

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Journal of the Senate

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the third day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and seventeen.

Volume 144, No.37

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Thirty Seventh Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:22 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

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

ABSENT –3: Senators DaPonte, Gallo, and Miller.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Henry Wright, President RI Farm Bureau.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

April 12, 2017

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, due to a work commitment.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel DaPonte
Senator, District 14

Read and placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Chairman Lynch Prata, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 715

BY Pearson, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Westley Chaplin to join Ashley Dopart and Greg Preliasco in marriage on or about October 21, 2017, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)
{LC2378/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 722

BY Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows James R. Lee to join Ryann Scully and Nathan Humes in marriage on or about July 7, 2018, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)
{LC2400/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 723

BY Kettle, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Mark Tourgee to join Morgan Sprague and Bradley Head in marriage on or about September 9, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC2371/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 728**BY** Calkin, Seveney, Coyne, Metts, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Provides that those persons taking part in the home and community care services to the elderly program (chapter 66.3 of title 42) would be eligible for lifeline telephone service.)

{LC2471/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 729**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- BLOCK ISLAND UTILITY DISTRICT ACT OF 2017 (Creates the Block Island utility district to provide utility products and services to the town of New Shoreham.)

{LC2436/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 730**BY** Gee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NORTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A POLICY ON EARLY ENTRY TO KINDERGARTEN (Allows the North Kingstown school committee to develop a policy allowing for early entry to kindergarten.)

{LC2328/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 731**BY** Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Requires local district payments to Davies, and the Met Center schools only for those periods where a student is both enrolled and physically present in attendance at those schools.)

{LC2254/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 732**BY** Goodwin, Jabour, Goldin, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND EARLY CHILDHOOD INNOVATION ACT (Establishes an early childhood innovation fund to help close the achievement gap for at-risk children as they enter kindergarten)

{LC1727/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 733**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL (Creates an exception to the registration requirements and registration fees for minor use pesticides.)

{LC2459/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 734**BY** Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS-- SCITUATE (Permits the town of Scituate to provide a tax credit to disabled veterans in lieu of a tax exemption.)

{LC2397/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 735**BY** DiPalma, DaPonte, Conley, Miller, Goldin**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE MUNICIPAL POLICE ACADEMY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

{LC2196/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 736

(by request)

BY Crowley, Quezada, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE (Grants an annual increase of three percent (3%) cost-of-living retirement adjustment on the first fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) of a retiree's annual allowance.)

{LC2391/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 737**BY** Nesselbush, Lombardi, Quezada, Crowley, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND LIVABLE HOME TAX CREDIT ACT (Establishes the "Rhode Island Livable Home Tax Credit Act", and provides for its administration.)

{LC2489/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 738

(by request)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD (Exempts any debt issues, bond, or note of or purchase by the Rhode Island and educational building corporation or the school building authority capital fund from the fees authorized by the board to be imposed for services related to debt or board issues.)

{LC1689/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 739**BY** DiPalma, Miller, Calkin, Sosnowski, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides for a voluntary deduction from any refund from the Rhode Island personal income tax for a contribution to the substance use and mental health leadership council of RI.)

{LC2450/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 740

(Dept. of Health)

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INSPECTIONS OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Makes changes to the licensing procedures for health care facilities.)

{LC1738/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 741**BY** Nesselbush, Quezada, Crowley, Sosnowski, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT (Requires manufacturers to fully disclose all ingredients of their cosmetics on their product label, as well as on their website. Failure to do so would result in a minimum fine of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).)

{LC2487/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 742**BY** Nesselbush, Lombardi, Fogarty, Quezada, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (Modernizes the definition of physical therapy, the right to use the title of physical therapist and includes practice beyond the scope of physical therapy as a grounds for discipline.)

{LC2473/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 743**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Exempts the adult and child immunization accounts from recoupment of indirect costs from the monies collected to fund the immunization programs.)

{LC2401/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 744**BY** Lynch Prata, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Sets forth review procedures for payment to long-term care providers of benefits and services to Medicaid applicants.)

{LC1618/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 745**BY** Miller, Metts, Quezada, Goldin, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND PATHWAYS PROJECT (Requires the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS) to conduct a study to assess the impact of using Medicaid funds to provide coverage for the treatment of the chronically homeless.)

{LC2390/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 746**BY** Nesselbush, Lombardi, Quezada, Crowley, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED RAW AND PACKAGED FOOD PRODUCTS

{LC2488/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 747**BY** Nesselbush, Lombardi, Quezada, Crowley, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED RAW AND PACKAGED FOOD PRODUCTS (Requires that all genetically engineered food offered for retail sale in this state contain a label with the disclosure that the food is genetically engineered food.)

{LC2486/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 748**BY** Calkin, Seveney, Coyne, Metts, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED (Increases the income eligibility limit for medical assistance coverage for seniors and disabled individuals to one hundred thirty-three percent (133%) of federal poverty level.)

{LC2468/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 749**BY** Fogarty, Nesselbush, Lombardi, Metts, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY (Bars adjusters and contractors from premises under investigation by the fire marshal until premises are released, and provides penalties for violation.)

{LC2508/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 750

(by request)

BY DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUILDING PERMIT FEES (Requires that city and town building permit fees recover no more than the cost of permitting activities during period of normal building activity.)

{LC1687/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 751

(by request)

BY Algieri, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (Authorizes the town of Charlestown to regulate earth removal extraction, and blasting operations within the town.)

{LC2336/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 752**BY** Cote, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the city of Woonsocket, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the city of Woonsocket on November 8, 2016.)

{LC2444/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 753**BY** Kettle, Raptakis

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

{LC2441/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 754

(by request)

BY Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PATIENT ACCESS EXPANSION ACT (Prohibits the state from requiring any form of the Federation of State Medical Boards' proprietary maintenance of licensure program.)

{LC1725/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 755**BY** Jabour, Cote, Calkin, Coyne, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT (Adds a chief innovation officer to the governor's list of appointments to be made following an election to office.)

{LC2438/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 756**BY** Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Prevents the energy facility siting board from proceeding to final hearing or issuing a final decision if one or more of the designated agencies inform the siting board that they are unable to form an advisory opinion due the conduct of the applicant.)

{LC2399/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 757**BY** Seveney, DiPalma, Coyne, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS - MENTAL HEALTH LAW (Articulates the role of police officers in obtaining treatment for those showing symptoms of mental illness.)

{LC2248/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 758**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Adds to the protection afforded to subcontractors on public work contracts, and provides for the award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.)
{LC2354/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 759**BY** Lombardo, Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATIONS OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS (Requires auto manufacturers to compensate dealers for vehicles subject to "stop-sale" or "do-not-drive" orders.)
{LC2421/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 760**BY** Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Fiona Fitzpatrick to join Ann Choi and Luke Fitzpatrick in marriage on or about September 30, 2017, within the New Shoreham, Rhode Island.)
{LC2469/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 761**BY** Felag, Coyne, Seveney, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Exempts fire districts and entities with no tax or policy making authority from certain posting requirements of open meetings act.)
{LC2404/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 762**BY** DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (Authorizes the Middletown Municipal Court to impose fines not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
{LC2407/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 763**BY** Nesselbush, Lombardi, Fogarty, Quezada, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (Makes the owner of any vehicle not inspected as required by §§31-38-3 or 31-38-4 responsible for any fines or penalties imposed as a result of non-inspection and prohibits any law enforcement officer from citing the operator of said vehicle.)

{LC2484/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 764**BY** Nesselbush, Quezada, Crowley, Sosnowski, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL ASSAULT

(Defines any act of sexual penetration or contact performed by an individual with supervisory or disciplinary power, or who is in a position of authority, upon a person nineteen (19) years of age or younger, as sexual assault.)

{LC2495/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 765

(Governor)

BY Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSE - ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES (Prohibits the dissemination of any indecent image of another person without authorization for the purpose of harassing, intimidating, threatening another person.)

{LC2475/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 766**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- UNIFORM RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CANADIAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDERS ACT (Enacts uniform recognition of Canadian domestic violence protection orders act to conform law to other enacting states.)

{LC2298/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 767

(Attorney General)

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- THE PERMANENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING ACT (Extends the time to submit recommendations regarding air monitoring at T. F. Green Airport to January 31, 2019 and extends the date RIAC is required to operate an air quality system to July 31, 2019.)

{LC1920/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 768**BY** Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - GENERAL POWERS (Allows the city council of Warwick to confer upon its municipal court the jurisdiction to apply the provisions of chapter 44 of title 34 regarding abandoned property.)

{LC2443/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 769**BY** Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Amends various sections of the "Energy Facility Siting Act" relative to their procedures and host community considerations.)

{LC2145/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 770

(Secretary of State)

BY Goldin, Conley, Lynch Prata, Miller, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

(Provides that persons who apply to the DMV for a driver's license, its renewal or personal identification document shall simultaneously register to vote, unless they expressly decline to do so.)

{LC1706/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 771**BY** Calkin, Seveney, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WAGES

(Defines and recognizes the existence and potential liability of lead entities concerning the payment of wages.)

{LC2406/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 772**BY** Lombardi, Ciccone, Felag, Doyle, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- FIREFIGHTER DISABILITY (Creates a work disabling presumption for any firefighter who passed a physical examination upon entry into service and who later contracts disabling hypertension, stroke, or heart disease.)
{LC2425/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 773**BY** Lombardi, Conley, McCaffrey, Ciccone, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Amends the fair employment practices act by clearly establishing that employees of a defendant employer may be individually liable for unfair employment practices.)
{LC2411/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Resolution No. 774**BY** Seveney, DiPalma, Coyne, Calkin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING CREATES A "RETURN TO WORK" PLANNING GROUP TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A HYBRID TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM SIMILAR TO THE STATE WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM THAT FACILITATES TREATING AND REHABILITATING WORKERS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT WERE NOT CAUSED BY WORK
{LC2301/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 775**BY** Crowley, Goldin, Miller, Metts, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - CHILD CARE - STATE SUBSIDIES (Establishes a tiered-rate structure for the child care assistance program, with higher rates paid to licensed child care centers and family child care homes that have achieved higher quality ratings in "BrightStars".)
{LC2466/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 776**BY** Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE WAKEFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNION FIRE DISTRICT IN SOUTH KINGSTOWN R.I.
{LC2476/1}

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 777**BY** Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED (Requires an automated external defibrillator (AED) and qualified person to administer an AED at all public places capable of holding three hundred (300) people or more.)

{LC2505/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 778**BY** Goodwin, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES-ASSAULTS (Makes an assault or battery upon a dwarf resulting in bodily injury a felony and would be punishable by up to three (3) years imprisonment and an assault resulting in serious bodily injury punishable by to twenty (20) years imprisonment.)

{LC2447/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5930**BY** Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Robert Joseph Janelli to join Cailin Ann Broccoli and Michael Christopher Janelli in marriage on or about September 16, 2017, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC2165/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5968**BY** Solomon, Shanley, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Alexandra Burke Thomas to join Lauren Victoria Thomas and Max Stephan Charness in marriage on or about August 26, 2017, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)

{LC2200/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 6019**BY** Abney, Carson

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.)
{LC2311/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 6020**BY** O'Brien, Corvese, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Azarig Kooloian, Jr., to join Kim Kooloian and David Anthony Ventris in marriage on or about June 24, 2017, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC2327/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 6037**BY** Shekarchi

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.)
{LC2343/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 6058**BY** Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Jack Fainberg to join Kiger Lau and Jonathan Fainberg in marriage on or about August 5, 2017, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)
{LC2362/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 6067**BY** Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Michael Narducci, Sr., to join Kelley Diaz and Michael Narducci, Jr., in marriage on or about June 24, 2017, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC2359/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 6069**BY** Winfield

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Lucas Cruse to join Nicole A. Fusco and Kevin M. Farley in marriage on or about October 22, 2017, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)
{LC2395/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2017-S 725**BY** Lombardo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ALFRED A. RUSSO, SR.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2017-S 727**BY** Archambault

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARGARET M. SILVA

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, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Metts announces that the Committee on Education 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 211 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 Crowley announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet today at the rise, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Lombardo announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today at the rise, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

TRANSMITTAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri and upon suggestion by Senator Lombardo the Senate adjourns at 4:28 o'clock P.M in memory of *Alfred A. Russo, Sr.*

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR V. SUSAN SOSNOWSKI**

Lord, we ask you to keep us safe and sound over the spring recess, and allow us to return refreshed so we may continue to serve in the best interests of our constituents. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017:**

1. **2017-S 685**
 BY Lynch Prata
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2. **2017-S 715**
 BY Pearson
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3. **2017-S 722**
 BY Coyne
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4. **2017-S 723**
 BY Kettle
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
5. **2017-S 776**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF THE WAKEFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNION FIRE
 DISTRICT IN SOUTH KINGSTOWN R.I.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017:**

1. **2017-S 655**
 BY Conley
 ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
 HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

2. **2017-S 85 SUB A**
 BY Cote
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite
postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

3. **2017-S 585**
 BY Goldin
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL
 LICENSES - PROVIDENCE

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017:

1. **2017-S 517**
 BY McCaffrey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
 LITIGATION LENDING AGREEMENTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.