

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Thirty Eighth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:21 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 33 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 33: The Honorable President Ruggiero and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT –4: Senators Ciccone, DaPonte, Gallo, and Morgan.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

April 25, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that on Tuesday April 25, 2017, I will be absent from Senate Session, due to a personal matter.

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

Sincerely,

Frank A. Ciccone, III
Senator District ~ 7

Read and placed on file.

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

April 25, 2017

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the Senate
State House Room 316
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber Tuesday - Thursday, April 25th - 27th, 2017 due to health issues.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Hanna M. Gallo
Senator – District 27

Read and placed on file.

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

April 25, 2017

Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the R. I. Senate
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 Tuesday, April 25, 2017, due to illness. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Elaine J. Morgan
DEPUTY MINORITY WHIP

Read and placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

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

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}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 708

BY Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WEST GLOCESTER FIRE DISTRICT" (Amends the charter of the West Gloucester Fire District.)
{LC2373/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

Senate Bill No. 324 SUB A

BY Miller, Goldin, Crowley, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HOME-VISITING SYSTEM COMPONENTS (Directs the department of health to obtain an annual estimate of the number of children born to Rhode Island families who face significant risk factors known to impair child development.)

{LC1530/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 328

BY Sheehan, Miller, Nesselbush, Crowley, Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY ENCOURAGING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (EOHHS) TO EXAMINE CURRENT POLICIES AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN RHODE ISLAND

{LC1457/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 329 SUB A

BY Miller, Goldin, Satchell, Sosnowski, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Provides that patients with mental health and/or substance-use disorders are presumptively eligible for emergency admission practices, including any appropriate inpatient services.)

{LC1270/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 330 SUB A

BY Coyne, Miller, Crowley, Sosnowski, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004--HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Requires the health insurance commissioner to make recommendations to the general assembly to ensure compliance with mental health parity provisions required by existing law.)

{LC1276/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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

{LC870/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 332 SUB A**BY** Miller, Goldin, Satchell, Crowley, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - COMPREHENSIVE DISCHARGE PLANNING (Requires medical treatment facilities to provide discharge plans for patients with nonsubstance abuse related mental health disorders.)

{LC1497/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 779****BY** Crowley**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM BENSON, JR.

{LC2452/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators Sosnowski, Goodwin, Gee, McCaffrey, Satchell, Kettle, Felag, Miller, Conley, Doyle, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Quezada, Metts, and Picard.

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

Senate Bill No. 780

(Attorney General)

BY Cote, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Requires a national criminal records check from applicants for licenses to become drivers for a transportation network company or a transportation network company driver or hackneys.)

{LC1570/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 781

(DPUC)

BY Lombardo, Quezada, Nesselbush, Lombardi, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Amends and add several sections relative to gas and electric utility carriers, customer service provided thereby, and customer service levels and billing practices required by the carriers to the customers.)

{LC2028/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 782

(Business Regulation)

BY Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES (Eliminates continuing education board (CEB) service of process by certified mail and prohibits claim negotiation with unlicensed public adjusters from excluding coverage to volunteer drivers.)

{LC1764/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 783

(Business Regulation)

BY Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE ACT (Amends reinsurance credit statute to conform with NAIC model/surplus lines statute for taxation of fees/protected cell statute as to business transfer with insolvency protection/insurance premium tax statute defining qualifying jobs.)

{LC2180/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 784

(Environmental Management)

BY Archambault, Sosnowski, Calkin, Coyne, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS (Replaces language referencing DEM park police and conservation police with environmental police officers.)

{LC1341/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 785

(Environmental Management)

BY Sosnowski, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT--MARINE FISHERIES (Creates division of marine fisheries within DEM to manage saltwater fish and plant harvesting.)

{LC2083/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 786

(Administration)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE ACT (Provides that proceeds from the auction or sale of allowances to emit a fixed amount of carbon dioxide may be used to promote cost-effective energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies, zero emission vehicles and charging stations.)

{LC2185/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 787

(QDC)

BY Sheehan, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (Authorizes the Quonset development corporation to borrow up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for operational purposes, the debt would not be a debt of the state and would be secured only by the Quonset development corporation's assets.)

{LC1750/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 788**BY** Miller, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LONG-TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (Alters the membership of the long-term care coordinating council and decrease membership from forty-one (41) members to thirty-one (31) members.)

{LC2029/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 789**BY** Lombardo, DiPalma, Nesselbush, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurance reimbursement for chiropractic diagnosis and treatment of conditions associated with the use of pain medications.)

{LC2439/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 790

(RIPTA)

BY Crowley, Sosnowski, Quezada, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES & CARRIERS - RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Authorizes RIPTA to provide an open-door service to all passengers to and from Rhode Island to locations within five (5) miles of the Rhode Island boarder into Massachusetts and Connecticut.)

{LC1361/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 791**BY** Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WARREN (Ratifies and validates the amendments to the Warren Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the town of Warren at the polls on November 8, 2016.)

{LC2555/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 792

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Requires at least one precinct count unit in each town.)

{LC1837/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 793

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Allows a person appointed as a primary official to be an employee of the United States, of this state, or of any city or town of this state.)

{LC1835/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 794

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Gives local boards discretion to designate times and places where optical scan voting equipment and sample ballots are exhibited for instructional purposes.)

{LC1841/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 795

(Attorney General)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - CELL PHONE TRACKING (Allows for the issuance of a court order to secure cell phone location information and changes the notice requirements needed to be provided for that type if court orders.)

{LC776/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 796

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE (Makes numerous changes to the campaign finance report law concerning exemptions, filing paper copies of statements, and maximum late filing fines.)

{LC1851/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 797

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - FAIL SAFE VOTING PROVISIONS

(Permits a voter who has moved from one city or town in the state to another thirty (30) days or more prior to an election to vote a full ballot in the new city or town.)

{LC1833/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 798

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Clarifies that the jurisdiction for violations of §11-9-1.5 ("electronically disseminating indecent material to minors prohibited") is vested in the superior court.)

{LC778/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 799**BY** Nesselbush, Crowley, Doyle, Sosnowski, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL ASSAULT

(Increases the minimum penalty for first degree sexual assault from ten (10) to twenty (20) years. The act would also create a category of cases wherein the first ten (10) years of any sentence be ineligible for the benefits of deferment or suspension.)

{LC2536/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 800

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - ELECTION OFFENSES (Eliminates the requirement of identifying the name or names of the author of a circular, flier, or poster designed to injure or defeat any candidate for election to public office.)

{LC1845/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 801

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Eliminates the reporting requirements imposed on persons and campaign treasurers for expenditures made to support or defeat a candidate by persons or groups not acting in concert with the candidate's campaign.)
{LC1849/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 802

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Requires that election supplies furnished by the board of elections would be delivered to or picked up by the proper officer as determined by the board no later than twelve o'clock p.m. (12:00 p.m.) on the day before the election.)
{LC1839/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 803**BY** Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Makes a technical correction to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.)
{LC2299/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 804**BY** Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- REVISED UNIFORM FIDUCIARY ACCESS TO DIGITAL ASSETS ACT (Regulates fiduciary and designated recipient access to digital assets relating to probate practice and procedure by creating the "Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act" to promote uniformity of the law among states that enact it.)
{LC2405/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 805

(Attorney General)

BY Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (More than one ounce of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl as a controlled substance illegal to possess, manufacture, sell or deliver.)
{LC777/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 806

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CAMPAIGN FINANCE (Provides additional guidance concerning the proposed disposition of remaining campaign funds of a deceased candidate or officeholder, former candidate or former officeholder.)

{LC1853/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 807**BY** Seveney, Coyne, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Amends the provisions of the general laws establishing the emergency management advisory council to realign the membership to reflect current positions.)

{LC2030/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 808

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS (Defines the terms "conduit" and "earmarked" for purposes of reporting campaign contributions and eliminates the aggregate contribution limits and adds a prohibition of earmarked funds.)

{LC1847/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 809

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- TABULATION AND CERTIFICATION OF RETURNS BY STATE BOARD (Requires the board of elections to report all votes received by write-in candidates.)

{LC1843/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 810**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - THE RHODE ISLAND COOPERATIVE WATER AUTHORITY (Establishes the Rhode Island cooperative water authority. The authority would have the power to acquire, lease, manage, sell, and otherwise deal with land and water supply systems and authorized to issue bonds and notes in furtherance of its mission.)

{LC2497/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 811

(DCYF)

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN-- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION-- SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN (Makes sex trafficking victims eligible for criminal injuries compensation fund and designates them as abused, neglected children and establishes "safe harbor" provisions.)

{LC1329/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 812

(Attorney General)

BY Crowley, Sosnowski, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Includes fentanyl analogs and synthetic opioids into Schedule I and Schedule II of the list of uniform controlled substances.)

{LC1922/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 813

(Secretary of State)

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- NOTARIES PUBLIC AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (Establishes a new application and certification process for notarial officers.)

{LC2234/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 814**BY** Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS (Imposes more specific regulations for the selection of program and/or construction managers by municipalities.)

{LC2581/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 815**BY** Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES (Creates additional restrictions on the times for which caterers with a Class P license may serve alcohol and provides for the additional penalty of possible suspension or revocation of license for violations of this section.)

{LC2335/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 816**BY** Felag, DiPalma, Seveney, Lombardo, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- VETERANS' AFFAIRS (Provides for changes to the veterans' services strategic plan advisory committee to provide coordination of state, federal, and private veterans' services.)

{LC2554/1}

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

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5135**BY** Keable, Newberry**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.)

{LC404/1}

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 5106**BY** Chippendale**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.)

{LC412/1}

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 5133**BY** Fogarty, Tanzi, Filippi, McEntee**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.)

{LC226/1}

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 5233**BY** Ruggiero, Abney, Mendonca**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.)

{LC984/1}

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 5147**BY** Amore, Kazarian, Cunha, Hearn**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.)

{LC783/1}

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 5816**BY** Ruggiero**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.)

{LC1962/1}

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 5226**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Permits the Providence licensing board to issue a Class C liquor license for premises at 215 Dean Street.)

{LC1033/1}

Referred to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs'.

House Bill No. 6002**BY** Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF RUBALCOOK, INC.

{LC2285/1}

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

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

YEAS - 32: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Senator Conley moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Felag, Archambault, Coyne, Seveney, and DiPalma

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, 32 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 32: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

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.

Senator Cote moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Archambault, Satchell, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Felag, Conley, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Fogarty, Metts, and Picard.

The bill marked substitute "A" is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, with 33 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows

YEAS - 33: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

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.

Senator Goldin moves passage of the act, seconded by Senator Felag

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 32: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 1: Senator Metts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise, in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise, the Senate Lounge of the State House.

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

Senator Cote announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today at the rise, in Room 212 of the State House.

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

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

Senator Coyne announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at the rise, in Room 211 of the State House.

Senate Majority Leader McCaffrey wishes belated birthdays' to Senator Miller (April 17th), Senator DiPalma (April 20th), and Senator Quezada (April 23rd).

TRANSMITTAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Kettle and upon suggestion by Senator Crowley the Senate adjourns at 4:35 o'clock P.M in memory of *William Benson Jr.*

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR NICHOLAS D. KETTLE**

Dear Lord, as we return to this chamber, remind us that in the days ahead there will be many choices before us as we work to make our State a greater place to live. Help us to work together to reach common ground and find positive solutions for the benefit of all our constituents. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017:

1. 2017-H 6002

BY Lima

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

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

Appendix
CALENDAR

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.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017:

1. **2017-S 324 SUB A**
 BY Miller
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HOME-VISITING
 SYSTEM COMPONENTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

2. **2017-S 328**
 BY Sheehan
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY ENCOURAGING THE
 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (EOHHS) TO
 EXAMINE CURRENT POLICIES AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON
 IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN RHODE
 ISLAND

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

3. **2017-S 329 SUB A**
 BY Miller
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE
 FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

4. 2017-S 330 SUB A**BY** Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004--HEALTH
INSURANCE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

5. 2017-S 331**BY** Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

6. 2017-S 332 SUB A**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - COMPREHENSIVE
DISCHARGE PLANNING

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

7. 2017-S 650**BY** Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF FOSTER

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

8. 2017-S 708**BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO
INCORPORATE THE WEST GLOCESTER FIRE DISTRICT"

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.