

# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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# Journal of the Senate

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Sixth Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

**ABSENT** – 2: Senators DiPalma and Paolino.

## INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Fifth Legislative Day of the 2017 proceedings is read in part.

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

**GUEST**

Upon suggestion of Senator Sheehan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Frank Lennon, JFK Carrier Project.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

January 18, 2017

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

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate session on Wednesday January 18, and Thursday January 19 2017, as I will be attending the Presidential inauguration in Washington D.C.

Sincerely,

Thomas Paolino  
Senator, District- 17

Read and placed on file.

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

January 18, 2017

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 I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Louis P. DiPalma  
Senator, District 12

Read and placed on file.

**NOW PRESIDING**

At 4:27 o'clock P.M. the Honorable President M. Teresa Paiva Weed yields the rostrum to the Honorable President Pro Tempore Harold M. Metts.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 17**

BY Paiva Weed, DiPalma, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Felag  
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING JOE BAKER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
RETIREMENT FROM THE NEWPORT DAILY NEWS

{LC664/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Paiva Weed requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Sosnowski.

Senators Algieri and Felag speak on the resolution.

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

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Pavia Weed and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore welcomes to the Chamber Joe Baker, his wife Pat, Amy Chappelle, Stepdaughter, Quinn Dakota Chappelle, Granddaughter, Kyle Tuggle, Stepson, and Eileen Cookson, Sister-in-Law.

**Senate Resolution No. 16**

BY Metts, Quezada, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Raptakis  
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF THE  
BIRTH OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

{LC552/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Metts requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Metts moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Sosnowski.

Senator Metts and Raptakis speak on the resolution.

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

**Senate Bill No. 18**

**BY** Metts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF KCI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

{LC787/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 19**

**BY** Lombardo, Cote

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE TASSONI FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF BRUNO TASSONI, JR.

{LC732/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 20**

**BY** Cote

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Permits grandfathering the licensing of barbers, hairdressers, cosmeticians, manicurists and estheticians on the basis of work experience or work in another state.)

{LC370/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 21**

**BY** Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION IN SCHOOL SPORTS (Addresses the potential for sudden cardiac arrest among student athletes by raising awareness of the symptoms and requiring medical evaluations.)

{LC331/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 22****BY** Gallo, Lynch Prata, DaPonte, Goodwin, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires the assessment to examine the status of each school building's safety be completed by November 1 of the year mandated.)

{LC713/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 23****BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT (Refines the law on guidelines for concussions at school and youth programs so that an adult trained in recognizing the symptoms of a concussion is required to be present during events.)

{LC628/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 24****BY** Raptakis, Archambault, Lombardo, Jabour, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS--BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR (Requires public schools, including charter schools, begin the school year on the day after Labor Day commencing in the school year 2018-2019.)

{LC275/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 25****BY** Kettle, Morgan, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - FRESHWATER FISHING (Permits fishing in trout waters at any time of year without seasonal restriction.)

{LC560/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 26****BY** Raptakis, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PAYMENTS TO FIRE COMPANIES (Requires reimbursement payments from the general fund to volunteer fire departments responding to emergencies on or along Route 95.)

{LC278/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 27****BY** Felag, Gallo, Fogarty, Lynch Prata, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows for subtraction of up to \$20,000 in taxable pension or annuity income from adjusted gross income beginning in tax year 2018.)

{LC263/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 28****BY** Felag, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Jabour, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides that for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, a taxpayer entitled to a federal earned-income credit shall be allowed a state earned-income credit equal to 18% of the federal earned-income credit.)

{LC640/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 29****BY** McCaffrey, Lombardo, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES (Requires the state and municipalities to award bids for purchases of goods or services to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder whose bid is the lowest price.)

{LC480/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 30****BY** DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM (Includes a tax sale as a transfer of property ownership that would trigger the past due balances of any PACE assessment. Effective January 1, 2017.)

{LC789/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 31****BY** Crowley, Quezada, Jabour, Lynch Prata, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RIPTA -- ELDERLY AND DISABLED BUS PASS ASSISTANCE (Reinstates free RIPTA bus fares for elderly and disabled riders who meet means test criteria.)

{LC457/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 32****BY** Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - BUDGET COMMISSIONS - CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT (Requires the state to reimburse Central Coventry Fire District for all costs associated with compliance with Pub L. 2014, ch. 31, which brought all fire districts in the state within the purview of the state laws on budget commissions.)

{LC290/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 33****BY** Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE WESTERLY HIGHER EDUCATION AND JOB SKILLS CENTER (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) to the Westerly Higher Education and Job Skills Center, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017.)

{LC472/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 34****BY** Cote, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts from state taxation certain pension benefits that originate from, and were taxed in another state.)

{LC367/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 35****BY** Crowley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES (Increases state's share to support local public library services in distressed communities by the amount paid by the distressed community for ocean state libraries (OSL) charges.)

{LC29/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 36****BY** Raptakis, Sheehan, Cote, Picard, Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes office of inspector general which would be charged with preventing fraud and mismanagement of public funds, regardless of their source and would oversee all state programs and operations.)

{LC279/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 37****BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides for a 10 year period in which tax administrator would have to commence a collection action.)  
{LC614/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 38****BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Enacts a 10 year statute of limitations on tax assessment or collection action for sales/use/estate/personal income/business corp. tax.)  
{LC616/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 39****BY** Algieri, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER ACT - PREPAID WIRELESS E-911 CHARGE ACT (Creates restricted receipt account for all 911 funds and requires these funds to be used solely for operation of the 911 system.)  
{LC243/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 40****BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES (Prohibits the lessor of a leased motor vehicle from charging a lessee any sales or use tax on that portion of lease payment that is comprised of taxes payable by the lessor on the leased motor vehicle.)  
{LC791/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 41****BY** Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION--TOWN OF FOSTER (Authorizes the town of Foster to provide tax credits to the elderly and disabled.)  
{LC539/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 42****BY** Kettle, Morgan, Cote, Algieri, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts the portion of a military pension which is included in federal adjusted gross income from the state income tax.)

{LC596/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 43****BY** Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Jabour, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES (Expedites the foreclosure procedure on vacant property.)

{LC417/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 44****BY** Archambault, Lombardo, Satchell, Raptakis, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION-- PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX (Clarifies depreciation with respect to the net book value of a company's tangible personal property, by providing that the accumulated depreciation reduction takes into account physical deterioration and functional and economic obsolescence)

{LC434/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 45****BY** Kettle, Morgan, Gee, Paolino, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Provides that corporations with less than fifty (50) employees shall not be subject to the four hundred dollar (\$400) minimum corporate tax.)

{LC574/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 46****BY** Archambault, Satchell, Miller, Nesselbush, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS (Requires written notice to certain plan purchasers of rule changes.)

{LC413/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 47****BY** Raptakis, Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS (Makes several changes to department of health's authority to mandate certain vaccinations, reinstates philosophical exemption to vaccinations, and requires public hearings when changes to required vaccinations are proposed.)

{LC281/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 48****BY** Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Burrillville, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Burrillville on November 8, 2016.)

{LC326/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 49****BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Jabour

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

{LC623/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 50****BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Jabour

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT SERVICES (Requires registration of those individuals who provide personal care assistant services to a consumer and authorizes the department of health to supervise and investigate compliance with certain issues.)

{LC632/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 51****BY** Raptakis, Cote, Sheehan, Morgan, Paolino

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- REFERENDUM ON LINE ITEM VETO (Submits to the electors a constitutional amendment granting the governor the power to utilize a line item veto for appropriations.)

{LC166/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 52****BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Jabour, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- LAW PRACTICE (Requires duly admitted members of the bar of this state to acquire and maintain malpractice insurance in the minimum amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).)

{LC633/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 53**

(by request)

**BY** Cote, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Reduces the statutory interest on judgments for money in civil actions from 12% to 6%.)

{LC368/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 54****BY** Cote, Morgan, Picard, Raptakis, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (Establishes the E-Verify compliance act which would require all non-governmental employers within the state with three (3) or more employees to apply to participate in the federal E-Verify program.)

{LC364/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 55****BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Provides that sex offenders register their presence with any homeless shelter at which they may temporarily stay and provides that said shelters notify the local law enforcement agency of the presence.)

{LC622/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 56**

(by request)

**BY** Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES (Requires the marking of all underground utility facilities when the underground utility is under a public right-of-way.)

{LC482/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 57****BY** Crowley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Raises the jurors' fees for each day's attendance on the superior court to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day commencing July 1, 2018 and increases to thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per day commencing July 1, 2019 and thereafter.)

{LC28/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 58****BY** Kettle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Carole Warren to join Molly Smith and Zachary C. Siener in marriage on or about July 29, 2017, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

{LC296/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 59****BY** McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Frank S. Lombardi to join Jeffrey Ryan Beliveau and Alyssa Fioravanti in marriage on or about February 4, 2017, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC550/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 60****BY** Morgan, Lombardo, Kettle, Algiere, Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Provides immunity to persons that provide food or wild game to a food pantry, food bank or DEM or individuals.)

{LC308/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 61****BY** Jabour, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Calkin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Nancy Mullen to join Amy Lynne Oster and Scott Anthony Lambert, Jr., in marriage on or about May 20, 2017, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)

{LC597/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 62****BY** Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Scott Avedisian to join Annmarie Pedro and Steven Matthew Carson in marriage on or about March 24, 2018, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

{LC711/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 63****BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Cena, Sr., to join Rachel McCaffrey and Ryan Hayden in marriage on or about August 4, 2017, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

{LC254/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 64****BY** Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Jabour, Conley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT (Creates a rebuttable presumption of vehicle owner's or operator's knowledge that a vehicle did not comply with financial security requirements if charged with same violation within 6 months preceding the current violation.)

{LC435/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 65****BY** Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Robert Edward Catanzaro to join Sarah Austin Gorham and Colin John Esposito in marriage on or about July 8, 2017, within the Town of Charlestown, Rhode Island.)

{LC460/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 66****BY** Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Scott Avedisian to join Jennifer Elizabeth Sayles and Mary-Margaret Velan in marriage on or about February 15, 2017, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)

{LC458/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 67****BY** Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Terrance N. Turner, Esq., Justice of the Peace, to join Amanda E. Carrier, and Justin N. Turner, in marriage on or about October 7, 2017, within the Town of East Greenwich, Rhode Island.)

{LC384/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 68****BY** Archambault, Conley, Lombardi, Morgan, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS - ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Revises access to public records charter re: definitions of public body public record, right to inspect, copy records, arrest logs, compliance, costs, court jurisdiction, remedies, claims settlement, violations.)

{LC416/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 69**

(Public Defender)

**BY** Metts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Permits a person who is convicted for a criminal offense that is later decriminalized, to petition the court for a hearing to have the criminal record expunged and sometimes without cost to the petitioner.)

{LC261/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 70****BY** Doyle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - PAROLE BOARD (Requires that parole board members appointed by the governor require the advice and consent of the senate.)

{LC534/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 71****BY** Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Jabour, Conley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - GENERAL POWERS (Requires that cities and towns comply with certain procedures when prosecuting defendants such as the right to counsel, and would amend the penalties imposed for ordinance violations.)

{LC444/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 72****BY** Raptakis, Archambault, Lombardi, Jabour, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Makes leaving child under 7 years old unattended in motor vehicle longer than 5 minutes offense punishable by imprisonment of 1 year or less or fine of \$1,000 or less.)

{LC259/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 73****BY** Coyne, Morgan, Lombardi, Jabour, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING CRIMINAL OFFENSES - UNIFORM ACT ON THE PREVENTION OF AND REMEDIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Creates the "Uniform Act on the Prevention and Remedies for Human Trafficking" which would establish penalties and remedies for human trafficking.)

{LC159/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 74****BY** Morgan, Kettle, Paolino, Raptakis, Gee**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS -- A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR GENERAL OFFICERS' ELECTION)

{LC306/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 75****BY** Archambault, Raptakis, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Authorizes police/animal control officer to hold animal up to 72 hours pending court hearing as to costs, fees, charges, surrender of ownership of the animal.)

{LC427/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 76****BY** Archambault, Conley, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- TRUST (Permits trust settlor to provide for trust advisor/trust protector to direct actions of trustee and establishes their legal responsibilities applying to all past/future trusts.)

{LC428/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 77****BY** Conley, Coyne, Calkin, Archambault, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS (Creates a prohibition on parking in electric vehicle charging stations without using the charging apparatus.)

{LC116/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 78****BY** Raptakis, Lombardi, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Increases the hourly minimum wage to ten dollars (\$10.00) effective January 1, 2018.)

{LC286/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 79****BY** Doyle, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--MEDICAL SERVICES (Requires employers to pay the reasonable transportation costs for employees that travel round-trip to receive workers' compensation related health care services.)

{LC546/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 80****BY** Doyle, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKER'S COMPENSATION BENEFITS (Repeals the provision of the general laws relating to continuation of workers' compensation benefits for partial incapacity.)

{LC538/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 81****BY** Doyle, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - BENEFITS (Increases the spendable base wage calculation from seventy-five percent (75%) to eighty-five percent (85%) under the workers' compensation law and makes additional changes relating to partial incapacity.)

{LC540/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 82****BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Seveney, Morgan, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HOISTING ENGINEERS (Adds a requirement to obtain a hoisting engineering license that a person possess a certificate of registration as a registered apprentice engineer.)

{LC420/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 83****BY** Cote, Picard, Raptakis, Gee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM (Provides a detailed process by which a proponent of a voter initiative and referendum proposal would present the proposal to the secretary of state, the general assembly and the governor.)

{LC366/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Resolution No. 84****BY** Cote, Picard, Raptakis, Gee**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM) (This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the state constitution, by establishing a voter initiative process to allow voters to initiate proposed legislation which would, upon a majority vote of the electorate, become law.)

{LC371/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 85****BY** Cote, Felag, Lynch Prata, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (Creates a veteran's preference in the issuance of state contracts.)

{LC365/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 86****BY** Archambault, Lombardo, Conley, Kettle, Gee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES-SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES (Creates a special motor vehicle registration plates for the Salt Water Anglers Association.)

{LC601/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 87****BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MOSLEM GROTTO MYSTIC ORDER VEILED PROPHETS OF THE ENCHANTED REALM

{LC795/1}

To be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.**Senate Resolution No. 88****BY** Sosnowski, Algieri, Sheehan, Goodwin, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING CHIEF VINCENT VESPIA, JR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT ON NOVEMBER 1, 2016, AFTER FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

{LC655/1}

To be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.**Senate Resolution No. 89****BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING CHRISTOPHER NADEAU UPON ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

{LC793/1}

To be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

**1. 2017-S 12****BY** Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF AML PUBLICATIONS, INC.**2. 2017-S 13****BY** Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF FRIENDS ASSOCIATION OF PAWTUCKET INC.**3. 2017-S 14****BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF HARVEST OUTREACH MINISTRY, INC.

**4. 2017-S 15****BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF BALLOONS OVER R.I., INC.

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senator voting in the negative as follows.

**YEAS - 36:** The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

**NAYS - 0:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Kettle, the Senate stands adjourn at 4:42 o'clock P.M.

**Appendix****INVOCATION****SENATOR HAROLD M. METTS**

Dear Lord, As we reflect on the past, present, and future help us to remember that only light can pierce the darkness. Help us to remember that only love, not hate that makes our nation great! Help us, oh lord, to love our neighbor as we love ourselves! And in all of our endeavors, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken; bind us together with love! In Jesus Name! Amen.

**Appendix****CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017:**

1.     **2017-S 18**  
       **BY** Metts  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF KCI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2.     **2017-S 19**  
       **BY** Lombardo  
       **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE TASSONI FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF BRUNO TASSONI, JR.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017:**

1.     **2017-S 87**  
       **BY** Picard  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MOSLEM GROTTO MYSTIC ORDER VEILED PROPHETS OF THE ENCHANTED REALM

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2.     **2017-S 88**  
       **BY** Sosnowski  
       **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING CHIEF VINCENT VESPIA, JR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT ON NOVEMBER 1, 2016, AFTER FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3.     **2017-S 89**  
       **BY** Sosnowski  
       **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING CHRISTOPHER NADEAU UPON ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

**Appendix**

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017:**

- 1. Appointment of Colonel Ann C. Assumpico VICE Colonel Steven O'Donnell Director of Public Safety.**

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