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Eighteenth 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 4:25 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 Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Doyle and Ruggerio.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Seveney and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Chris Seveney, Brother.

Upon suggestion of Senator Crowley and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Councilman Franklin Solano, Central Falls.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

February 16, 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 Thursday, February 16, 2017, I am out of state on personal business.

Sincerely,

James E. Doyle, II
Senator, District- 8
Pawtucket

Read and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 299**

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS (Removes the exception to qualification for a broker's license previously granted those with a baccalaureate in real estate.)

{LC1200/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 300**BY** Sosnowski, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Miller, Gee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Has each public institution of postsecondary education establish a plan for addressing mental health needs of its students.)
{LC1521/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 301**BY** Felag, DiPalma, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - FEES FOR STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES - VETERANS (Authorizes state higher education institutions to waive application and transcript fees for veterans.)
{LC1535/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Resolution No. 302**BY** Crowley, Sosnowski, Miller, Goodwin, Gee**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR EVIDENCED-BASED AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH TO DECREASE MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS IN CHILDREN AND TEENS SERVED THROUGH THE STATE'S HEALTH EQUITY ZONES
{LC1565/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 303**BY** Felag, DiPalma, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Amends general laws to reference the new council on elementary and secondary education and makes teacher certification provisions for military personnel.)
{LC1534/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 304**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Miller, Lynch Prata, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS-FOOD AND BEVERAGES (Prohibits the sale and advertising of unhealthy food and beverage products in schools during the school day, since they do not meet minimum federal governmental nutrition standards.)
{LC1632/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 305**BY** DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT (Requires all school districts to designate an athletic trainer to be available for high school athletic practices and games.)
{LC1190/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 306**BY** Satchell, Miller, Nesselbush, Sheehan, Gee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education to consider incorporating substance abuse education and suicide prevention into the health education curriculum.)
{LC745/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 307**BY** Morgan, Lombardi, Paolino, Gee, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- DISEASES AND PARASITES (Regulates the transport and sale of firewood into and within Rhode Island.)
{LC1064/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 308**BY** Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides for revenue sharing with municipalities commencing in FY 2018, based upon three percent (3%) of total state income tax revenues. It would also impose a 2% tax increase on personal income over \$250,000 commencing January 1, 2018.)
{LC321/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 309**BY** DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD (Amends the provisions of the general law, establishing the public finance management board to include more types of public agencies and expands the types of financing the board can oversee, including GARVEE bonds and financing leases.)
{LC256/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 310**BY** DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - GENERAL POWERS

(Mandates that every town and city consolidate certain functions by July 1, 2020.)

{LC257/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 311**BY** Satchell, Doyle, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Imposes

2% tax increase on personal income over \$250,000 effective January 1, 2018.)

{LC323/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 312**BY** Lombardi, Gallo, Archambault, Lombardo, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Exempts houses, condominiums, and other residential dwelling units from state sales or hotel tax.)

{LC634/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 313**BY** Ruggerio, Ciccone, Pearson, Goldin, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides for a reduction to local per pupil funding for state-operated schools that do not have teachers who participate in the state teacher's retirement system.)

{LC1437/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 314**BY** Lombardi, Algiere, Jabour, Archambault, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - PERSONAL

INCOME TAX (Subtracts state tax refunds, paid to an individual in the previous year, from federal adjusted gross income, for purposes of the state income tax for tax years beginning January 1, 2018.)

{LC617/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 315**BY** Raptakis, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LIGHTING DISTRICT ENERGY COSTS (Requires the state to pay a lighting district's energy bill, if the lighting district fails to pay it.)

{LC273/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 316**BY** Crowley, Goldin, Miller, Metts, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - CHILD CARE - STATE SUBSIDIES (Enhances reimbursement rates paid by the departments of human services and children, youth and families for children in the child care assistance program, starting with infants and toddlers in 2017.)

{LC1434/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 317**BY** Ciccone, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Requires the general assembly to appropriate a minimum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in capital financing for affordable housing development.)

{LC1552/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 318**BY** Calkin, Seveney, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Establishes a surtax on the business corporation tax for publicly traded corporations subject to SEC disclosure and reporting requirements, if corporation's ratio of compensation for its CEO to median worker is equal to or greater than 100 to 1.)

{LC1054/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 319**BY** Metts, Nesselbush, Satchell, Lombardi, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MICRO ZONE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT (Creates micro zones in distressed areas to stimulate economic revitalization, employment opportunities, and business development through the redevelopment of obsolete, dilapidated and abandoned industrial and commercial structures.)

{LC1112/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 320**BY** Ciccone, Jabour, Miller, Cote, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX AND REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX (Creates statewide uniform motor vehicle excise tax rate with fund to reimburse cities and towns for loss of tax revenues funded by motor vehicle related fees/excise tax phase-out exemption for use for real estate property tax relief.)

{LC1398/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 321**BY** Goldin, Satchell, Miller, Crowley, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Raises by at least seventy cents (\$.70) hourly wage of direct care staff starting October 1, 2017 and each October 1 thereafter with compliance certification and on each July 31 thereafter subject to the clawback provisions.)

{LC1383/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 322**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Goldin, Miller, Kettle**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE MUNICIPAL POLICE ACADEMY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000 to the Rhode Island State Police Municipal Police Academy for law enforcement mental health training.)

{LC724/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 323**BY** Fogarty, Doyle, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts from personal income tax the first \$25,000 a taxpayer received from pensions, interest income, 401K plans and individual retirement accounts, and up to \$50,000 for joint filers.)

{LC575/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 324**BY** Paiva Weed, Miller, Goldin, Crowley, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HOME-VISITING SYSTEM COMPONENTS (Directs the department of health to obtain an annual estimate of the number of children born to Rhode Island families who face significant risk factors known to impair child development.)

{LC1530/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 325**BY** Goldin, Satchell, Miller, Crowley, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- LONG-TERM MANAGED CARE ARRANGEMENTS (Requires managed care organizations to consult with the EOHHS to develop incentives for nursing facilities that demonstrate lower direct care staff turnover.)

{LC1507/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 326**BY** Goldin, Miller, Nesselbush, Sosnowski, Gee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS - MENTAL HEALTH LAW (Includes licensed advanced practice registered nurses (APRN), certified in psychiatric/mental health, as qualified to certify the need for mental health treatment in certain patients.)

{LC478/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 327**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - THE NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS ACT OF 2017 (Establishes procedures for the licensing of naturopathic physicians, and defines the practice of naturopathic medicine.)

{LC1201/1}

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

Senate Resolution No. 328**BY** Sheehan, Miller, Nesselbush, Crowley, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY ENCOURAGING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (EOHHS) TO EXAMINE CURRENT POLICIES AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN RHODE ISLAND

{LC1457/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 329**BY** Miller, Goldin, Satchell, Sosnowski, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Provides that patients with mental health and/or substance-use disorders are presumptively eligible for emergency admission practices, including any appropriate inpatient services.)

{LC1270/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 330**BY** Coyne, Miller, Crowley, Sosnowski, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004--HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Requires the health insurance commissioner to make recommendations to the general assembly to ensure compliance with mental health parity provisions required by existing law.)

{LC1276/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 331**BY** Calkin, Goldin, Sosnowski, Miller, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES (Authorizes HHS to apply for waivers to assure for housing, healthcare, and mental and behavioral health care services for the homeless.)

{LC870/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 332**BY** Miller, Goldin, Satchell, Crowley, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - COMPREHENSIVE DISCHARGE PLANNING

{LC1497/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 333**BY** Crowley, Metts, Quezada, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - RHODE ISLAND DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ACT (Amends several sections of the general laws pertaining to the calculation of impact fees by municipalities in the state by requiring that needs assessments of the fees be conducted every 5 years with certain exceptions.)

{LC1575/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 334**BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLIES (Provides that a "municipal water supplier" would limit the sale of water from a municipal water supply to customers located within the municipality.)

{LC1120/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 335**BY** Morgan, Kettle, Gee, Raptakis, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Changes one of the eligibility requirements to vote by mail ballot from an elector who "may" not be able to vote at a polling place to and an elector who will not be able to vote at a polling place.)

{LC1063/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 336**BY** Lynch Prata, Miller, Goldin, Sosnowski, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO PERFORM A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF THE STAFFING NEEDS OF THE OFFICES OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE AND THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE

{LC729/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 337**BY** Seveney, Miller, DiPalma, Calkin, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE UNIFORMED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Approval and funding of drug awareness programs for minors placed with the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals.)

{LC1099/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 338

(Governor)

BY Coyne, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Jabour, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (Changes references to "director" with "commissioner" of public safety and removes duties of superintendent of state police to department of safety.)

{LC1371/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 339**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, Lombardo, Conley, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Changes the period of time required for occupancy for transient lodging accommodations from 30 days to 6 days.)

{LC1066/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 340**BY** Nesselbush, Sosnowski, Quezada, Lynch Prata, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - STALKING (Prohibits stalking defined as a course of conduct by anyone who may cause a reasonable person to either fear for their own safety or the safety of a third person or cause a reasonable person to suffer emotional distress. Enumerates penalties for stalking.)

{LC1322/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 341**BY** Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Miller, Pearson, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE (Requires that municipal animal control officers be certified by the National Care & Control Association.)

{LC1540/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 342**BY** DiPalma, DaPonte, Sosnowski, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - SMALL CELL SITING ACT (Creates the "Small Cell Siting Act", which specifies how local authorities may regulate the collocation of small wireless facilities and small wireless facility networks.)

{LC977/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 343**BY** Raptakis, Cote, Paolino, Sheehan, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Changes the period of time a voter may have to change their party affiliation from the 90th day preceding any primary election for which the voter is eligible to the 29th day preceding any primary election for which the voter is eligible.)

{LC285/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 344**BY** Metts, Jabour, Quezada, Crowley, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Requires the state to use the actual residence of persons in government custody for redistricting purposes.)

{LC1111/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 345**BY** Raptakis, Paolino, Cote, Crowley, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases the penalty for anyone found guilty of reckless driving while eluding police to a felony punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment and subject to a loss of license from 1 to 2 years and a possible forfeiture of their motor vehicle.)

{LC287/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 346**BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY (Changes the month in which candidates for public office are required to declare their candidacy from June to April.)

{LC288/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 347**BY** Raptakis, Cote, Sheehan, Jabour, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- ELECTRONIC VOTING (Requires the joint committee on legislative services to make the record of the votes of the general assembly available to the public and the secretary of state electronically within thirty (30) minutes.)

{LC283/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 348**BY** DaPonte, Cote, Crowley, Picard, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Exempts individuals validly licensed in their country and holding a validly issued study or work Visa from the State's licensing requirements.)

{LC1512/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 349**BY** Archambault, Sosnowski, Conley, Coyne, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE (Imposes on breeders requirements already in place on other pet custodial agencies.)

{LC1096/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 350**BY** Lombardi, Fogarty, Jabour, Archambault, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - PAYMENT OF WAGES (Prohibits employers from deducting from their employees' wages for spoilage, breakage, cash shortages, losses, fines, or penalties for tardiness, misconduct or quitting by an employee without notice.)

{LC624/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 351**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, Jabour, McCaffrey, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE (Allows employees, of an employer that sponsors disability insurance programs, to elect to exempt them from temporary disability insurance coverage.)

{LC1555/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 352**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, Lombardo, Conley, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE-WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS (Repeals §25-3-7 of the general laws which gives the director of the department of labor and training the authority to exempt certain classes of employees from receiving overtime pay for Sunday and holiday work.)

{LC1566/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 353**BY** Felag, DiPalma, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Facilitates for military service members and their spouses to obtain certifications and licenses issued by the department of environmental management.)

{LC1532/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 354**BY** Felag, DiPalma, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING (Makes it easier for military service members and their spouses to obtain certifications and licenses issued by the department of labor and training.)

{LC1533/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 355**BY** Felag, DiPalma, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Makes it easier for military service members and their spouses to obtain certifications and licenses issued by the division of motor vehicles and the department of administration.)

{LC1531/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 356**BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Miller, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates the Ocean State Animal Coalition motor vehicle plate to help raise revenue and subsidize spay and neuter services for cats and dogs.)

{LC1520/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 357**BY** Sosnowski, Miller, Conley, Goldin, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY (Repeals the Rhode Island pari-mutuel facilities exemption to the public health and workplace safety act thereby banning smoking at all pari-mutuel facilities.)

{LC687/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 358**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MODERN CONDOMINIUMS, INC.

{LC1256/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 359**BY** Quezada**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 173RD ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2017
{LC1495/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Quezada requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Quezada moves passage, seconded by Senators Metts, Lombardi, Fogarty, Nesselbush, Jabour, Felag, Gallo, Lynch Prata, Algieri and Gee.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Quezada and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Ana Arelys, Cruz Cabrera, Franklin Solano, Isidro Deleon, Ana Margarita Adames, Hugo Adames, Everin Perez, Laura Rodriguez, and Pedro Espinal.

Upon suggestion of Senator Raptakis and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Lizabell Taveras, Senior at Brown University who is interning in the Senate.

Senate Resolution No. 360**BY** Lombardi, Miller, Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MICHAEL LEPIZZERA
{LC1496/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lombardi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardi moves passage, seconded by Senator Metts.

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

Senate Resolution No. 361

BY Kettle

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RICHARD H. COLWELL

{LC1658/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Kettle requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Kettle moves passage, seconded by Senator Lombardi.

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

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 362**

BY Lynch Prata, Gallo, Felag, Gee, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - VETERANS - SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM (Creates a transitioning veterans' small business loan program through the commerce corporation.)

{LC1682/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 363

BY Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES--GASPEE DAY COMMITTEE (Creates a special fundraising license plate for the Gaspee Days committee.)

{LC1670/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 364

BY Raptakis, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (Prohibits individuals from completing alcohol-server training requirements from online or Internet sources.)

{LC1438/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 365**BY** Calkin, Quezada, Seveney, Metts, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ENERGIZE RHODE ISLAND: CLEAN ENERGY INVESTMENT AND CARBON PRICING ACT OF 2017

(Establishes a fee on companies that sell fossil fuels in RI and also establishes a receipt account to disburse the funds from.)

{LC1017/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2017-S 297**BY** Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF GREEN REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2017-H 5148**BY** Winfield**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF SAVINGS OF AMERICA, INC.

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

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS - 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.**NAYS - 0:****CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows

1. 2017-S 57**BY** Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Crowley moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Metts, McCaffrey, Archambault, Lombardo, Conley, Paolino, and Goodwin.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

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

NAYS - 0:

2. 2017-S 168

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Lombardi moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Archambault, Goodwin, Nesselbush, gee, Paolino, and Jabour.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

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

NAYS - 0:

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

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 Senators Gallo and Miller, and upon suggestion of Senator Lombardi the Senate adjourns at 4:44 o'clock P.M in memory of *Michael Lepizzera*.

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ANA B. QUEZADA

Lord, we ask you to keep us safe and healthy over the vacation break, and allow us to return refreshed so we may continue to serve in the best interests of our people. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017:

- 1. 2017-S 358**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF MODERN CONDOMINIUMS, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

The following item has been transmitted to the Governor:

House Bill No. 5148

BY Winfield

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF SAVINGS OF AMERICA, INC.

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