
 BY Azzinaro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
7. **2015-H 5421**
 BY Price
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
8. **2015-H 5665**
 BY Gallison
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, 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, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

March 19, 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 Thursday, March 19, 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.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

Appointment of Catharine (Cara) Cromwell VICE Michael P. Lynch, Esq. to the Personnel Appeal Board for a term expiring April 1, 2021.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Appointment of Christopher H. Little, Esq. VICE Bradford S. Dimeo to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2019.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Appointment of Heather P. Tow-Yick VICE John Justo to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2019.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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 measures:

Senate Bill No. 393

BY Sosnowski, Jabour, Felag, McCaffrey, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING NEW BUILDINGS (Names the new center for Chemical and Forensic Sciences at the University of Rhode Island the "The Richard E. Beaupre Center for Chemical and Forensic Sciences.")

{LC1554/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 394

BY Sosnowski, Jabour, Walaska, McCaffrey, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - RENAMING THE INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM HOUSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (Names the International Engineering Program House located at the University of Rhode Island, the "John Grandin IEP House.")

{LC1555/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 675

BY Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the high-rise residence hall located in the student residential sector of campus at Rhode Island College in Providence, "Gary M. Penfield Hall.")
{LC1921/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 676

BY Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the School of Social Work located at Rhode Island College "Carol J. Guardo Hall.)
{LC1920/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 731

BY Raptakis

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MEMBERS OF PACK 17 BLACKROCK, COVENTRY, ON ACHIEVING THE HIGHEST HONOR IN CUB SCOUTING, THE ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD
{LC2235/1}

Senator Raptakis requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Raptakis moves passage, seconded by Senators Kettle, Algieri, McCaffrey, Felag, Nesselbush, Gee, Sheehan, Cote, Ciccone, Satchell and Metts.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Raptakis and Kettle and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Cub Scout Pack 17, Benjamin Almagno, Zackary Noe, Deven Vinagre, John Aubin, Benjamin Simmons, Ethan Contardo, Nicholas Simmons, Christopher Jennings, Jared Vadeboncoeur, Carter Loiselle, William Sullivan, Thomas Luther, Ryan Fogell, Owen Morelli and Christopher Bibeau.

CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015:****1. 2015-S 218****BY** Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Archambault moves passage, seconded by Senators DiPalma, Satchell, Ciccone, Morgan and Felag.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

2. 2015-S 616**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION --TIVERTON ELDERLY EXEMPTION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senators DiPalma and Metts.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

3. 2015-S 419**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EXAMINE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE CARE OF POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch, Morgan and Satchell.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

4. 2015-S 485

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR CONVENE THE CHILDREN'S CABINET AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE WITH THE GOAL OF IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR RHODE ISLAND CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVED BY MULTIPLE STATE PROGRAMS AND DEPARTMENTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators Metts, Lombardi Satchell and Ciccone.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

5. 2015-S 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

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by Senators DiPalma, Satchell, Metts and Archambault.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

6. 2015-S 267**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOBILE TELEPHONE USE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lynch, Miller, DaPonte, Lombardo, Gee, Raptakis, DiPalma, Goldin, Fogarty, Metts and Jabour.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, as amended, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, 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 Jabour announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 of the State House.

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

DiPalma

Senator Cote announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Kettle and upon suggestion of Senator Raptakis the Senate adjourns at 5:12 o'clock P.M. in memory of Reverend Father Matthew Jeremy Baker.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR FRANK S. LOMBARDI**

Blessed Saint Joseph, Come to help us in these moments of contention and conflict. Take under your protection the difficult tasks and situations we commend to you, so they have a happy solution according to God's will. As our protector, fill us with your internal spirit of peace, silence, honest work and prayer so that we may serve others as you have served us. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015:**

1. **Appointment of Catharine (Cara) Cromwell VICE Michael P. Lynch, Esq. to the Personnel Appeal Board for a term expiring April 1, 2021.**

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

2. **Appointment of Christopher H. Little, Esq. VICE Bradford S. Dimeo to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2019.**

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

3. **Appointment of Heather P. Tow-Yick VICE John Justo to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2019.**

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

4. **2015-H 5785**

BY Marshall

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF OCEAN STATE PLAZA, INC.

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

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015:

- 1. Appointment of Barbara Cottam (Chairperson) of Providence VICE Eva Marie Mancuso, Esq. Rhode Island Board of Education**

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

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015:

1. 2015-H 5752

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
TAXATION --TIVERTON ELDERLY EXEMPTION

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

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015:**

- 1. 2015-S 393**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING NEW BUILDINGS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
- 2. 2015-S 394**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - RENAMING THE INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM HOUSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
- 3. 2015-S 675**
BY Raptakis
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
- 4. 2015-S 676**
BY Pichardo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Appendix**BILLS TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR****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}

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}

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}