

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Thursday, May 14, 2015

Forty-Sixth 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 35 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 3: Senators Conley, Doyle and Lombardo.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Forty-Fifth Legislative Day of the 2015 proceedings is read in part.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 909**BY** Lombardi, Conley, Walaska, Felag, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE ST. MARY ACADEMY-BAY VIEW GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2015 RHODE ISLAND GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP
{LC2641/1}

Senator Lombardi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardi moves passage, seconded by Senators DaPonte, Gallo, Algieri, O'Neill, Ruggerio, DaPonte, Lynch, Sheehan, Morgan, Crowley, Jabour, Picard, Metts, Walaska, McCaffrey, Nesselbush, Goodwin, Felag, Coyne, Archambault and Cote.

Senator DaPonte discusses the resolution.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Lombardi and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the **St. Mary Academy-Bay View Girls' Basketball Team and 2015 Rhode Island Girls' Basketball State Tournament Champions**: Jazlyn Contreras, Rylee Leonard, Blaine Lynch-Gadaleta, Elfreda Hoff, Dyamond Azakpo, Erin Dillon, Laura Rubino, Alexa Raposa, Olympia Good, Mikaela Lee, Diana Bianco-Riley, Haley LeComte, Dakota Grenier, Malaina Emidy, Cassandra Pare, Kathleen Rubino, Sofia Cabral, Maya Solomon-Messier, Grace Hagberg, Jillian Lee, Ashley Omigie, Francesca Corsinetti, Morgan Burke, Susanna Mello, and Abigail Burke.

Bay View Head Coach Doug Haynes and Assistant Coaches Kaitlyn Birrell, Joe Ercolano, and Morgan Kane.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Algieri and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber **College Leadership Rhode Island (CLRI) Fellows**: Gladys Alvarez Mendez, Kelsey Arpin, Lauren Fiske, Emily Pietrzak and Rachel Wilkinson.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

Senator Picard from the Committee on Commerce, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Appointment of Shannon E. Brawley VICE Anthony Miccolis to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term expiring January 1, 2018.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Martha Holt Castle, Esq. VICE Robert Breslin, Jr., Esq. to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term expiring January 1, 2018.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Guillaume De Ramel VICE John Laramée to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term expiring January 1, 2018.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Scot A. Jones VICE James Berson to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term expiring January 1, 2018.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

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

Senate Bill No. 203

BY Sosnowski, Sheehan, Archambault, Fogarty, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - VETERINARY PRACTICE (Allows non-veterinarians to perform certain husbandry procedures that are commonly performed by owners of animal pets and livestock.){LC833/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 205

BY Sosnowski, Sheehan, Archambault, Fogarty, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- LIVESTOCK DEALERS (Repeals the statutory requirement that livestock dealers have a DEM-issued license plate, and requires livestock dealers to care for animals in their custody according to standards adopted by the RI livestock welfare and care standards advisory council.){LC844/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 406

BY DiPalma, DaPonte, Coyne, Archambault, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Increases to 15 the membership of the Rhode Island Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council.) {LC1749/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 410

BY Sosnowski, Conley, Walaska, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND ENERGY RESOURCES ACT (Requires office energy resources to assemble task forces to report on development of alternative fuel markets/least cost procurement for delivered fuels with recommendations to the governor by January 31, 2016.) {LC1673/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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 be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 703

(Environmental Management)

BY Sosnowski, Conley, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- SEAFOOD MARKETING (Adds aquaculturist membership and representation to the seafood marketing collaborative of 2011.) {LC1730/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 704

(Administration)

BY Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Repeals the Rhode Island Renewable Energy Coordination Board Act.) {LC1774/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 750

(Environmental Management)

BY Archambault, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - HANDLING OF LIVE POULTRY (Repeals the provisions which provided that the director of DEM would issue vehicle license registration plates to those individuals or companies in the business of buying, selling and/or transporting live poultry.) {LC1744/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 751

(Environmental Management)

BY Sheehan, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE (Student shellfish licenses are to be submitted by June 30 of each year.)

{LC1733/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 752

(Enviromental Management)

BY Sosnowski, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL (Repeals many statutes dealing with tuberculosis in animals.)

{LC1734/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Gallo from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Appointment of Katherine Blacklock VICE Jean Rondeau to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2018.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Carmen R. Díaz-Jusino VICE Francis Parra to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2018.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Michelle Kwan VICE James Riley to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2018.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Loren M. Spears VICE Deming Sherman, Esq. to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2018.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 603 SUB A

BY Paiva Weed, Gallo, DaPonte, McCaffrey, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PERFORMANCE FUNDING {LC1942/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

May 14, 2015

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

Dear Madame President,

I would like to inform you that unfortunately I will be unable to attend session on Thursday, May 14, 2015.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Frank Lombardo
Senator-District 25

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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

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

May 14, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I am hereby withdrawing without prejudice, the February 5, 2015 appointment of Elizabeth Shimberg to the Rhode Island Board of Education.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and placed on file.

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

May 14, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Board of Education:

Daniel P. McConaghy

VICE
Mathies Santos

for a term expiring January 31, 2018.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 6013

BY Abney, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the city of Newport, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the city of Newport on November 4, 2014.) {LC2298/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 6160

(by request)

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Karin Martin to join Kelly Lynn Sampson and Jameson Scott Thomas Lee in marriage on or about July 19, 2015, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC2608/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 6159**BY** Lancia

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Luke Anthony DiNezza to join Cara Jean Sammartino and Daniel Robert Cerio in marriage on or about October 30, 2015, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)

{LC2609/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 6133**BY** Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kelley Shey Briggs to join Amanda Shey Briggs and Ryan Joseph Piette in marriage on or about October 17, 2015, within the City of Cranston, Rhode Island.)

{LC2552/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 6120**BY** Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thomas Pangburn to join Amanda Baker and Ryan G. Knuth in marriage on or about June 6, 2015, within South County, Rhode Island.)

{LC2573/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 6119**BY** Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Debra Damon to join Eric Pottey and Melissa Swithers in marriage on or about September 13, 2015, within the Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

{LC2531/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 6118**BY** Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Scott Christopher McGowan to join Alicia Lombardi and Laura Rose Gauvin in marriage on or about June 14, 2015 in the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC2511/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5863**BY** Ackerman, Shekarchi, Craven, Keable, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - VITAL RECORDS (Permits title examiners, attorneys, and members of genealogical societies to examine death certificates. No fees would be charged for searching or viewing said records.) {LC2098/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5951

(Board of Elections)

BY Craven, Morin**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.) {LC1971/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5952

(Board of Elections)

BY Tanzi, Carson, Ruggiero, Hearn, Marcello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER REGISTRATION (Allows a voter to vote a provisional ballot without obtaining a temporary registration certificate.) {LC1989/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5874 SUB A

(Judiciary)

BY Jacquard, Johnston, Lima, Nunes**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT - OFFENSES AND PENALTIES (Provides that records pertaining to marijuana violations not be open to the public.) {LC1842/A/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5934

(Board of Elections)

BY O`Grady, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Makes changes to the procedure for counting mail ballots and public notice of counting sessions.) {LC1981/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5931

(Board of Elections)

BY Coughlin, Solomon, Kazarian, Johnston, Melo**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.) {LC1993/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5959

(Public Utilities Commission)

BY Azzinaro, Carnevale, Craven, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Expands the division of public utilities and carriers' authority to adopt safety standards related to pipeline facilities including, storage, transportation and distribution of natural gas and flammable gas.) {LC1786/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 5923**BY** Keable**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Provides that the Pascoag utility district not be required to provide retail access from nonregulated power producers, and not operate as a nonregulated power producer when selling electricity at retail outside of its service area.)

{LC1960/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 5812

(by request)

BY Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - TAXICABS AND LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES (Eliminates requirement that taxicabs can be operated only by owners or employees during the first twelve (12) month period that the vehicle is in service and allows for leasing of such vehicles.)

{LC1829/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 5907 SUB A

(Business Regulation)

BY Kennedy, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE-CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ANNUAL DISCLOSURE (Requires insurance companies to submit information on their governance structure to the department of business regulation.) {LC2030/A/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 5897

(Environmental Management)

BY McNamara, Filippi, Price, Chippendale, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- SEAFOOD MARKETING (Adds aquaculturist membership and representation to the seafood marketing collaborative of 2011.) {LC1729/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

House Bill No. 5943

(Environmental Management)

BY Azzinaro, Carnevale, Craven, Kennedy, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -
TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL (Repeals many statutes dealing with tuberculosis in animals.)
{LC1731/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

House Bill No. 6012**BY** Shekarchi, Edwards, Marshall, Trillo, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Extends the expiration dates
pertaining to approvals and permits and would apply to approvals and permits in effect on
November 9, 2009 and those issued between November 9, 2009 and June 30, 2016, but would not
revive any expired approval or permit.)
{LC2288/1}

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

House Bill No. 5695 SUB A**BY** Handy, Jacquard, Naughton, Maldonado, Messier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -
INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF (Amends the chapter on the licensure and qualifications of
interpreters for the deaf.)
{LC1304/A/1}

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

House Bill No. 5957 SUB A as amended

(Labor & Training)

BY Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BENEFITS (Makes minor changes to the unemployment laws
concerning direct deposit of benefit checks, self-employed individuals, full-time work and workers
suspended without pay.) {LC1781/A/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

House Bill No. 5830 SUB A

(by request)

BY Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PLUMBERS
AND IRRIGATORS (Requires master and journeyman plumbers to complete a course of
continuing education prior to the renewal or reinstatement of their license as determined by the
board of examiners.) {LC1602/A/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

House Bill No. 6033 SUB A**BY** Tanzi, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - NAMING STATE CONSTRUCTIONS - DURFEE WAY (Names a certain portion of Sand Hill Cove Road in Narragansett, "Durfee Way".)
{LC2345/A/1}

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

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 910****BY** Kettle, Raptakis, Morgan

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BRUCE REYNOLDS CAPWELL, SR.
{LC2703/1}

Senator Kettle requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Kettle moves passage, seconded by Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska .

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

Senate Resolution No. 911**BY** Cote, Picard

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE DELUCA FAMILY ON THE PASSING GENNARO J. DELUCA {LC2670/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 912**BY** Pichardo, Metts, Archambault, Morgan, Algiere

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 15TH, 2015, TO BE "LUPUS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2712/1}

Senator Pichardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardi moves passage, seconded by Senators Metts, Ruggerio, Algiere and Morgan.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2015-S 908

BY Cote

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING ROGER E. BOUCHARD ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE RHODE ISLAND RADIO HALL OF FAME

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algiere, the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

CALENDAR**1. 2015-S 719**

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OPEN MEETINGS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin and without objection ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, May 19th, 2015.

2. 2015-S 828

BY Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS - RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Lombardi and Lynch.

Senator McCaffrey seconded by Senators Ruggerio and Lombardi offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT**TO****2015 -- S 0828****AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -
RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT**

Madam President:

I hereby move to amend 2015 -- S 0828, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS - RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 1, by deleting the language "7-1.2-105,".
2. On page 1, lines 4 through page 3, line 17, by deleting all the language contained therein.

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Conley

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Senator McCaffrey moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senator Ruggerio.

The act is read and passed, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lynch, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

3. 2015-H 5261**BY** Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage.

Senator Lombardi moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Gallo and Miller.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS- 1: Senator Gee.

4. 2015-H 5370**BY** Keable**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage.

Senator Lynch moves passage, seconded by Senator Gallo.

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 Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lynch, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 913****BY** Raptakis, Gallo, Goldin, Paiva Weed, Algieri**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 19TH OF 2015 AS "GREEK PONTIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2605/1}

Senator Raptakis requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Raptakis moves passage, seconded by Senator Gallo.

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

Senate Bill No. 914

BY Ruggerio, Ciccone, Archambault, O'Neill, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE (Amends the charter provisions of the North Providence town charter.)

{LC2691/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 915

BY Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Henry A. Johnson, Jr., to join Amanda Lynn Pendleton and Steven Henry Shangraw in marriage on or about October 25, 2015, within the Town of Foster, Rhode Island.)

{LC2707/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 916

BY Lombardi, Coyne, Ottiano, Felag, Walaska

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2015, TO BE "NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2711/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 917

BY Lynch

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Eliminates the need for city/town special election to create an opt-out municipal energy aggregation plan subject to PUC approval.)

{LC2554/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 918

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- REVERSE MORTGAGES (Allows a reverse mortgage lender to order a credit report and other information for a loan application prior to a mortgagor completing a counseling program.)

{LC2704/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 919

(Environmental Management)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BIODIESEL HEATING OIL ACT OF 2013 (Replaces DEM director with the director of the office of energy resources to administer and enforce the law on biodiesel heating oil. Establishes a procedure to obtain a suspension from compliance when there is an inadequate supply of bio-based products.)

{LC2534/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 920**BY** Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM-CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Adds to the list of department of corrections position classifications eligible to retire under the formula set forth under the retirement-on-service allowance formula for correctional officers.) {LC2539/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 921**BY** Jabour, Metts, Ciccone, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Changes the name and composition of the legislative commission established to study and evaluate property tax related issues, including tax classification systems and the process of valuation appeals by making it a permanent commission.) {LC2613/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 922**BY** DaPonte, DiPalma, Lombardo, Walaska, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY ALLOWANCE (Reduces a disabled municipal employee's disability allowance for any application submitted on or after July 1, 2015, when the employee is permanently and totally disabled from state service, but not from all employment.) {LC2512/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 923**BY** Picard, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 3235 OF THE 1953 PUBLIC LAWS ENTITLED "AN ACT PERTAINING TO MUNICIPAL PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, AND ALSO VALIDATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND HOME RULE CHARTER," AS AMENDED {LC2685/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 924

(Attorney General)

BY Ciccone, Lombardi, Lombardo, Raptakis, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Provides that the manufacture of marijuana using solvent extraction process, that includes the use of a compressed, flammable gas as a solvent, would not be subject to the protections of medical marijuana statute.) LC2472/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 925**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONAL OFFICER EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS ACT (Establishes procedures which the state must follow when investigating and or disciplining correctional officers.) {LC2537/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 926**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Makes convictions for involuntary servitude where the victim was subject to commercial sexual activity, trafficking of persons for forced labor or commercial sexual activity and sex trafficking of a minor, registerable offenses.) {LC2683/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 927**BY** Gallo, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT--SICKNESS AND INJURY PAY FOR CORRECTIONS PERSONNEL {LC2538/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 928**BY** Satchell, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Changes the name of Webster Knight Drive in West Warwick to "Jim Williamson Way".) {LC2636/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 929**BY** Jabour, Ciccone, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE (Enables the city of Providence's board of licenses to approve the liquor license applications for a business at 1948-1950 Westminster Street (Assessor's plat 35, lot 359), located within two hundred feet (200') of a school.)

{LC2614/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 930**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Sean P. Donlon to join Kathleen McGreevey and Stephen Johnson in marriage on or about January 1, 2016, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC2598/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Michelle DePlante Acosta, Director of Leadership Rhode Island.

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 212 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 Jabour announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 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 Ruggerio would like to congratulate the Senate President M. Teresa Paiva Weed on being honored by the Women's Fund of Rhode Island with the Susan L. Farmer Award.

Senator Ruggerio would like to wish Senator Adam Satchell a Happy Birthday today.

Senator Ruggerio would like to wish Senator Erin Lynch a Happy Birthday this Sunday.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri and upon suggestion of Senator Kettle the Senate adjourns at 4:51 o'clock P.M. in memory of Bruce Reynolds Capwell, Sr.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR WILLIAM A. WALASKA**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your blessings of health and strength. We seek your encouragement in using these qualities to their fullest potential. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015:**

1. Appointment of Shannon E. Brawley VICE Anthony Miccolis to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term expiring January 1, 2018.

Committee on Commerce recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
2. Appointment of Martha Holt Castle, Esq. VICE Robert Breslin, Jr., Esq. to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term expiring January 1, 2018.

Committee on Commerce recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
3. Appointment of Guillaume De Ramel VICE John Laramee to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term expiring January 1, 2018.

Committee on Commerce recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
4. Appointment of Scot A. Jones VICE James Berson to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term expiring January 1, 2018.

Committee on Commerce recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
5. Appointment of Katherine Blacklock VICE Jean Rondeau to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2018.

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
6. Appointment of Carmen R. Diaz-Jusino VICE Francis Parra to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2018.

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
7. Appointment of Michelle Kwan VICE James Riley to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2018.

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

8. Appointment of Loren M. Spears VICE Deming Sherman, Esq. to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2018.

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

9. **2015-S 911**

BY Cote

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE DELUCA FAMILY ON THE PASSING GENNARO J. DELUCA

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

10. **2015-S 916**

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2015, TO BE "NATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

11. **2015-H 6013**

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT

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

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015:

1. **2015-S 719**
 BY McCaffrey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
 OPEN MEETINGS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2015-S 789**
 BY Archambault
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
 STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015:

1. 2015-S 603 SUB A

BY Paiva Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- POSTSECONDARY
EDUCATION PERFORMANCE FUNDING

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

2. 2015-S 203 SUB A

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -
VETERINARY PRACTICE

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

3. 2015-S 205

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --
LIVESTOCK DEALERS

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

4. 2015-S 406

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

5. 2015-S 410

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
RHODE ISLAND ENERGY RESOURCES ACT

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

6. 2015-S 539 SUB A

BY Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RESPONSIBLE
RECYCLING, REUSE, AND DISPOSAL OF MATTRESSES

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

7. **2015-S 703**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- SEAFOOD
 MARKETING

 Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.
8. **2015-S 704**
 BY Conley
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

 Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.
9. **2015-S 750**
 BY Archambault
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -
 HANDLING OF LIVE POULTRY

 Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.
10. **2015-S 751**
 BY Sheehan
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE

 Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.
11. **2015-S 752**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -
 TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL

 Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Appendix**BILLS TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR****House Bill No. 5261****BY** Ucci, Winfield, Corvese, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Allows bake sales to be held on election days at polling places.)

{LC637/1}

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}