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Twenty First Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:20 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT -38: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON COMMERECE**

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

The Appointment of Scottye Lindsey as Director of Business Regulation

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNEMNT

Senator Ciccone, from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

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}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 157

BY Gee, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of East Greenwich, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of East Greenwich on November 8, 2016.)
{LC241/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 158

BY Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION (Permits the Barrington town council to appoint two alternate members to the planning board.)
{LC866/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 161

(by request)

BY Sosnowski, Algiere

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN (Ratifies and validates the amendment to the South Kingstown Home Rule Charter which was approved by the electors of the town of South Kingstown at the polls on November 8, 2016.)
{LC972/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 164

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN (Validates and ratify an amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Middletown, which amendment was adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Middletown on November 8, 2016.){LC983/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Senator Fogarty, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 239

BY Fogarty, Ciccone, Lombardo, Picard, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - ELECTRICIANS - TRADES LICENSING - PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS (Each individual violating law governing electricians, plumbers, and other trades constitutes a separate offense for firms/corporations.)
{LC592/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 284

BY Doyle, Ciccone, Jabour, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- CONTRACTORS' BONDS (Prohibits state, general contractors, and construction managers from withholding a retainer of more than five percent (5%) from public works contracts.)
{LC544/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 373**BY** Nesselbush, Lombardi, Archambault, Lynch Prata, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Requires that any applicant or holder of a retail license for the sale of alcoholic beverages be required to file a certificate of insurance evidencing liability insurance coverage in certain minimum amounts.)

{LC1302/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 374**BY** Archambault, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Provides the attorney general with the authority to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states concerning carrying of concealed weapons.)

{LC1898/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 375**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi, Conley, Nesselbush, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Provides that an open and obvious danger or defect is not a complete bar to recovery of damages in personal injury or property damage actions.)

{LC1307/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 376

(Attorney General)

BY Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Includes those persons convicted of an offense punishable as a misdemeanor offense under §12-29-2 (domestic violence) to those persons prohibited from possessing a firearm.)

{LC761/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 377**BY** Lombardi, Conley, Nesselbush, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND

TENANT ACT (Mandates that a landlord have a general liability policy of at least (\$100,000) in effect for those injured on the premises due to landlords' negligence. Failure to provide proof of insurance would preclude a landlord from proceeding an eviction action.)

{LC1308/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 378**BY** Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SPECIAL POLICE FOR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS (Clarifies the jurisdiction of special police officers upon the land and buildings of educational institutions, and on roads adjacent to the educational institutions to instances where the officer notices that a person is in danger of bodily harm.)

{LC1638/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 379**BY** Archambault, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - GUN CRIMES REPORT (Directs the attorney general to report annually to the general assembly on the incidence and disposition of crimes involving guns.)

{LC1804/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 380**BY** Gallo, Ciccone, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - THE TOWING STORAGE ACT (Prohibits property owners from towing cars that have been parked less than one hour unless the cars are otherwise illegally parked on the property. The property owner would be required to pay two times the cost of towing and storage.)

{LC1485/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 381**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Excludes weekends and state holidays from the calculation of the forty-eight (48) hour public notice requirement, and requires all public bodies to keep minutes of open meetings and file their minutes with the secretary of state.)

{LC1410/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 382**BY** Sheehan, Cote, Jabour, Archambault, Lombardo

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (This proposed constitution amendment, if adopted, would give the governor a line-item veto.)

{LC1396/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 383**BY** Lynch Prata, Lombardi, DiPalma, Archambault, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - VISITATION RIGHTS

(Establishes guidelines for the family court to use to decide petitions for visitation by grandparents based on a best interest of the grandchild standard.)

{LC1275/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 384**BY** Lynch Prata, Archambault, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY (Eliminates rent abatement as a penalty in case where a non-resident landlord does not designate an agent for service of process.)

{LC1045/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 385**BY** Metts, Calkin, Quezada, Crowley, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - PAY FOR SUCCESS

CRIMINAL RECIDIVISM REDUCTION ACT (Provides for the contracting with criminal justice reform services which provide Pay for Success criminal justice reform programs.)

{LC1637/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 386**BY** McCaffrey, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS--LIABILITY LIMITATIONS (Excludes the state and municipalities from the definition of "owner" for the purposes of liability limitations relating to public use of private lands.)

{LC1304/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 387**BY** Jabour, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows William J. Gately, Jr., Esq., to join Caroline Stuart Barr and James W. Gately in marriage on or about August 26, 2017, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

{LC1889/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 388**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Ciccone, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE (Reduces the time the buyer of mortgage foreclosed property has to record the foreclosed deed from 45 to 15 days. Also increases penalty for violation from \$40 to \$500 per month.)

{LC1760/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 389**BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - TRESPASS AND ACTIONS FOR POSSESSION (Provides that a cause of action may be brought for encroachment upon open space land.)

{LC1278/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 390**BY** Jabour, Lombardi, Doyle, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Defines animal hoarding and would add animal hoarding to the list of conduct considered cruelty to animals and proscribed by law.)

{LC1610/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 391**BY** Raptakis, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SCHOOL BUSES--IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEMS (Requires all school buses be equipped with ignition interlock systems.)

{LC1280/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 392**BY** Doyle, Jabour, Lombardi, Metts, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - DISTRICT COURT (Empowers certain municipal housing courts to order a building into receivership pursuant to the provisions of chapter 44 of title 34, "abandoned property.")

{LC1523/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 393**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Permits agents of a public utility to enter a premises where gas or electricity is supplied under certain circumstances.)

{LC1461/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 394**BY** Sheehan, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Jabour, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Allows holder of a level 2-limited provisional license to drive from the holder's home to a school event for which no transportation is provided or between hours of 4-5 a.m. if members of school athletic team and driving to/from team practice/game.)

{LC227/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 395**BY** Conley, Lombardi, Lombardo, Archambault, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Provides for a proration of the homestead exemption in cases where title to property passes from those not entitled to claim an exemption to those who are entitled.)

{LC1783/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 396**BY** DiPalma, Pearson, Seveney, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES--MEDICAL INFORMATION INCLUDED ON LICENSE (Allows drivers' licenses and state-issued identification cards to contain medical information to assist medical personnel.)

{LC1802/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 397**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- BALLOT ARRANGEMENT (Removes the requirement that independent candidates for political office be listed in a vertical column on the ballot.)

{LC1407/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 398**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
APPOINTMENTS COMMISSIONS (Changes the responsibility of making appointments to
certain advisory and exchange commissions from the lieutenant governor to the senate president.)
{LC1411/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 399**BY** Archambault, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Defines a
firearm silencer and permit the use of such a device on any firearm with an overall length of
seventeen inches or greater and would permit the use of such a device for lawful hunting activity.)
{LC1892/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 400**BY** Jabour, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT
SYSTEM (Allows a classified employee, whose position is not fully funded through federal loans
and/or grants to seek the nomination of or to be a candidate for elective state office.)
{LC1468/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 401

(Attorney General)

BY Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Jabour, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - ELECTRONIC IMAGING
DEVICES (Prohibits a person from electronically disseminating visual images of another engaged
in sexually explicit conduct or the intimate parts of another.)
{LC773/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 402

(Attorney General)

BY Ruggerio, Jabour, Miller, Lombardi, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN (Prohibits the
sale of liquid that is intended for human consumption and/or use in an electronic nicotine delivery
system that is not contained in child resistant packaging, and also bans the use of electronic
nicotine delivery systems in schools.)
{LC759/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 403

(Attorney General)

BY Miller, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -WEAPONS (Provides that no person shall knowingly purchase or otherwise obtain a firearm on behalf of or transfer to a person who the transferor knows or reasonably should know is prohibited from possessing or receiving a firearm under federal or state law.)

{LC1237/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 404

(Attorney General)

BY Miller, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Makes it unlawful to carry a rifle or shotgun in a vehicle, except under limited circumstances and enhances the penalty to anyone who transfers a firearm as a minor which is then used in a crime of violence.)

{LC775/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 405**BY** Metts, Calkin, Quezada, Crowley, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT - PROTECT RHODE ISLAND FAMILIES ACT (Limits access to firearms when an individual is under certain types of domestic restraining orders or protective orders issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2017.)

{LC1651/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 406**BY** Lynch Prata, Quezada, Ciccone, Calkin, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - CHILD SUPPORT (Establishes a procedure for modifying child support orders for incarcerated individuals.)

{LC1222/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 407**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE RHODE ISLAND PATIENT SAFETY ACT OF 2008 (Amends the definition of "patient safety work product" to include certain written or oral statements disclosed to a patient safety organization and analyzed by the same.)

{LC1309/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 408**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Metts, Crowley, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RHODE ISLAND RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS ACT (Requires the department of corrections to provide the secretary of state with the number of eligible persons who, upon release from incarceration, have registered to vote and requires the secretary of state to publish that number twice a year.)

{LC1448/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 409**BY** Nesselbush, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Removes the bar for an action against a physician or optometrist for not reporting to the division of motor vehicle's medical advisory board.)

{LC1310/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 410**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi, Conley, Nesselbush, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - CONTRIBUTION AMONG JOINT TORTFEASORS (Original tortfeasor is liable for a injuries victim suffers due to negligent third-party treatment.)

{LC1306/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 411**BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS-SUPPORT OF CHILDREN (Provides for child support for children until they reach the age of twenty-one (21) or twenty-three (23) if the child lives with a parent, and is dependent upon that parent for maintenance due to the enrollment of the child in an educational program.)

{LC1562/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 412

(Attorney General)

BY Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Defines imitation firearm and makes it unlawful to change or remove certain markings required to be on an imitation firearm.)

{LC1239/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 413**BY** Sheehan, Cote, Raptakis, DiPalma, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS --POST-ELECTION AUDITS (Authorizes the board of elections to establish a post-election risk-limiting audit program to improve the accuracy of election results.)

{LC1550/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 414**BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE (Exempts from the real estate conveyance tax certain low-income and affordable housing developments.)

{LC1626/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 415**BY** Goldin, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS (Repeals the provision declaring prisoners serving a life sentence civilly dead.)

{LC1506/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 416**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi, Conley, Nesselbush, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT (Requires the insurance commissioner to issue regulations prohibiting the use of credit histories, credit scores, occupation or educational level in setting auto insurance rates.)

{LC1311/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 417

(Attorney General)

BY Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - MORTGAGE AND FORECLOSURE SALE (Increases the fines for failing to file a foreclosure deed.)

{LC771/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 418**BY** Quezada, Metts, Calkin, Crowley, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PUBLIC RECORDS--RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS (Requires the department of corrections to provide certain nonprofit organizations with a list containing information about formerly incarcerated inmates who have become eligible to vote to assist in their efforts in registering former felons to vote.)

{LC1449/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 419**BY** DiPalma, Pearson, Seveney, Ciccone, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OPEN MEETINGS (Requires that all public bodies keep official minutes of all meetings and file copies of these minutes with the secretary of state within thirty-five (35) days of the meeting for inspection by the public.)

{LC1914/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 420**BY** Miller, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Metts, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- ADULT USE OF CANNABIS ACT (Establishes a system for the regulation and taxation for adult use and cultivation of marijuana.)

{LC1246/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 421**BY** Morgan, Coyne, Lynch Prata, Nesselbush, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS AND INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE (Requires the posting of human trafficking awareness signs at certain state rest and welcome areas as well as at certain businesses.)

{LC1668/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 422**BY** Lynch Prata, Gallo, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING (Creates a procedure for in-person early voting for all general, primary and special elections, beginning twenty (20) days before the scheduled election.)

{LC988/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 423**BY** Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christopher A. Frost to join Sarah Ann Strachan and Jennifer Arnold Ernst in marriage on or about September 30, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC1824/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 424

(by request)

BY Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY (Limits tortfeasor liability to several only if defendant's act or omission constituted no more than 25% of the plaintiff's damages.)
{LC1993/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 425**BY** McCaffrey, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FORM AND EFFECT OF CONVEYANCES (Validates certain conveyancing defects in various instruments executed by or affecting grantors, grantees, business entities, powers of attorney, probate fiduciaries, mortgage discharges and foreclosures or certain clerical defects.)
{LC1432/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 426

(Attorney General)

BY Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Makes persons with 6 or less misdemeanors eligible for expungement by filing motion 10 years from completion date of last sentence unless convicted for felony involving domestic violence, DUI, or chemical test refusal.)
{LC762/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 427**BY** Conley, Goldin, Miller, Archambault, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits any questioning of a juvenile who is suspected of delinquent or criminal behavior, unless the parent or guardian of the juvenile is present, or unless an attorney is present or the juvenile and their parents have waived their presence.)
{LC1518/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 428**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION - AUTOMOBILE WRECKING AND SALVAGE YARDS (Requires the entity advertising the purchase and sale of junk motor vehicles to have an Auto Wrecking Yard Auto Salvage Yard license.)

{LC1660/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 429**BY** Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Archambault, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- TRANSFER OF VEHICLES (Includes automobiles equipped with self-sealing tires to be exempt from having a spare tire and jack when sold.)

{LC1399/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 430**BY** Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SERVICES (Allows the town of New Shoreham to establish its own regulatory framework regarding transportation network company services.)

{LC1672/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 431**BY** Lynch Prata, Gallo, Metts, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Provides that any minority business enterprise that is certified by the Small Business Act shall be deemed certified by the department of administration as a minority business enterprise.)

{LC985/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 432**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Pearson, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES (Prohibits domestic and foreign insurance companies from any distinction or discrimination against individuals in a domestic partner relationship regarding policies issued or renewed in this state.)

{LC1964/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 433**BY** Cote, Picard, Ciccone, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES (Provides that municipal insurance corporations would be subject to laws regulating insurance companies and regulated by the Rhode Island department of business regulation.)

{LC363/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 434**BY** Satchell, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PROTECTING STUDENT PRIVACY ON SCHOOL-OWNED TECHNOLOGY (Establishes certain student privacy rights in regard to take-home technology devices from school.)

{LC1990/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 435**BY** Doyle, Metts, Pearson, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE (Requires that the commissioner of elementary and secondary education develop a strategic plan for creating a Rhode Island community school initiative.)

{LC1666/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 436**BY** Cote, Lombardi, Ciccone, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT (Extends the benefits of the dual enrollment equal opportunity act to cover home-schooled students.)

{LC1370/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 437**BY** Gallo, DiPalma, Seveney, Pearson, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Provides that the department of education shall develop a funding formula for school districts sending students to career and technical programs outside the district)

{LC1881/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 438**BY** Morgan, Paolino, Kettle, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION-CURRICULUM (Requires elementary schools to provide instruction in cursive penmanship.)

{LC297/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 439**BY** Calkin, Quezada, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ALL STUDENTS COUNT ACT (Creates the "All Students Count Act" and requires the dept. of elementary and secondary education to use separate collection categories/tabulations for specified Asian ethnic groups in every demographic report on ancestry or ethnic origins of residents.)

{LC1646/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Resolution No. 440**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (If approved, requires the state to ensure that all students have the opportunity to achieve at high levels, and provide for judicial enforcement.)

{LC1596/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 441**BY** Calkin, Goodwin, Coyne, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY SITING (Requires environmental impacts be considered in energy plant siting proceedings.)

{LC1769/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 442**BY** Lynch Prata, Gallo, Sosnowski, Miller, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - THE CLIMATE CHANGE COASTAL ADAPTATION TRUST FUND (Establishes the RI coastal adaptation trust fund which would enable cities and towns and the state to apply for grants to fund projects that invest in measures that adapt infrastructure on public lands to address the impacts of climate change.)

{LC1823/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 443**BY** Pearson, DiPalma, Satchell, Sosnowski, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (Creates a municipal infrastructure grant program within the DOA relating to municipal and other public infrastructure projects.)

{LC1606/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 444**BY** Archambault, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Jabour, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STUDENT AND RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS (Authorizes the creation of a state sponsored loan program to help pay off student debt.)

{LC1934/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 445**BY** Sosnowski, Jabour, Algieri, Gee, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (Authorizes the appropriation and separate accounting of additional state funds to provide a dedicated state match required to receive annual federal funds.)

{LC1470/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 446**BY** Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Miller, Coyne, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Changes the definition of products which can be sold in a retail tobacco store and also adds electronic smoking devices to this definition.)

{LC1772/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 447**BY** Calkin, DiPalma, Coyne, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CHILD CARE--STATE SUBSIDIES (Increases the child care provider reimbursement rate by five percent (5%).)

{LC1967/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 448**BY** Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Includes in the definition of food and food ingredients, for purposes of the sales tax exemption, seeds and plants used to grow food and food ingredients.)
{LC693/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 449**BY** Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Amends the definition of the term "disabled," for purposes of property tax relief, to include persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government.)
{LC1519/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 450**BY** Raptakis, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks under six thousand pounds (6,000 lbs.) gross weight, used exclusively for personal use, from sales tax.)
{LC1002/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 451**BY** Felag, Jabour, DiPalma, Lombardi, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES (Increases credit against RI estate tax from \$64,400 to \$99,600 for decedents dying after 12/31/17 which is equivalent to estate tax exemption of \$2,000.)
{LC1554/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 452**BY** Nesselbush, Crowley, Lombardi, Quezada, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SUGARY DRINKS (Creates a tax on sugary drinks for the purpose of reducing the demand for those beverages, and discouraging the excessive consumption of, sugary drinks.)
{LC1633/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 453**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Felag, Lynch Prata, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - PAYMENTS TO FIRE COMPANIES (Provides appropriation of state funds to cities and towns who are members of NBMTF for maintenance of boats servicing Narragansett Bay.)

{LC1684/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 454**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT SECURITY ACT FOR LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PENSION FUNDS (Requires municipalities to include in their locally administered defined benefit pension plan triennial reports a twenty (20) year amortization schedule.)

{LC1409/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 455**BY** McCaffrey, 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.)

{LC1899/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 456**BY** Felag, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Conley, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides that when calculating the income for Federal income tax purposes, there may be subtracted from Federal adjusted gross income up to \$15,000 of the taxable portion of the retirement income provided in a taxpayer's Federal income tax return.)

{LC1380/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 457**BY** Gallo, Lombardi, Fogarty, Ciccone, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks weighing fourteen thousand pounds (14,000 lbs.) or less from sales and use tax.)

{LC1634/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 458**BY** DiPalma, Pearson, Seveney, Ciccone, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT (Requires that an information technology project manager be assigned for all requests for proposals for information technology projects.)
{LC1917/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 459**BY** Coyne, Jabour, Picard, Nesselbush, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Exempts from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law enforcement officer or fire fighter killed in the line of duty.)
{LC1876/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 460**BY** Miller, Coyne, Conley, Goldin, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO THE TRINITY REPERTORY COMPANY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT DISCOVERY PROGRAM (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to the Trinity Repertory Company to implement the Project Discovery Program.)
{LC1794/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 461**BY** Picard, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Provides that property of nonprofit hospitals that are converted from for-profit to nonprofit shall not be exempt from taxation unless authorized by the municipality in which the hospital is located.)
{LC1395/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 462**BY** McCaffrey, Felag, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - TUITION FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY (Grants instate tuition status at state operated schools to active duty and reserve members stationed in Rhode Island.)
{LC1803/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 463**BY** Lynch Prata, Gallo, Felag, Algieri, Gee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Provides that the taxation of military service pensions for purposes of the Rhode Island personal income tax would be reduced and phased out over a five (5) year period from 2017 to 2021.)

{LC1681/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 464**BY** DiPalma, Miller, Crowley, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Permits payments to parents who serve as certified nursing assistant caregiver for their children.)

{LC1456/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 465**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATION, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- TAXATION (Repeals the minimum tax on corporations, limited liability companies and limited partnerships.)

{LC1406/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 466**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Ciccone, Metts, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TUITION EQUITY (Creates the "Student Equal Economic Opportunity Act" which would allow students who meet certain requirements to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at Rhode Island universities, colleges or community colleges.)

{LC1698/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 467**BY** Gallo, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES-- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Increases the value of all net taxable estates for the purpose of the estate and transfer tax from six hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$675,000) to two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000).)

{LC1640/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 468**BY** Ruggerio, Algiere, McCaffrey, Gallo, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAX - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Removes the \$250 dollar limit on the sales tax exemption on footwear and clothing.)

{LC1773/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 469**BY** Sheehan, Cote, Satchell, DiPalma, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - STATE BUDGET- CITIZENS' BUDGET REPORT (Requires the state budget office to produce a citizens' guide to the state budget, to be known as the "citizens' budget report," that is easily readable and understandable by the general public.)

{LC1605/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 470**BY** Lombardo, Lombardi, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - CIGARETTE TAX-MINIMUM PRICE OF CIGARETTES (Provides for a markup of fifteen percent (15%) and would be added to the total cost of cigarettes sold by a retailer.)

{LC1611/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 471**BY** DiPalma, DaPonte, McCaffrey, Conley, Gallo**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO INCREASE CERTAIN DIRECT AND HOME CARE WORKER WAGES

{LC1006/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 472**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Paolino, Pearson, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Redefines extraordinary costs of education by defining it as costs that exceed the state approved threshold based on an amount above the core foundation amount and abolish requirement that departments of education collect data on those costs.)

{LC1595/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 473**BY** Sheehan, Cote, Raptakis, Jabour, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to prevent and detect fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.)

{LC1537/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 474**BY** Pearson, Satchell, DiPalma, Conley, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STAY INVESTED IN RI WAVEMAKER FELLOWSHIP (Repeals the provisions of the Stay Invested in RI Wavemaker Fellowship, and establishes the Stay Invested in RI Tax Credit to provide eligible taxpayers with a tax credit for educational loan repayment expenses.)

{LC1058/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 475**BY** Lynch Prata, Gallo, Felag, Algiere, Gee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT--STATE BEACH, PARK AND RECREATION AREA USER FEES (Eliminates all user fees for access to any state beach)

{LC1685/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 476**BY** Lynch Prata, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Increases the income range and the maximum credit amount for the property tax relief extended to elderly and/or disabled persons.)

{LC1669/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 477**BY** Felag, McCaffrey, Miller, Jabour, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND LIVABLE HOME TAX CREDIT ACT (Establishes the "Rhode Island Livable Home Tax Credit Act", and would provide for its administration.)

{LC1654/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 478**BY** Pearson, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT (Establishes that membership on the Cumberland Fire District Fire Committee constitutes holding a public office and that the elections of the Fire Committee are governed by state election laws.)

{LC645/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 479**BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Archambault, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE (Expands the state building code standards committee by two members, to be appointed by the Rhode Island builders association.)

{LC1631/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 480**BY** McCaffrey, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES (Requires municipalities to provide notice to owners and holders of conservation and preservation restrictions, whose property is located in an area proposed for a zoning ordinance amendment that includes changes to dimensional requirements.)

{LC1588/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 481**BY** McCaffrey, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Shortens the time periods related to certifications, decision-making and recordings of decisions for major land development and major subdivision master and preliminary plans.)

{LC1576/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 482**BY** Paiva Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Jamestown, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Jamestown on November 8, 2016.)

{LC1959/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 483**BY** Doyle, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Establishes limits on the maximum number of patients that may be assigned to a unit's registered nurses in particular health care situations.)

{LC1808/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 484**BY** Nesselbush, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Requires the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline to provide for reciprocal licensure of physicians from other jurisdictions, and in connection therewith, requires the board to promulgate applicable rules and regulations.)

{LC1731/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 485**BY** Pearson, DiPalma, DaPonte, Miller, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Authorizes pharmacies to dispense prescriptions of less than a thirty (30) day supply for purposes of synchronizing a patient's medications.)

{LC1628/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 486**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi, Conley, Nesselbush, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Determine reimbursement rates for medical records copies from health care providers including those that utilize an electronic health records system.)

{LC1303/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 487**BY** DiPalma, Pearson, Goldin, Miller, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE MEDICAID REFORM ACT OF 2008 (Authorizes the secretary of health and human services to implement changes under the Rhode Island Medicaid reform act.)

{LC1667/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 488**BY** DiPalma, Pearson, Miller, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (Amends the definition of "individualized program plan" for purposes of the state's division of developmental disabilities to include evaluation of skill sets taught by outside sources.)

{LC1918/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 489**BY** Morgan, Raptakis, Kettle, Metts, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH--IMMUNIZATIONS (Precludes the requiring of HPV vaccine as a precondition for school attendance.)

{LC309/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 490**BY** Calkin, Goldin, Quezada, Coyne, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (Provides insurance for infertility regardless of marital status and also increases the maximum treatment age from 40 years to 42 years. Also redefines the term "infertility" to mean a woman who is unable to sustain a pregnancy during a period of 1 year.)

{LC1382/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 491**BY** Archambault, Satchell, Sheehan, Nesselbush, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS - CERTIFICATION OF CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS (Expands the pool of facilities and programs for substance abuse care and treatment to include DOH licensed chemical dependency professionals by directing (DBHDDH) to compile a list of qualified professionals.)

{LC1673/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 492**BY** DiPalma, Miller, Crowley, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS – MENTAL HEALTH LAW (Authorizes an APRN to attest to a patient's condition and need for treatment, submit documents to court, and testify in court when the patient is receiving treatment at a licensed community mental health center.)

{LC1103/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 493**BY** Archambault, Satchell, Sheehan, Nesselbush, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Requires a health care professional, prior to issuing a prescription for a schedule II controlled dangerous substance discuss with a patient the risks of developing a physical or psychological dependence on the controlled dangerous substance.)

{LC1865/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 494**BY** Archambault, Satchell, Sheehan, Nesselbush, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SURPRISE OUT-OF-NETWORK BILLS FOR EMERGENCY AND OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES (Protects people with health insurance from surprise medical bills for emergency and other services by requiring a non-participating health care provider to bill an insured party only for a co-payment, or deductible.)

{LC1557/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 495**BY** Doyle, Fogarty, Nesselbush, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT (Authorizes the governor to enter into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact and would designate an office to administer this compact.)

{LC1615/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 496**BY** Coyne, Conley, Satchell, Calkin, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires Executive Office of Health and Human Services to create a critical prescription drug list with a substantial public interest in pricing. Manufacturers would have to provide certain information costs and EOHHS could set price limits.)

{LC1500/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 497**BY** Lynch Prata, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Permits an audit or claims investigation for a pattern of inappropriate billing only if it is determined that the claims are known by the provider to be inappropriate.)

{LC1759/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 498**BY** Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- DRIVE-THROUGH WINDOWS -- ASSISTANCE TO DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING (Requires establishments selling drinks or food via drive-through windows to install at the ordering station serving each such window, equipment to be used to assist the deaf and hard-of-hearing in ordering, and train its personnel to use such equipment.)

{LC1079/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 499**BY** DiPalma, Miller, Crowley, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - REGISTRATION OF NURSING ASSISTANTS (Allows for a nurse to delegate tasks to nursing assistants and authorizes the department of health to promulgate regulations that delineate delegable tasks.)

{LC1104/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 500**BY** Doyle, Fogarty, Lynch Prata, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PSYCHOLOGISTS (Increases psychology board from 5 to 7 members and allows delegations of disciplinary hearings to a hearing officer.)

{LC1612/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 501

(Attorney General)

BY Crowley, Sosnowski, Quezada, Goldin, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Provides insurers cannot terminate residential or inpatient substance abuse treatment for patients currently in treatment.)

{LC765/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 502**BY** Jabour, Metts, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - NURSING FACILITIES BED CAPACITY MORATORIUM (Establishes limited conditions that must be satisfied to permit an increase in the bed capacity of existing nursing facilities, despite the moratorium on expansion.)

{LC1774/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 503**BY** Coyne, Jabour, Seveney, Calkin, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - POLICE AND FIRE ARBITRATIONS (Allows expired collective bargaining agreements for firefighters and municipal police to remain in effect until a successor agreement becomes operative.)

{LC1885/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 504**BY** Pearson, Conley, Lombardo, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY (Creates a seasonal employment designation for purposes of unemployment insurance, which would allow employers regularly hiring employees on a recurring basis for less than 20 weeks to apply for a seasonal determination from the DTL.)

{LC1558/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 505**BY** Calkin, Goldin, Quezada, Conley, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - OVERTIME WAGES (Exempts certain executive, administrative, and professional employees from overtime pay if their weekly wages exceed one thousand thirty-six dollars (\$1,036), an increase from the current two hundred dollars (\$200).)

{LC1379/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 506**BY** Gallo, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN (Requires children who seek a special limited work permit to successfully complete a worker rights' training program established and funded by the department of labor and training.)

{LC1616/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 507**BY** Goldin, Crowley, DiPalma, Seveney, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGE--GRATUITIES (Incrementally increases from the \$3.89 per hour subminimum wage for tipped workers to \$9.00 per hour on January 1, 2021. Starting on January 1, 2022, the minimum hourly wage for tipped workers would be equal to the state's regular minimum hourly wage.)

{LC1414/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 508**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Seveney, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION (Delays funding of the Rhode Island Uninsured Employers Fund by the General Assembly until July 30, 2019.)

{LC1679/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 509**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Metts, Crowley, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION LICENSING BOARD (Adds two (2) members to the contractors' registration licensing board; a licensed plumber and a registered contractor and would require at least one member of the board to be a minority.)

{LC1466/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 510**BY** Calkin, Felag, Goodwin, Seveney, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WAGES (Gradually increases the hourly minimum wage from \$9.60 to \$15.00 on January 1, 2022, as well as gradually increasing the hourly minimum wage for employees receiving gratuities from \$3.89 an hour to \$15.00 an hour on January 1, 2026.)

{LC1770/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 511**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- HOLIDAY AND SUNDAY WORK (For the purposes of overtime on Sundays and holidays, removes the exemption in the definition of employees for health care and maintenance workers, thereby entitling them to overtime pay.)

{LC1671/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 512**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Felag, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS RESIDENCY (Prohibits municipal charters and ordinances from requiring that their police officers and firefighters reside within the state of Rhode Island.)

{LC1827/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 513**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - ELECTRICIANS (Includes within the licensing and certification process required by the board of electricians the maintenance of certain electrical components.)

{LC1805/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 514**BY** Gallo, Lynch Prata, Ruggerio, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES -- TASTINGS (Amends the statute on wine and beer, and distilled spirit sampling or tastings to permit the wholesaler to supply free product to Class A licensees for use in such sampling or tastings.)

{LC2007/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 515**BY** Gee, Raptakis, Morgan, Paolino, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the roundabout at the intersection of Division Road and New England Tech Boulevard in East Greenwich the "Michael B. Isaacs Roundabout".)

{LC1609/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 516**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Felag, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY (Restores the lottery commission, and provide that it not subject to the operation of the separation of powers amendment.)

{LC1155/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 517**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi, Conley, Nesselbush, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- LITIGATION LENDING AGREEMENTS (Makes litigation loan agreements subject to state usury statutes.)

{LC872/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 518**BY** Picard, Cote**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE CHARLES F. GOULD

{LC1992/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 520**BY** Morgan, Algiere, Sosnowski, Paolino, Kettle**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH TO BE "MAPLE SYRUP MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC1441/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 521**BY** Lombardi, Algiere, Felag, Lynch Prata, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE ROBERT W. GEMMA ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEVOTED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

{LC1781/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 522**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Felag, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF VIJOTAR, INC.

{LC1854/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 523**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PICERNE-SIERRA BAYAMON, INC.

{LC1621/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 524**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PICERNE-TOA ALTA, INC.

{LC1620/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 525**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CONCURRENT COMPUTER CORPORATION

{LC1890/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 526**BY** Goodwin, Crowley**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING BETTY JEAN MCCOLLAM LEMIEUX ON THE OCCASION OF HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

{LC1508/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Fogarty and Crowley.

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

Senate Resolution No. 527**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANDREW J. REIS

{LC1661/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio and Algiere.

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

Senate Resolution No. 519**BY** Paolino, Pearson, Archambault**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING LINCOLN POLICE SGT. WALTER PTASZEK, OFFICERS CHRIS HANNON AND MATHEW PARADIS, AND THE ALBION FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN RESCUING AN ELDERLY COUPLE AND SUCCESSFULLY EXTINGUISHING A FOUR-ALARM FIRE

{LC2006/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Paolino requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Paolino moves passage, seconded by Senators Algiere, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Archambault, Gee, Lombardi, Lombardo, Quezada, Metts, Nesselbush, DaPonte, and Pearson

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Paolino and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber from the Lincoln Police Department Chief Brian Sullivan, Sergeant Walter Ptazek, Officer Matthew Paradis, Officer Chris Hannon, and from the Albion Fire Department Chief Richard Andrews, Deputy Chief Bob Valentine.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. **2017-S 283**
 BY McCaffrey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2. **2017-H 5191**
 BY Casimiro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
3. **2017-H 5192**
 BY Slater
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
4. **2017-H 5193**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
5. **2017-H 5201**
 BY Marshall
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

6. **2017-H 5202**
 BY Abney
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

7. **2017-H 5203**
 BY Abney
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

8. **2017-H 5257**
 BY Walsh
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

9. **2017-H 5391**
 BY Azzinaro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, 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 - 38: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. **The Appointment of Trista Piccola, PhD, LISW-S VICE Janice E. DeFrances, Ed.D as Director of the Department of Children, Youth and Families.**

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

Senator McCaffrey moves Advice and Consent of the appointment, seconded by Senators Metts, Lombardi, Sosnowski, Jabour, Goodwin, Gallo, Algieri, Archambault, Seveney, Goldin, Gee, Raptakis, and Conley.

Senator Lynch Prata, DiPalma and Metts discuss the appointment.

Upon on a roll call vote, Advice and Consent is granted, with 38 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 38: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Metts and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Director Trista Piccola, Department of Children, Youth and Families.

2. 2017-S 77

BY Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Conley moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Archambault, Seveney, Calkin, Lombardo, Lombardi, Felag, Miller, Ruggerio, Quezada, and McCaffrey.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 34 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 34: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 4: Senators Gee, Kettle, Morgan, and Paolino.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Algieri and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Lydia Dorsey BSN, RN, Rhode Island College Nursing Graduate & Westerly resident.

Upon suggestion of Senator Lomardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Kaitlyn DiTraglia, and Cara Madonna BSN, RN, Both are Rhode Island Collge Nursing Graduates and Johnston residents.

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Manuela Brandow, President of the Cranston National Budlong League and Mike Casale, Vice President of the Cranston National Budlong League.

Upon suggestion of Senators Nesselbush and Quezada and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber 8th grade students from Sophia Academy, Alexa Flores, Dilana Morel, Lindsey Lopez, Alexjandra Tavaréz. Also joining them are Gigi DiBello Head of Sophia Academy and Wendy Becker, RIC Professor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet Tuesday at 2:30 PM and the rise of the Senate in Room 211 on the State House.

Senator Ruggerio wishes Senator William J. Conley, Jr. a Happy Birthday.

Senator Nesselbush announces that Wednesday, March 8th is International Women's Day and a reception will held at 3 PM in the State Room.

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 Crowley, Ruggerio, and Algiere, the Senate adjourns at 4:53 o'clock P.M in memory of *Andrew J. Reis*.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR STEPHEN R. ARCHAMBAULT**

Dear Lord, We thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve as public servants for this great state. As the days get longer, and the pressures of our legislative duties compete with our own personal lives, grant us the wisdom and patience to work together for the benefit of all our citizens. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017:**

1. **2017-S 518**
 BY Picard
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE
 PASSING OF THE HONORABLE CHARLES F. GOULD

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
2. **2017-S 520**
 BY Morgan
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH TO
 BE "MAPLE SYRUP MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
3. **2017-S 521**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE
 ROBERT W. GEMMA ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF
 DEVOTED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF RHODE
 ISLAND AND THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
4. **2017-S 522**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF VIJOTAR, INC.

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
5. **2017-S 523**
 BY Lynch Prata
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF PICERNE-SIERRA BAYAMON, INC.

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

6. **2017-S 524**
 BY Lynch Prata
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF PICERNE-TOA ALTA, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

7. **2017-S 525**
 BY Lynch Prata
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF CONCURRENT COMPUTER CORPORATION

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017:**

1. **The Appointment of Scottye Lindsey VICE Elizabeth Kelleher Dwyer (Interim) as Director of Business Regulation.**

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

2. **2017-S 48**
BY Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

3. **2017-S 157**
BY Gee
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

4. **2017-S 158**
BY Coyne
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

5. **2017-S 161**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

6. **2017-S 164**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

7. 2017-S 239**BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -
ELECTRICIANS - TRADES LICENSING - PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

8. 2017-S 284**BY** Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --
CONTRACTORS' BONDS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR****House Bill No. 5191****BY** Casimiro, Regunberg, Ajello, Carson, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Simmons to join Kelsey Lynne Fedechko and Joshua Michael Labossiere in marriage on or about May 12, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC1007/1}

House Bill No. 5192**BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Maurice Collins to join Lori Battaglini and Robert Lukens in marriage on or about June 10, 2017, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC846/1}

House Bill No. 5193**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thomas Cheatham to join Leni C. Kwait and Jeffrey C. Prystowsky in marriage on or about July 8, 2017, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC873/1}

House Bill No. 5201**BY** Marshall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Patricia A. McGovern to join Sarah Elizabeth Walachy and Joshua Thomas Patterson in marriage on or about June 10, 2017, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

{LC1049/1}

House Bill No. 5202**BY** Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Henry F. Winthrop to join Grace Gould Lender and Stephen Bradford Turcotte in marriage on or about March 11, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC1026/1}

House Bill No. 5203**BY** Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Henry F. Winthrop to join Beatrice Francoise Recher and Wayne Edward McLead in marriage on or about July 1, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC1027/1}

House Bill No. 5257**BY** Walsh, Ajello, Knight, Donovan, Nardolillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Michael Zachary Mezera to join Katherine Cielinski and the Honorable Jonathan Aaron Regunberg in marriage on or about August 19, 2017, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)
{LC875/1}

House Bill No. 5391**BY** Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Lauren Rapp to join SkyeBlue M. Chan and Gary G. Trebisacci in marriage on or about May 27, 2017, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.)
{LC1207/1}