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Thirty First Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:13 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 34: Senators The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, , Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Doyle, Gallo, Paiva Weed, and Satchell.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Former State Senator Christopher Ottiano and Ben Wilikie, student from Portsmouth High School.

Upon suggestion of Senator Lynch Prata and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Emma Mariana, her intern for the semester.

Upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Leanne Peackham, Kingston Water Department and Henry Meyer from RI Water Works Association.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

March 29, 2017

Secretary of the Senate
145 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Secretary:

I would like to respectfully request the withdrawal of Senate bill S- 0193 an act relating to Workers Compensation. I am the prime sponsor of this bill. S- 0193 has been assigned to Senate Labor Committee.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation of this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Stephen R. Archambault
Senator, District 22

Read and placed on file.

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

March 29, 2017

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the Senate
State House, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate session on Wednesday March 29, 2017, I am out of town on business.

Sincerely

James E. Doyle
Senator, District 8
Pawtucket

Read and placed on file

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President presents the following communication from Her Excellency, the Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

March 29, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-16.1-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Labor and Training Board of Review:

Edward Lombardo, Sr.

Representative of Industry Employer/Management

For a term expiring February 1, 2023

To this reappointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 630**BY** Seveney, Felag, Coyne, DiPalma, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS-ENGINEERS

(Creates a professional designation and registration criteria for professional software engineers.)

{LC2133/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 631**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND

PARTNERSHIPS - RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Provides 5 years for LLC to wind up and close its affairs.)

{LC2191/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 632**BY** Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - PUBLIC

UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires verifiable least cost energy procurements and requires standards for annual verification of energy efficiency.)

{LC1807/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 633**BY** Gallo, DiPalma, Satchell, Pearson, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CIVIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

(Alters the membership, reporting protocol, and meeting requirements of the civic education commission.)

{LC2143/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 634**BY** Morgan, Raptakis, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND

SUPERINTENDENTS--BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR (Requires public schools, including charter schools, begin the school year after Labor Day commencing in the school year 2018-2019.)

{LC295/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 635**BY** Morgan, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATEWIDE VIRTUAL EDUCATION - SNOW DAYS (Authorizes development of at home online learning system for use by school districts to minimize days lost to weather related or other events resulting in school cancellation effective 7/1/17.)

{LC293/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 636

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Conley, Sosnowski, Coyne, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS (Increases the administrative penalties that the director of DEM may impose for violations of environmental regulations up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000).)

{LC1337/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 637**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Miller, Satchell, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Amends electric distribution companies authority to charge interconnecting renewable energy customers for certain modifications and places timetables on interconnection work.)

{LC1675/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 638

(General Tresurer)

BY Seveney, DiPalma, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE DEPARTMENTS' COOPERATION (Facilitates the sharing of information between the treasury, state retirement system, division of taxation, and the department of labor and training concerning unclaimed property, taxation collection, and pension benefit monitoring.)

{LC1258/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 639**BY** Ciccone, Raptakis, Lombardi, Doyle, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- INSURANCE BENEFITS (Proves that correctional officers with twenty-five (25) years of service and who are at least fifty-five (55) years of age, shall be entitled to a non-Medicare-eligible retiree health care insurance benefit.)

{LC2220/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 640

(by request)

BY DiPalma, Seveney, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Maintains the forty-seven percent (47%) distribution percentage with respect to hotel tax proceeds generated in the various regional tourism districts.)

{LC422/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 641**BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - RESIDENTIAL RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEM TAX CREDIT (Allows those individuals who pay part or all of the cost of a renewable energy system to carry over the tax credit, if not used for the year of installation, to the next year for a maximum of three (3) years.)

{LC1028/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 642**BY** Coyne, Conley, Archambault, Seveney, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES (Moves state employee public safety professionals from the state retirement system to the municipal retirement system, effective July 1, 2017. It sets their retirement contribution to 10% of their compensation.)

{LC2212/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 643**BY** Coyne, Miller, Seveney, Calkin, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Requires all hospitals and freestanding ambulatory surgical facilities to adopt policies to use a smoke evacuation system for surgical procedures that generate surgical smoke.)

{LC2149/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 644**BY** Archambault, Miller, Sosnowski, Calkin, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COMMUNICATION ACCESS SERVICES (Requires insurance plans to include coverage for effective communication access services between patients who are deaf and their healthcare professionals in order to ensure that their health needs and treatments are understood.)

{LC2206/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 645**BY** Archambault, Miller, Sosnowski, Calkin, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- EQUAL RIGHTS OF BLIND AND DEAF PERSONS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES (Requires movie theaters to provide open captioning for persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.)

{LC2205/1}

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

Senate Resolution No. 646**BY** Archambault, Satchell, Miller, Sosnowski, Calkin**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AN EARLY INTERVENTION SYSTEM FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN IN RHODE ISLAND (Creates a 24 member commission to study of an early intervention system for the deaf or hard of hearing children in Rhode Island, and who would report back by February 1, 2018, and expire on June 30, 2018.)

{LC2207/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 647**BY** DiPalma, Goldin, Miller, Conley, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS - THE LICENSURE, INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FACILITIES (Requires BHDDH to make or cause to be made annual unannounced inspections and investigations of community residences.)

{LC1676/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 648**BY** Conley, Calkin, Seveney, Satchell, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HEALTH CARE FACILITIES STAFFING (Broadens definition of "employee" to include assistants/technologists providing direct medical care to patients and allows union/association to file appeal to personnel appeal board.)

{LC2189/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 649**BY** Archambault, Satchell, Miller, Sosnowski, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - HEARING AIDS (Increases the insurance coverage for hearing aids from \$1,500 to \$2,000, per ear, every three years. In addition the amount of insurance coverage would no longer be based on the age of the recipient.)

{LC2204/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 650**BY** Kettle, Morgan

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

{LC2259/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 651**BY** Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF FOSTER - ZONING (Authorizes the town of Foster to enact an ordinance banning gravel operations from agricultural, forest management, or residential areas.)

{LC1584/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 652

(RIIB)

BY Pearson, DiPalma, DaPonte, Gallo, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Amends several sections relative to the eligibility and award process for projects that receive financial assistance from PACE (Property Assessment Clean Energy) programs and the Rhode Island infrastructure bank.)

{LC1744/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 653

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Ciccone, Lombardi, Fogarty, McCaffrey, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Establishes a separate variance process for certain properties that sustain damages as a result of a state emergency or local disaster emergency.)

{LC1349/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 654**BY** DiPalma, Doyle, Archambault, Nesselbush, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- INTERLOCAL CONTRACTING AND JOINT ENTERPRISES, AND REGIONAL EMERGENCY

COMMUNICATION DISTRICTS (Authorizes two or more municipalities to form regional emergency communication districts.)

{LC1792/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 655**BY** Conley, Coyne, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the city of East Providence, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the city of East Providence on November 8, 2016.)

{LC2061/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 656

(Attorney General)

BY Conley, Coyne, Raptakis, McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Allows information contained in the prescription drug monitoring database to be disclosed to a certified law enforcement drug diversion investigator of a qualified law enforcement agency.)

{LC1229/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 657**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS -- WARREN MUNICIPAL HOUSING COURT (Authorizes the town council of the town of Warren to create a municipal housing court and defines that court's jurisdiction.)

{LC2258/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 658**BY** DiPalma, Miller, McCaffrey, Conley, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Create process within DCYF for placing children in the least restrictive placement including kinship and foster care.)

{LC1801/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 659

(Attorney General)

BY Conley, Archambault, Calkin, Lombardi, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - FORMS AND EFFECT OF CONVEYANCES (Provides that all transfers of a mortgage interest on residential property be recorded so as to provide a clean chain of title for consumers to track the owner of their mortgage loans.)

{LC763/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 660**BY** Seveney, Calkin, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SPOUSAL NOTICE FOR ABORTION (Repeals the requirement of notice to husband of a patient before an abortion procedure.)

{LC2187/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 661**BY** Coyne, Conley, Satchell, Crowley, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Provides that any applicant for employment or volunteer activity of a religious organization, undergo a national background check at the request of said religious organization, as a condition of employment.)

{LC1442/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 662**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Joshua Jaye DelVecchio to join Ashley Suzanne Boulais and Christopher Grayson in marriage on or about June 2, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC2162/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 663**BY** Jabour, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROBATE COURTS -- CHANGES OF NAME (Restricts the jurisdiction of probate courts over change of name to the names of persons eighteen (18) years of age or older.)

{LC2186/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 664**BY** Archambault, Lombardo, Lombardi, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Makes numerous changes to the procedures regarding the issuance of concealed carry permits, the fees associated with their issuance, and the public records accessible by the public in relating thereto.)

{LC2008/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 665**BY** Archambault, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES – MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Allows for a judge or magistrate to impose the requirements of blood and/or urine testing for the presence of illicit substances, if necessary, for anyone convicted of driving under the influence or refusal to submit to a chemical test.)

{LC2004/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 666**BY** Morgan, Kettle, Gee, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - SEARCH WARRANTS (Limits the time period to no more than 180 days relating to warrants issued to electronic communication services for information/content relating to their customers with one or more extensions of up to 180 days per extension subject to court approval.)

{LC1062/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 667

(by request)

BY Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - RESIDUAL DEBT AFTER SHORT SALE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (Prohibits a lender from filing an action for a deficiency judgment following a short sale of residential property if the lender reports to the IRS it has cancelled all or part of the borrower's debt and provides the borrower with a copy of the report.)

{LC1446/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 668

(by request)

BY Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Prohibits a lender from filing an action for a deficiency judgment following a short sale of residential property if the lender reports to the IRS it has cancelled all or part of the borrower's debt and provides the borrower with a copy of the report.)

{LC1559/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 669**BY** DiPalma, Miller, McCaffrey, Conley, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- THE YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTARY EXTENSION OF CARE ACT (Creates the young adult voluntary extension of care program that would extend the age of foster care from age eighteen (18) to age twenty-one (21) and would provide a range of programs and services to carry out the purpose of the act.)

{LC2025/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 670**BY** Goldin, Calkin, Satchell, Miller, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE CONTRACTS ANTI-DISCRIMINATION (Prohibits any state agency, department or person which is authorized to expend or collect money for the state, from many types of discrimination.)
{LC1939/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 671**BY** Gee, Sheehan, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN--MUNICIPAL COURT (Allows the North Kingstown municipal court to issue arrest warrants.)
{LC2193/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 672

(DCYF)

BY Satchell, Miller, Goldin, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Requires health care providers involved in the delivery and care of infants to report cases of infants born with or affected by substance abuse.)
{LC1331/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 673**BY** Sosnowski, Sheehan, McCaffrey, Felag, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- STATE CRIME LABORATORY (Changes the director and other positions at the state crime laboratory from board of governors' appointments to employees of the council on postsecondary education.)
{LC2071/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 674**BY** Ciccone, Raptakis, Lombardi, Doyle, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' ARBITRATION (Allows the bargaining agent for the correctional officers and the state authority to extend, by agreement in writing, the thirty (30) day period to reach an agreement on a contract, before submitting unresolved issues to arbitration.)
{LC2211/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 675

(Dept. of Labor and Training)

BY Lombardi, Jabour, Felag, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - BENEFITS (Amends our worksharing law by allowing employers more flexibility in the reduction of work hours among its employees and by allowing more leeway on the start date of an adopted worksharing plan.)

{LC1345/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 676**BY** Nesselbush, Crowley, Metts, Quezada, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES (Creates a statutory vehicle for the creation and functioning of workers' cooperatives which are corporations that are owned and democratically governed by their members.)

{LC2141/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 677

(by request)

BY Lombardo, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (Replaces the American Arbitration Association, as the selector of labor arbitrators, in non-grievance contract matters, with the director of the department of labor and training.)

{LC2243/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 678**BY** Goldin, Miller, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE (Expands TDI benefits, changes the calculation of the taxable wage base, includes state and municipal employees; increases the maximum number of weeks an employee can collect TDI and TCI; and expands TCI benefits for the care of siblings and grandchildren.)

{LC825/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 679**BY** DiPalma, Pearson, Goldin, Miller, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE - COVERAGE (Allows Rhode Island residents who work for an out-of-state nongovernmental employer to apply for coverage under Rhode Island's Temporary Disability Insurance program.)

{LC1828/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Resolution No. 680**BY** DaPonte, Conley, Coyne

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL A PLAQUE MEMORIALIZING THE ANDREWS BROTHERS ON EXIT 6 ON I-195E (Names the ramp of exit 6 on I-195E after the four (4) Andrews Brothers who served in World War II.)
{LC2076/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 681**BY** Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF RUBALCOOK, INC.
{LC2287/1}

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 682**BY** Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF BETA ALPHA CHAPTER OF DELTA ZETA SORORITY HOUSE CORPORATION
{LC2218/1}

Ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 683**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 29, 2017, TO BE "ANNUAL SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2286/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Picard requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Picard moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Nesselbush, McCaffrey, Metts, Quezada, and Miller.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2017-S 627

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE TUCKER FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF WOODROW W. TUCKER

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator McCaffrey, 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 - 34: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise, in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Coyne announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet today at the rise, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Crowley announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet today at the rise, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Raptakis announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs will meet today at the rise, in Room 310 of the State House.

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

Senator Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet tomorrow at the rise, in Room 211 of the State House.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Kelly Smith.

AT EASE

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate asks the Senate stands at ease at 4:22 o'clock P.M

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:31 o'clock P.M.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 684**

BY Felag, DiPalma, Seveney

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE TIVERTON BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2017 RHODE ISLAND BOYS' BASKETBALL DIVISION III TOURNAMENT, AND CONGRATULATING THE TIVERTON GIRLS' CHEERLEADING TEAM ON WINNING THE 2017 RHODE ISLAND CHEERLEADING SMALL DIVISION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
{LC2315/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Felag requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Felag, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Students from the Tiverton High School Cheerleading Team: Lillian Rapoza, Alexis Souza, Nevaeh Brant, Mikayla Cabral, Olivia Destremps, MacKenzie Galhardo, Juliana Manousos, Emma Phillips, Charline Silva, Emma Franklin, Margeaux Souza, Susan McDermott – Head Coach, Kristen McDermott – Assistant Coach.

Upon suggestion of Senators DiPalma and Seveney, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Students from the Tiverton Boys Basketball Team: Stephen Gacioch, Tyler Murray, Carsen Hart, Elias Skarpos, Michael Hyrcin, Zackary Pacheco, Aaron Carreira, Dylan Clark, Kyle Soares, Will Brigham, Matthew Gacioch, David Landoch, Head Coach, Bryant Cleary, Assistant Coach, Chris Ashley, Principal, Bob Murray, Athletic Director.

Senate Bill No. 685**BY** Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Scott Avedisian to join Alicia Elizabeth Seguin and Joshua Michael Sylvain in marriage on or about May 6, 2017, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)
{LC2344/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 686**BY** Felag, Coyne, Seveney

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AMY HENRICH OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND, ON WINNING A GOLD MEDAL IN THE ALPINE GIANT SLALOM AT THE 2017 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD WINTER GAMES IN AUSTRIA
{LC2275/1}

Order to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to Her Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri and upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski the Senate adjourns at 4:41 o'clock P.M, in memory of *Woodrow W. Tucker*.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR WALTER S FELAG, JR.**

Dear God, We come to you and ask your blessing. We ask you to show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Help us to work together to challenge and encourage each other to strive for excellence in all our endeavors. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017:

- 1. 2017-S 681**
BY Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF RUBALCOOK, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

- 2. 2017-S 682**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF BETA ALPHA CHAPTER OF DELTA ZETA SORORITY HOUSE CORPORATION

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

- 3. 2017-S 686**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AMY HENRICH OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND, ON WINNING A GOLD MEDAL IN THE ALPINE GIANT SLALOM AT THE 2017 SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD WINTER GAMES IN AUSTRIA

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017:**

- 1. 2017-S 212**
BY Metts
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.
- 2. 2017-S 170**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION AT OF 2016

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 3. 2017-S 531 SUB A**
BY Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2017-2018

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