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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:50 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 37: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT –0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin 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**

June 30, 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 Friday, June 30, 2017, due to illness.

Sincerely,

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

Read and placed on file.

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

June 30, 2017

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Friday, June 30, 2017.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley Senate District 16
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Read and placed on file.

RECESS

Upon the motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Kettle, the Senate stands in recess at 4:53 o'clock P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 6:31pm.

CALENDAR

21. 2017-H 5175 SUB A as amended

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A as amended in concurrence.

Senator Conley moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Gallo, and Pearson.

Senator Conley, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Felag, and Gee, offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2017 -- H 5175 SUBSTITUTE A AS AMENDED
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AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2017 -- H 5175 SUBSTITUTE A AS AMENDED, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018", as follows:

1. Article 11, As Amended, page 7, by inserting the following language between lines 16 and 17:
"(iv) Whenever a transfer is made pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §35-3-20(d), the provisions of subsection (c)(1)(iii) shall remain at the percentage indicated for the current fiscal year for all subsequent fiscal years."

2. Article 11, As Amended, page 10, by inserting the following language between lines 13 and 14:
"(ix) Whenever a transfer is made pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §35-3-20(d), the provisions of subsections (c)(1)(ii) through (viii) shall remain at the exemption amount indicated for the current fiscal year for all subsequent fiscal years."

3. Article 11, As Amended, page 10, by inserting the following language after fiscal line 34: "(6) Whenever a transfer is made pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §35-3-20(d), the provisions of subsection (c)(5) shall remain at the tax rate (per \$1,000 of value) indicated for the current fiscal year."

4. Article 11, As Amended, page 11, line 1, by deleting the number "(6)" and inserting in place thereof the number "(7)".

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Ruggerio

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Senators Pearson, DiPalma, and Jabour discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

Senator Conley moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators Goodwin, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Felag, Nesselbush, Metts, Pearson, Miller, Archambault, Seveney, and DiPalma.

The act is read and passed with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 5 Senators voting in the negative as follows

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –5: Senators Algieri, Gee, Kettle, Morgan, and Paolino.

1. House Bill No. 5413 SUB A as amended

BY Regunberg

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
HEALTHY AND SAFE FAMILIES AND WORKPLACES ACT (Requires all
employers to provide their employees with a minimum level of paid sick and safety leave
including time to care for the employee's family members.)

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Jabour, Goldin, Metts, and Felag.

Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senators Sheehan, Ciccone, Nesselbush, and Quezada, offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2017 -- H 5413 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY AND SAFE FAMILIES
AND WORKPLACES ACT

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2017 -- H 5413 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled “AN ACT RELATING
TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY AND SAFE FAMILIES AND
WORKPLACES ACT”, as follows:

1. On pages 1 through 15, by deleting all of the language contained therein and by inserting
in its place thereof the following language:

"SECTION 1. Title 28 of the General Laws entitled "LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

CHAPTER 57

HEALTHY AND SAFE FAMILIES AND WORKPLACES ACT

28-57-1. Short title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act."

28-57-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following words and terms have the following meanings:

(1) "Care recipient" means a person for whom the employee is responsible for providing or arranging health or safety related care, including, but not limited to, helping the person obtain diagnostic, preventive, routine, or therapeutic health treatment or ensuring the person is safe following domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

(2) "CCAP Family child care provider" means a child care worker as defined in §40-6.6-2(2).

(3) "Child" means a person as defined in §28-41-34(1).

(4) "Department" means the department of labor and training.

(5) "Domestic partner" means a party to a civil union as defined in chapter 3.1 of title 15, or a person who meets the requirements in §36-12-1(3)(i) through (v) and has the same meaning as that term is defined in §8-8.2-20.

(6) "Domestic violence" means certain crimes when committed by one family or household member against another as defined in §12-29-2.

(7) "Employee" means any person suffered or permitted to work by an employer, except

that employees employed by cities and towns, independent contractors or subcontractors shall not be considered employees for the purposes of this section.

(8) "Employer" means any individual or entity that includes any individual, partnership, association, corporation, business, trust, or any person or group of persons acting directly or indirectly in the interest of an employer, in relation to an employee as defined in §28-12-2, but does not include the federal government.

(9) "Family member" means a child, parent, spouse, mother-in-law, father-in-law, domestic partner, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, care recipient, or member of the employee's household.

(10) "Grandchild" means a child of the employee's child.

(11) "Grandparent" means a parent of the employee's parent.

(12) "Health care professional" means any person licensed under federal or state law to provide medical or emergency services, including, but not limited to, doctors, nurses, and emergency room personnel.

(13) "Intern" means a student who is performing work for an employer as part of a course of study for a time limited period or performing work for which the student receives credit from an educational institution, instead of payment or who is compensated pursuant to a work study program under 42 U.S.C. section 2753.

(14) "Paid sick leave time" or "paid sick and safe leave time" means time that is compensated at the same hourly rate and with the same benefits, including health care benefits, as the employee normally earns during hours worked and is provided by an employer to an employee for the purposes described in §28-57-3, but in no case shall the hourly wage paid leave be less than that provided under §28-12-3.

(15) "Parent" means a person as defined in §28-41-34(5) or a parent-in-law as defined in

§28-41-34 (9).

(16) "Retaliatory personnel action" means denial of any right guaranteed under this chapter and any threat, discharge, suspension, demotion, reduction of hours, reporting or threatening to report an employee's suspected citizenship or immigration status, or the suspected citizenship or immigration status of a family member of the employee to a federal, state or local agency, or any other adverse action against an employee for the exercise of any right guaranteed herein including any sanctions against an employee who is the recipient of public benefits for rights guaranteed under this chapter. Retaliatory personnel action shall also include interference with or punishment for in any manner participating in or assisting an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this chapter.

(17) "Sexual assault" means a crime as defined in §§11-37-2, 11-37-4 or 11-37-6.

(18) "Sibling" means a brother or a sister, whether related through half blood, whole blood or adoption, a foster sibling, or a step-sibling.

(19) "Spouse" means a person as defined in §28-41-34(7).

(20) "Stalking" means a crime as defined in §§11-59-2 and 11-52-4.2, harassing another person or willfully, maliciously and repeatedly following another person with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear of bodily injury.

(21) "Year" means a regular and consecutive twelve (12) month period as determined by the employer; except that for the purposes of §§28-57-7 and 28-57-9, year means a calendar year.

28-57-3. Accrual of paid sick and safe leave time.

(a) All employees employed by an employer of fifteen (15) or more employees in the state shall accrue a minimum of one hour of paid sick and safe leave time for every thirty (30) hours worked up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours per calendar year 2018, up to a maximum of

thirty-two (32) hours per calendar year 2019, and up to a maximum of forty (40) hours per calendar year 2020 and thereafter, unless the employer chooses to provide a higher annual limit. In determining the number of employees who are employed by an employer for compensation, all employees performing work for compensation on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis shall be counted in accordance with regulations of the department of labor and training.

(b) Employees who are exempt from the overtime requirements under 29 U.S.C. §213(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act will be assumed to work forty (40) hours in each work week for purposes of paid sick and safe leave time accrual unless their normal work week is less than forty (40) hours, in which case paid sick and safe leave time accrues based upon that normal work week.

(c) Paid sick and safe leave time as provided in this chapter shall begin to accrue at the commencement of employment or pursuant to the law's effective date, whichever is later. An employer may provide all paid sick and safe leave time that an employee is expected to accrue in a year at the beginning of the year.

(d) Employees shall be entitled to use accrued paid sick and safe leave time beginning on the ninetieth calendar day following commencement of their employment, unless otherwise permitted by the employer. On and after the ninetieth calendar day of employment, employees may use paid sick and safe leave time as it is accrued.

(e) Paid sick and safe leave time shall be carried over to the following calendar year; however, an employee's use of paid sick and safe leave time provided under this chapter in each calendar year shall not exceed forty (40) hours. Alternatively, in lieu of carryover of unused earned paid sick and safe leave time from one year to the next, an employer may pay an employee for unused earned paid sick and safe leave time at the end of a year and provide the employee with an amount of paid sick and safe leave that meets or exceeds the requirements of this chapter that is

available for the employee's immediate use at the beginning of the subsequent year.

(f) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as requiring financial or other reimbursement to an employee from an employer upon the employee's termination, resignation, retirement, or other separation from employment for accrued paid sick and safe leave time that has not been used.

(g) If an employee is transferred to a separate division, entity or location, but remains employed by the same employer, the employee is entitled to all paid sick and safe leave time accrued at the prior division, entity or location and is entitled to use all paid sick and safe leave time as provided in this chapter. When there is a separation from employment and the employee is rehired within one hundred and thirty-five (135) days of separation by the same employer, previously accrued paid sick and safe leave time that had not been used shall be reinstated. Further, the employee shall be entitled to use accrued paid sick and safe leave time and accrue additional sick and safe leave time at the recommencement of employment.

(h) When a different employer succeeds or takes the place of an existing employer, all employees of the original employer who remain employed by the successor employer are entitled to all earned paid sick and safe leave time they accrued when employed by the original employer, and are entitled to use earned paid sick and safe leave time previously accrued.

(i) At its discretion, an employer may loan sick and safe leave time to an employee in advance of accrual by such employee.

(j) All employees not entitled to paid sick and safe leave pursuant to this chapter shall be entitled to unpaid sick and safe leave time in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(k) Any employer in the construction industry, as classified as code 23 under the North American Industry Classification System, is not required to provide any paid or unpaid sick and/or safe leave time to any employees that work under a collective bargaining agreement until July 1,

2018.

(l) Temporary employees shall also mean casual employees, as defined in §28-9.4-2(b)(5), shall be entitled to use accrued paid sick and safe leave time beginning on the one hundred eightieth calendar day following commencement of their employment, unless otherwise permitted by the employer. On and after the one hundred eightieth calendar day of employment, employees may use all paid sick time accrued since the first day of employment and paid and safe leave time as it is accrued.

(m) Seasonal employees, as defined in §28-9.4-2(b)(6), shall be entitled to use accrued paid sick and safe leave time beginning on the one hundred twentieth calendar day following commencement of their employment, unless otherwise permitted by the employer. On and after the one hundred twentieth calendar day of employment, employees may use all paid sick time accrued since the first day of employment and paid and sick and safe leave time as it is accrued.

(n) This chapter shall not apply to an employee licensed to practice nursing pursuant to chapter 34 of title 5 if the employee:

- (1) Is employed by a health care facility;
- (2) Is under no obligation to work a regular schedule;
- (3) Works only when he or she indicates that he or she is available to work and has no obligation to work when he or she does not indicate availability; and
- (4) Receives higher pay than that paid to an employee of the same health care facility performing the same job on a regular schedule.

(o) Interns shall not be entitled to paid sick leave, but shall be entitled to unpaid sick and safe leave in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

28-57-4. Use of paid sick and safe leave time.

(a) Paid sick and safe leave time shall be provided to an employee by an employer for:

(1) An employee's mental or physical illness, injury or health condition; an employee's need for medical diagnosis, care, or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury or health condition; an employee's need for preventive medical care;

(2) Care of a family member with a mental or physical illness, injury or health condition; care of a family member who needs medical diagnosis, care, or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury or health condition; care of a family member who needs preventive medical care;

(3) Closure of the employee's place of business by order of a public official due to a public health emergency or an employee's need to care for a child whose school or place of care has been closed by order of a public official due to a public health emergency, or care for oneself or a family member when it has been determined by the health authorities having jurisdiction or by a health care provider that the employee's or family member's presence in the community may jeopardize the health of others because of their exposure to a communicable disease, whether or not the employee or family member has actually contracted the communicable disease; or

(4) Time off needed when the employee or a member of the employee's family is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

(b) Paid sick and safe leave time shall be provided upon the request of an employee. Such request may be made orally, in writing, by electronic means or by any other means acceptable to the employer. When possible, the request shall include the expected duration of the absence.

(1) Paid sick and safe leave cannot be used as an excuse to be late for work without an authorized purpose.

(2) If an employee is committing fraud or abuse by engaging in an activity that is not consistent with allowable purposes for paid sick and safe leave in this section, an employer may

discipline the employee for misuse of sick leave.

(3) If an employee is exhibiting a clear pattern of taking leave on days just before or after a weekend, vacation, or holiday, an employer may discipline the employee for misuse of paid sick and safe leave, unless the employee provides reasonable documentation that the paid sick and safe leave time has been used for a purpose covered by subsection (a) of this section.

(c) When the use of paid sick and safe leave time is foreseeable, the employee shall make a reasonable effort to provide notice of the need for such time to the employer in advance of the use of the sick and safe leave time and shall make a reasonable effort to schedule the use of sick and safe leave time in a manner that does not unduly disrupt the operations of the employer.

(d) An employer that requires notice of the need to use earned paid sick and safe leave time where the need is not foreseeable shall provide a written policy that contains procedures for the employee to provide notice. An employer that has not provided to the employee a copy of its written policy for providing such notice shall not deny earned paid sick and safe leave time to the employee based on noncompliance with such a policy.

(1) An employer may require employees to use reasonable notification systems the employer creates, provided that the employees shall be allowed to communicate with the employer in a manner the employee customarily uses to communicate with the employer for absences.

(e) Unless otherwise in conflict with state or federal law or regulations, an employee may decide how much sick time to use; provided, however, that an employer may set a minimum increment for the use of sick time, not to exceed four (4) hours per day, provided such minimum increment is reasonable under the circumstances.

(f) For paid sick and safe leave time of more than three (3) consecutive work days, an employer may require reasonable documentation that the paid sick and safe leave time has been

used for a purpose covered by subsection (a) of this section if the employer has notified the employee in writing of this requirement in advance of the employee's use of paid sick and safe time. An employer may not require that the documentation explain the nature of the illness or the details of the domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

(1) Documentation signed by a health care professional indicating that paid sick leave time is necessary shall be considered reasonable documentation under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) One of the following, of the employee's choosing, shall be considered reasonable documentation of an absence under subsection (a)(4) of this section:

(i) An employee's written statement that the employee or the employee's family member is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking and that the leave taken was for one of the purposes of §28-57-4(a)(4);

(ii) A police report indicating that the employee or employee's family member was a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;

(iii) A court document indicating that the employee or employee's family member is involved in legal action related to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; or

(iv) A signed statement from a victim and witness advocate affirming that the employee or employee's family member is receiving services from a victim services organization or is involved in legal action related to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

(3) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require an employer or employee to violate the provisions of the Food Code or the Rules and Regulations pertaining to Reporting Infectious, Environmental and Occupational Diseases.

(g) An employer's requirements for verification may not result in an unreasonable burden or expense on the employee and may not exceed privacy or verification requirements otherwise

established by law.

(h) An employer may not require, as a condition of providing earned paid sick and safe time under this chapter, that the employee search for or find a replacement worker to cover the hours during which the employee is using paid sick and safe leave time. However, if an employee is absent from work for any reason listed in §28-57-4(a) and by mutual consent of the employer and the employee, the employee works an equivalent number of additional hours or shifts during the same or the next pay period as the hours or shifts not worked due to reasons listed in §28-57-4(a), an employee shall not be required to use accrued and earned paid or unpaid sick time for the employee's absence during that time period, and the employer shall not be required to pay for sick time taken during the time period.

28-57-5. Family child care providers.

CCAP family child care providers shall accrue and may use paid sick and safe leave in the same manner as do employees under this chapter. The implementation, but not the amount, of paid sick and safe leave for CCAP family child care providers shall be a subject of negotiation with director of the department of administration under §40-6.6-4. The department of human services shall promulgate any necessary regulations to implement the requirement of paid sick and safe leave for CCAP family child care providers.

28-57-6. Exercise of rights protected; Retaliation prohibited.

(a) It shall be unlawful for an employer or any other person to interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise, or the attempt to exercise, any right protected under this chapter.

(b) An employer shall not take retaliatory personnel action or discriminate against an employee or former employee because the person has exercised rights protected under this chapter. Such rights include, but are not limited to, the right to request or use paid sick and safe leave

pursuant to this chapter; the right to file a complaint with the department or the courts or inform any person about any employer's alleged violation of this chapter; the right to participate in an investigation, hearing or proceeding or cooperate with or assist the department in its investigations of alleged violations of this chapter; and the right to inform any person of their potential rights under this chapter.

(c) It shall be unlawful for an employer's absence control policy to count paid sick and safe leave time taken under this chapter as an absence that may lead to or result in discipline, discharge, demotion, suspension, or any other adverse action.

(d) The department may promulgate regulations consistent with this chapter that further define protections of this section and address possible discipline for fraud.

(e) There shall be a rebuttable presumption of unlawful retaliatory personnel action under this section whenever an employer takes action against a person within ninety (90) days of when that person:

(1) Files a complaint with the department or a court alleging a violation of any provision of this chapter;

(2) Informs any person about an employer's alleged violation of this chapter;

(3) Cooperates with the department or other persons in the investigation or prosecution of any alleged violation of this chapter;

(4) Opposes any policy, practice, or act that is unlawful under this chapter; or

(5) Informs any person of their rights under this chapter.

28-57-7. Notice and posting.

(a) Employers shall give employees written notice of the following at the commencement of employment or by the effective date of this chapter, whichever is later, which shall include the

following information:

(1) Employees are entitled to paid or unpaid sick and safe leave time;

(2) The amount of paid or unpaid sick and safe leave time;

(3) The terms of paid or unpaid sick and safe leave time use guaranteed under this chapter;

(4) That retaliatory personnel actions against employees who request or use paid or unpaid sick and safe leave time is prohibited;

(5) That each employee has the right to file a complaint or bring a civil action if paid or unpaid sick and safe leave time, as required by this chapter, is denied by the employer or the employee is subjected to retaliatory personnel action for requesting or taking paid or unpaid sick and safe leave time; and

(6) Contact information for the department where questions about rights and responsibilities under this chapter can be answered.

(b) Employers shall comply with this section by supplying each of their employees with a notice in English and in any language that is the first language spoken by at least five percent (5%) of the employer's workforce that contains the information required in subsection (a) of this section, provided that the notice has been translated into such language by the department.

(c) The amount of paid or unpaid sick and safe leave time available to the employee, the amount of paid or unpaid sick and safe leave time taken by the employee to date in the year and the amount of pay the employee has received as paid sick and safe leave time shall be recorded in, or on an attachment to, the employee's regular paycheck or be made available at the employees request.

(d) Employers shall display a poster in a conspicuous and accessible place in each establishment where such employees are employed. The poster displayed shall be in English and

in any language that is the first language spoken by at least five percent (5%) of the employer's workforce that contains the information required in subsection (a) of this section, provided that the poster has been translated into such language by the department.

(e) The department shall create and make available to employers, in all languages spoken by more than five percent (5%) of Rhode Island's population and any language deemed appropriate by the department, posters that contain the information required under subsection (a) of this section.

(f) An employer who willfully violates the notice and posting requirements of this section shall be subject to a civil fine in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) for each separate violation.

28-57-8. Employer records.

Employers shall retain records documenting hours worked by employees and paid or unpaid sick and safe leave time taken by employees, for a period of three (3) years, and shall allow the department access to such records, with appropriate notice and at a mutually agreeable time, to monitor compliance with the requirements of this chapter. When an issue arises as to an employee's entitlement to paid or unpaid sick and safe leave time under this chapter, if the employer does not maintain or retain adequate records documenting hours worked by the employee and paid sick and safe leave time taken by the employee, or does not allow the department reasonable access to such records, it shall be presumed that the employer has violated the chapter, absent clear and convincing evidence otherwise.

28-57-9. Regulations.

The department shall coordinate implementation and enforcement of this chapter and shall promulgate appropriate guidelines or regulations for such purposes.

28-57-10. Enforcement.

(a) The department shall enforce the provisions of this chapter. In effectuating such enforcement, the department shall establish a system utilizing multiple means of communication to receive complaints regarding noncompliance with this chapter and investigate complaints received by the department in a timely manner. The department is empowered to hold hearings and shall cooperate with any employee in the enforcement of a claim against their employer in any case where the claim is just and valid.

(b) Any person alleging a violation of this chapter shall have the right to file a complaint with the department within one year of the date the person knew or should have known of the alleged violation. The department shall maintain confidential the identity of any complainant unless disclosure of such complainant's identity is necessary for resolution of the investigation or otherwise required by law. The department shall, to the extent practicable, notify such complainant that the department will be disclosing their identity prior to such disclosure.

(c) Upon receiving a complaint alleging a violation of this chapter, the department shall investigate such complaint and attempt to resolve it through mediation. The department shall keep complainants reasonably notified regarding the status of their complaint and any resultant investigation. If the department believes that a violation has occurred, it shall issue to the offending person or entity a notice of violation. The commissioner shall prescribe the form and wording of such notices of violation. The notice of violation shall be returnable to the administrative tribunal authorized to adjudicate violations of this chapter.

(d) On or after July 1, 2018, the department shall have the power to impose penalties as provided in subsection (h) of this section and to grant an employee or former employee all appropriate relief.

(e) In the event a complaint deemed just and valid cannot be resolved by the department through mediation, the department shall order a hearing thereon at a time and place to be specified, and shall give notice thereof, together with a copy of the complaint or the purpose thereof, or a statement of the facts disclosed upon investigation, which notice shall be served personally or by mail on any person, business, corporation, or entity of any kind affected thereby. The hearing shall be scheduled within thirty (30) days upon determination that the complaint is just and valid. The person, business, corporation, or entity shall have an opportunity to be heard in respect to the matters complained of at the time and place specified in the notice. The hearing shall be conducted by the department. The hearing officer in the hearing shall be deemed to be acting in a judicial capacity, and shall have the right to issue subpoenas, administer oaths, and examine witnesses. The enforcement of a subpoena issued under this section shall be regulated by Rhode Island civil practice laws and rules. The hearing shall be expeditiously conducted and upon such hearing the hearing officer shall determine the issues raised thereon and shall make a determination and enter an order within thirty (30) days of the close of the hearing, and forthwith serve a copy of the order, with a notice of the filing thereof, upon the parties to the proceeding, personally or by mail. The order shall dismiss the complaint or direct payment of penalties under subsection (h) of this section and direct payment of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to the complaining party.

(f) The director may institute investigations into violations of this chapter absent receipt of a complaint and may institute any action to ensure compliance with this chapter.

(g) Any agreement between the employee and employer that purports to waive the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed void as against public policy.

(h) On or after July 1, 2018, any employee or former employee aggrieved by a violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be entitled to the same protections and relief as under §28-14-

19. Any employer who violates the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the provisions of §§28-12-18 and 28-14-19.

(i) In determining the amount of any penalty imposed under this section, the director or their designee shall consider the good faith of the employer, the size of the employer, the gravity of the violation, the history of previous violations, and whether or not the violation was an innocent mistake or willful.

(j) The department, any person aggrieved by a violation of this chapter, or any entity member of which is aggrieved by a violation of this chapter may bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction against an employer violating this chapter. Such action may be brought by a person aggrieved by a violation of this chapter without first filing an administrative complaint.

(1) Aggrieved persons shall also be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees.

(2) Upon prevailing in an action brought pursuant to this section, aggrieved persons shall be entitled to such legal or equitable relief as may be appropriate to remedy the violation, including, without limitation, reinstatement to employment, back pay and injunctive relief, plus liquidated damages of at least as much as provided as penalty amounts in subsection (h) of this section.

(3) The statute of limitations for a civil action brought pursuant to this section shall be for a period of three (3) years from the date the alleged violation occurred or the date the employee knew or should have known of the violation.

28-57-11. Confidentiality and nondisclosure.

An employer may not require disclosure of details relating to domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual contact or stalking or the details of an employee's or an employee's family member's health information as a condition of providing paid sick and safe leave time under this chapter. If an employer possesses health information or information pertaining to domestic violence, sexual

assault, sexual contact, or stalking about an employee or employee's family member, such information shall be treated as confidential and not disclosed except to the affected employee or with the permission of the affected employee.

28-57-12. Greater sick and safe leave time policies.

(a) This chapter provides minimum requirements pertaining to paid sick and safe leave time and shall not be construed to preempt, limit, or otherwise affect the applicability of any other law, regulation, requirement, policy, or standard that provides for greater accrual or use by employees of sick and safe leave time, whether paid or unpaid, or that extends other protections to employees.

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to supersede or preempt any provision of any local law that provides greater rights to paid sick and safe leave time than the rights established under this chapter.

(c) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed in a manner to discourage or prohibit an employer from the adoption of a paid sick and safe leave time policy greater that provides greater rights or benefits than the one required in this chapter.

(d) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as diminishing the obligation of an employer to comply with any contract, collective bargaining agreement, employment benefit plan or other agreement that provides greater sick and safe leave time to an employee than required in this chapter.

(e) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as diminishing the rights of public employees regarding paid sick and safe leave or use of sick and safe leave time as provided under existing laws.

28-57-13. Public education and outreach.

The department shall develop and implement a multilingual outreach program to inform employees, parents, and persons who are under the care of a health care provider about the availability of paid sick and safe leave time under this chapter. This program shall include the distribution of notices and other written materials in English and in all languages spoken by more than five percent (5%) of the state's population and any language deemed appropriate by the department to all child care and elder care providers, domestic violence shelters or victim services organizations, schools, hospitals, community health centers, and other health care providers.

28-57-14. Allowable substitution of employers' paid sick and safe leave time.

(a) Any employer with a paid leave time off policy, who makes available an amount of paid leave time off sufficient to meet the accrual requirements of this section that may be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions, including with regards to employee notice and documentation, as paid sick and safe leave time under this chapter and is not required to provide additional paid sick and safe leave time.

(1) Employers may have their own sick leave or paid time off policies, so long as employees can use at least the same amount of time, for the same purposes, under the same conditions, and with the same job protections provided in this section.

(2) An employer's own paid time, vacation, sick leave, or other policy may be substituted for earned sick time so long as forty (40) hours of time off provided under the policy, or such lesser amount as each employee might earn if the employer were not using the substitute policy, complies with the provisions of the statute.

(3) Employers may have different paid leave policies for different groups of employees, so long as all employees can use at least the same amount of time, for the same purposes, under the same conditions, and with the same job protections provided in this section.

(4) Employers that provide forty (40) or more hours of paid time off or vacation to employees that also may be used as paid sick and safe leave, consistent with this section, shall not be required to provide additional sick leave to employees who use all their time for other purposes and have need of paid sick and safe leave later in the year, provided that the employers' leave policies make clear that additional time will not be provided.

(b) Employers that have an unlimited sick leave policy shall not be required to track accrual of sick leave or allow any rollover, provided that such leave is otherwise consistent with this section.

(c) Employers that provide forty (40) or more hours of paid sick, safe, or paid time off at the beginning of each benefit year do not need to track accrual, allow any carryover, or payout.

(d) Employers that prefer not to track accrual of paid sick and safe leave time over the course of the benefit year may also use the following schedules for providing lump sums of sick leave or paid time off to their employees. Employers using these schedules will be in compliance even if an employee's hours vary from week to week. For employees working an average of:

(i) Thirty-seven and one half (37.5) to forty (40) hours per week, provide eight (8) hours per month for five (5) months;

(ii) Thirty (30) hours per week, provide five (5) hours per month for eight (8) months

(iii) Twenty-four (24) hours per week, provide four (4) hours per month for nine (9) months;

(iv) Sixteen (16) hours per week, provide three (3) hours per month for ten (10) months;

(v) Ten (10) hours per week, provide two (2) hours per month for ten (10) months;

(e) In the case an employer whose regular work day for full-time employees is less than eight (8) hours per day, if the employer provides five (5) days of paid sick and safe time leave

consisting of the number of hours per day that constitute that full-time employee's work day and provides them at the beginning of the year, the employer shall be in compliance with this subsection.

28-57-15. Severability.

If any provision of this chapter, or any rule or regulation created under this chapter, or the application of any provision of this chapter, to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the chapter, rule or regulation and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. The invalidity of any section or sections or parts of any section of this chapter shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this chapter and to this end the provisions of the chapter are declared to be severable.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2018."

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Goodwin

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Senator Pearson discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails with 27 Senators voting in the affirmative and 7 Senators voting in the negative and 1 Senator recusing himself as follows.

YEAS – 27: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Pearson, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –7: Senators Algieri, DaPonte, Gee, Kettle, Morgan, Paolino, and Raptakis.

RECUSAL -1: Senator Picard.

Senator Goodwin moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, and Seveney.

The act is read and passed with 26 Senators voting in the affirmative and 8 Senators voting in the negative and 1 Senator recusing himself as follows

YEAS – 26: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –8: Senators Algieri, Gee, Kettle, Morgan, and Paolino.

RECUSAL- 1: Senator Picard.

2. Senate Bill No. 175 SUB A

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOBILE TELEPHONE USE (Prohibits the use of a non-hands-free personal wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle, except for public safety personnel or in an emergency situation, and would provide for monetary fines for violations.)

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata and Lombardi.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

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

NAYS –0:

3. Senate Bill No. 203 SUB B

BY Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Provides for the creation of a new position in the fish and wildlife division of the department of environmental management, and would place oversight of freshwater lakes, streams, and ponds, in the fish and wildlife division.)

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by Senator Lombardo.

The bill marked Substitute “B” is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

4. Senate Bill No. 207 SUB B

BY Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Allows retired state employee nurses to work as professors in the nursing program at a state college. It would allow them to work seventy-five (75) days or one hundred fifty (150) half days before their pension payments would be suspended.)

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Metts, and Nesselbush.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

5. Senate Bill No. 373 SUB A

BY Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Requires that any applicant or holder of a retail license for the sale of alcoholic beverages be required to file a certificate of insurance evidencing liability insurance coverage in certain minimum amounts.)

Senator Nesselbush moves passage, seconded by Senators Fogarty, Lynch Prata, Archambault, Gee, Sheehan.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative and 1 Senator recusing himself as follows.

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

NAYS –1: Senator Morgan.

RECUSAL- 1: Senator Miller.

6. Senate Bill No. 395 SUB A

BY Conley

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

Senator Conley moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Gallo, DiPalma.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

7. Senate Bill No. 406 SUB B

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Allows family court to take individual's incarceration into consideration in motion to modify child support order by providing that incarceration is not "voluntary unemployment.")

Senator Lynch Prata moves passage, seconded by Senator McCaffrey.

The bill marked Substitute “B” is read and passed, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

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

NAYS –0:

8. Senate Bill No. 407 SUB B as amended

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE RHODE ISLAND PATIENT SAFETY ACT OF 2008 (Amends the definition of "Patient safety work product" to conform with the federal "Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005".)

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Felag, and Goodwin.

The bill marked Substitute "B" is read and passed, as amended, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

9. Senate Bill No. 789 SUB A as amended

BY Lombardo

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.)

Senator Lombardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Archambault, DiPalma, Sheehan, and Nesselbush.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

10. Senate Bill No. 903 SUB B**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Amends the number of occasions upon which a Class A license holder under this chapter may dispense unlimited samples of wine products.)

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Felag, and DiPalma.

The bill marked Substitute “B” is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

11. Senate Bill No. 1000**BY** Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Designates October 23 of each year as a day to commemorate the nine Rhode Island marines killed in the 1983 terrorist attack in Beirut, Lebanon.)

Senator Seveney moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

12. Senate Bill No. 1001**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS (Gives the city of Woonsocket the power to license and regulate peddlers selling or offering flowers.)

Senator Picard moves passage, seconded by Senator McCaffrey.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

13. Senate Resolution No. 1002**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE ADVISABILITY OF RHODE ISLAND JOINING THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (Creates a 9 member commission to examine the advisability of Rhode Island joining the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, and who would report back to the President of the Senate by March 1, 2018, and expire on June 1, 2018.)

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Nesselbush, and Archambault.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

14. Senate Bill No. 1003**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Repeals multiple sections of the general laws related to insurance, including §27-9-57 and chapter 75 of title 27 ("Surplus Lines Insurance Multi-State Compliance Compact").)

Senator Picard moves passage, seconded by Senator McCaffrey.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS –0:

15. Senate Bill No. 1004**BY** Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE - DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Changes the recognition of Viet Nam Veterans' Day from May 15 to March 29 in order to correspond to the federal observance of this day.)

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senators Metts, Sosnowski, Morgan, and DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS –0:

16. Senate Bill No. 1005**BY** Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION (Requires that members of local planning boards and commissions receive two (2) hours of training on issues related to development in flood plains and the effects of sea level rise once every two (2) years.)

Senator Calkin moves passage, seconded by Senators Coyne, Sheehan, Quezada, and Nesselbush.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 2 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS –2: Senators Morgan, and Felag.

17. Senate Bill No. 1006

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Extends the mandated minimum number of prepaid
orders deadline for the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Memorial Benefit Fund special
license plates to January 1, 2022.)
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**Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and without objection,
ordered to be placed at the bottom of the Calendar.**

18. Senate Bill No. 405 SUB A as amended

BY Metts

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

Senator Metts moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, and Archambault.

Senator Lynch Prata, seconded by Senators Jabour, Archambault, and Gee, offers the following
written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2017 -- S 0405 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT -
PROTECT RHODE ISLAND FAMILIES ACT

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2017 -- S 0405 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled “AN ACT RELATING
TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT - PROTECT
RHODE ISLAND FAMILIES ACT”, as follows:

1. On page 7, line 7, by deleting the word "felony" and inserting in place thereof the word "filing".

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Lynch Prata

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The motion to amend prevails with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

Senator Lynch Prata moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators Archambault, Goodwin, Miller, Nesselbush, and Sheehan.

Senators Ciccone, Paolino, Nesselbush, Goldin, and Coyne, discuss the act.

The act is read and passed with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 2 Senators voting in the negative as follows

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

NAYS –2: Senators Kettle and Morgan.

19. House Bill No. 5510 SUB B as amended**BY** Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--
COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT - PROTECT RHODE ISLAND FAMILIES ACT
(Limits access to firearms when an individual is under certain types of domestic
restraining orders or protective orders issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2017.)

Senator Lynch Prata moves passage, seconded by Senators Felag, Nesselbush, Jabour, Goodwin, Miller, Quezada, and Metts.

Senator Lynch Prata, seconded by Senators Metts, and Sheehan, offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT**TO**

2017 -- H 5510 SUBSTITUTE B

AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT -
PROTECT RHODE ISLAND FAMILIES ACT

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2017 -- H 5510 SUBSTITUTE B, entitled "AN ACT RELATING
TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT - PROTECT
RHODE ISLAND FAMILIES ACT", as follows:

1. On page 7, line 7 by deleting the word "felony" and inserting in place thereof the word
"filing".

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Lynch Prata

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The motion to amend prevails with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

Senator Lynch Prata moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators Metts and Sheehan.

The act is read and passed with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 2 Senators voting in the negative as follows

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

NAYS –2: Senators Kettle, and Morgan.

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017:

1. **2017-S 998**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE
 DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL
 DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH
 AND HUMAN SERVICES TO INCREASE CERTAIN DIRECT AND HOME CARE
 WORKER WAGES

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2017-S 247 SUB A**
 BY Kettle
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE
 COMMISSION TO STUDY RAW MILK REGULATIONS

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

3. **2017-S 999**
 BY Archambault
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN D. MUGGERIDGE ON
 THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS OF
 ACCOMPLISHED LEADERSHIP AT FIDELITY INVESTMENTS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

4. **2017-H 5709 SUB A**
 BY Shekarchi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CAMPAIGN FINANCE

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

5. **2017-H 5975 SUB A**
 BY Ackerman
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM
 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT -- ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION OF
 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

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

6. **2017-H 5571**
 BY Giarrusso
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT
 JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES
 AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

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

7. **2017-H 5761 SUB A**
 BY Canario
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
 REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

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

8. **2017-H 5969 SUB A**
 BY Knight
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS
 -- WARREN MUNICIPAL HOUSING COURT

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

9. **2017-H 6277**
 BY Quattrocchi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SCITUATE TO ISSUE
 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
 EXCEED \$4,900,000 TO FINANCE REPLACEMENTS, RENOVATIONS AND
 IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING A NEW TRACK AND FIELD AT THE SCITUATE
 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

10. **2017-H 6296**
 BY Knight
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
 RHODE ISLAND REGULATORY REFORM ACT

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

11. **2017-H 6322**
 BY Ackerman
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
 INSURANCE POLICIES

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

12. **2017-H 6330 SUB A**
 BY Tanzi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
 TAXATION

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

13. **2017-H 6339**
 BY Williams
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
 LICENSES

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

14. **2017-H 6341**
 BY Azzinaro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY --
 PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS,
 BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS -- NEW RHODE
 ISLAND VETERANS HOME CONFERENCE ROOM

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

15. 2017-H 6342**BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS -- NEW RHODE ISLAND VETERANS HOME CONFERENCE ROOM

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

16. 2017-H 6350**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

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

17. 2017-H 6360**BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME - ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

18. 2017-H 6362**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - REAL ESTATE EXEMPTION

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

19. 2017-H 6373**BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

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

20. 2017-H 5199 SUB A**BY** Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM

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

21. 2017-H 6088 SUB A**BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

22. 2017-H 6130 as amended**BY** Keable**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS

Committee on Finance recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

YEAS –35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri the senate stands in recess at 7:40 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Goodwin wishes Senator Ryan W. Pearson a Happy Birthday.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5207 SUB A**BY** Lancia, Lima, Jacquard, Hull, Nunes**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Provides that sex offenders register their presence with any homeless shelter at which they may temporarily stay and provides that said shelters notify the local law enforcement agency of the presence.)

{LC961/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5474 SUB A**BY** Keable, Blazejewski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - THE NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS ACT OF 2017 (Establishes procedures for the licensing of doctors of naturopathy, who provide health care utilizing natural substance and therapies. Doctors of naturopathy would be subject to oversight by the director of the Rhode Island department of health.)
{LC1505/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5550 SUB A as amended**BY** O'Grady, Maldonado, Kazarian, Keable, Blazejewski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT JOURNALISTS' FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ACT (Creates the Student Journalists' Freedom of Expression Act protecting student journalists' right to exercise freedom of speech in school-sponsored media.)
{LC1039/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5903**BY** Lombardi, Coughlin, Solomon, Shanley, Mendonca

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - VISITATION RIGHTS (Establishes guidelines for the family court to use to decide petitions for visitation by grandparents based on a best interest of the grandchild standard.)
{LC2134/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5937

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Johnston

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.)
{LC1763/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5951 SUB A**BY** Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Maldonado, Hearn, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - UNFAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES (Prohibits domestic and foreign insurance companies from any distinction or discrimination against individuals in a domestic partner relationship regarding policies issued or renewed in this state.)
{LC2037/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 6055**BY** McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Bennett, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS - THE PERMANENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING ACT (Reduces the items which must be monitored by the air-quality monitors at T.F. Green Airport to particles less than 0.1 microns, and black carbon.)
{LC2324/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 6158 SUB A**BY** Handy, Tanzi, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL (Creates an exception to the registration requirements and registration fees for minor use pesticides.)
{LC2573/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 6306 SUB A**BY** Canario, Lima, McLaughlin, Fellela, Bennett**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.)
{LC2825/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 6323**BY** Shanley, Barros, Cunha**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Excludes weekends and state holidays from the calculation of the forty-eight (48) hour public notice requirement, and requires all public bodies to keep minutes of open meetings and file their minutes with the secretary of state.)
{LC2865/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5241 SUB A**BY** O'Brien, Slater, Ruggiero, Carson, Morin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC TRANSIT-- BUS PASSES (Removes the Rhode Island transit authority's bus fare adjustments relating to elderly and disabled passengers enacted in fiscal year 2016 budget.)
{LC1051/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

House Bill No. 5777 SUB A**BY** Carson, Lima, Slater, Regunberg, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Removes video games from the definition of "motion picture" for the purposes of the Motion Picture Credit Tax Act, extending from 7/1/2021, to 7/1/2024.)
{LC1795/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

House Bill No. 6213 SUB A**BY** Blazejewski, Slater, Williams, Johnston, Tobon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Amends the grounds on which the DMV may refuse registration for failure to pay a fine to include, interest, penalties, or other monetary amount. Requires the municipality that requests the denial to add and forward an additional \$5 fee to the DMV.)
{LC2652/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

House Bill No. 6336**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES (Provides that if the Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation is a tax title purchaser, it shall not be liable for violations in connection with the tax title property, prior to the expiration of five (5) years from the date of the tax sale.)
{LC2870/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

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

House Bill No. 5934

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Kennedy, Casey, Johnston, Messier, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

(Repeals multiple sections of the general laws related to insurance, including §27-9-57 and chapter 75 of title 27 ("Surplus Lines Insurance Multi-State Compliance Compact").)

{LC2053/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Chairwoman Gallo, from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

House Bill No. 6088 SUB A

BY Azzinaro, Corvese, McNamara, McLaughlin, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

(Benefits for students with disabilities continue until the end of the public school calendar semester when the student turns 21 or when the student's program ends in accordance with the student's (IEP), whichever occurs earlier.)

{LC2368/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

Chairwoman Sosnowski, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

House Bill No. 5174 SUB A

BY Keable, O'Grady, Winfield, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Places oversight of freshwater lakes, streams, and ponds in the fish and wildlife division of the department of environmental management.)

{LC385/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

House Bill No. 6112 SUB A

BY Fellela, Ucci, Perez, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ELECTRONIC WASTE PREVENTION, REUSE AND RECYCLING ACT (Amends the electronic waste preventions, reuse and recycling act.)

{LC2369/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chairman Conley, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

House Bill No. 5618 SUB A as amended

BY Regunberg, Knight, Handy, Carson, Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Makes educational institutions and nonprofit corporations established pursuant to chapter 6 of title 7 eligible for net-metering financing arrangements.)

{LC1560/A/2}

Placed on Senate Calendar.

House Bill No. 5743 SUB A

(General Treasurer)

BY Casimiro, McNamara, Donovan, Regunberg, Marszalkowski

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.)

{LC1680/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chairman Miller, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

House Bill No. 5277 SUB A

BY Ajello, McNamara, Donovan, Regunberg, Walsh

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Prohibits "conversion therapy" by licensed health care professionals with respect to children under eighteen (18) years of age.)

{LC556/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

House Bill No. 6225

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Filippi, Price, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STROKE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT OF 2009 (Permits the department of health to designate hospitals as "acute stroke ready hospitals.")

{LC2701/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

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. 925

BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS (Adds certain federal requirements to the selection of architects and engineers and permits prequalification of architects and engineers by cities and towns.)

{LC2715/1}

Placed on Senate Calendar.

House Bill No. 5817

BY Ackerman, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS (Adds certain federal requirements to the selection of architects and engineers and permits prequalification of architects and engineers by cities and towns.)

{LC1957/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

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

House Bill No. 5593 SUB A

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Jacquard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- ARBITRATION -- CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS (Requires that the contractual provisions contained in and an otherwise expired collective bargaining agreement with certified school teachers and municipal employees continue until a successor agreement has been reached between the parties.)

{LC1701/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

House Bill No. 6146

BY Edwards, Canario, Shekarchi, Maldonado, Marshall
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES-AWARD OF MUNICIPAL
CONTRACTS (Requires a city or town to utilize qualification based selection for the
procurement of program managers, construction managers, or construction managers at risk.)
{LC2506/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 5977 SUB A

BY Keable, Newberry
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BURRILLVILLE PROPERTY TAX
(Further delineates the ability of the town of Burrillville to tax electrical power generation
facilities, regulated or otherwise and for private consumption on resale.)
{LC2247/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

House Bill No. 5825 SUB B

BY Ucci, Barros, Solomon, Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Insurance
coverage for rental motor vehicles without regard to negligence, would include loss of use.)
{LC1953/B/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at
9:04 o'clock P.M.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 1009**

BY Lombardo, Archambault
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -
CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (Provides that elderly persons
may, absent an emergency, cancel any agreement for contractor services within three (3) days if
the contract originated in an in-home solicitation by the contractor.)
{LC2984/1}

Placed on Senate Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 1010**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTUFLLY REQUESTING THE SENATE A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO ASSESS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUES RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND CHOICE, COVERAGE AFFORDABILITY AND QUALITY, AND MARKET STABILITY {LC2990/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Miller requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by Senators Archambault, Goldin, DiPalma, Gee and Sosnowski.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 31 Senator voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –31: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

CALENDAR**1. House Bill No. 5593 SUB A****BY** Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- ARBITRATION -- CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS (Requires that the contractual provisions contained in and an otherwise expired collective bargaining agreement with certified school teachers and municipal employees continue until a successor agreement has been reached between the parties.)

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Calkin, and Jabour.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed, in concurrence and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 23 Senators voting in the affirmative and 7 Senators voting in the negative, and 1 Senator recusing himself as follows.

YEAS – 23: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –7: Senators Algieri, Cote, Gee, Kettle, Morgan, Nesselbush, and Paolino.

RECUSAL -1: Senator Conley.

2. House Bill No. 5618 SUB A as amended**BY** Regunberg**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Makes educational institutions and nonprofit corporations established pursuant to chapter 6 of title 7 eligible for net-metering financing arrangements.)

Senator Conley moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Sheehan, and DiPalma.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

3. House Bill No. 5825 SUB B**BY** Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Insurance coverage for rental motor vehicles without regard to negligence, would include loss of use.)

Senator Lynch Prata moves passage, seconded by Senators Archambault, DiPalma, and McCaffrey.

The bill marked Substitute "B" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –1: Senator Morgan.

4. House Bill No. 5277 SUB A**BY** Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Prohibits "conversion therapy" by licensed health care professionals with respect to children under eighteen (18) years of age.)

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Calkin, Nesselbush, Goodwin, Miller, Satchell, Coyne, Goldin, Jabour.

Senator Calkin discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 29 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 29: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

5 House Bill No. 5241 SUB A

BY O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC TRANSIT-- BUS PASSES (Removes the Rhode Island transit authority's bus fare adjustments relating to elderly and disabled passengers enacted in fiscal year 2016 budget.)

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Nesselbush, Satchell, Metts, Archambault, Sheehan, Calkin, Conley, Miller, Gallo, Jabour, Quezada, Algiere, Paolino, Coyne, and DiPalma.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 29 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 29: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

6. House Bill No. 5777 SUB A

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Removes video games from the definition of "motion picture" for the purposes of the Motion Picture Credit Tax Act, extending from 7/1/2021, to 7/1/2024.)

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by Senators Conley, Felag, DiPalma, and Jabour.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed, inconcurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 31: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

7. House Bill No. 6213 SUB A

BY Blazejewski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Amends the grounds on which the DMV may refuse registration for failure to pay a fine to include, interest, penalties, or other monetary amount. Requires the municipality that requests the denial to add and forward an additional \$5 fee to the DMV.)

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senator Miller.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, upon a roll call vote with 26 Senators voting in the affirmative and 3 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 26: Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –3: Senators Calkin, Morgan, and Quezada.

8. House Bill No. 6336

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES (Provides that if the Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation is a tax title purchaser, it shall not be liable for violations in connection with the tax title property, prior to the expiration of five (5) years from the date of the tax sale.)

Senator Lynch Prata moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, McCaffrey, and Sheehan.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –1: Senator Metts.

25. House Bill No. 5224 SUB A as amended**BY Ucci**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - SMALL CELL SITING ACT (Establishes the "Small Cell Siting Act", which specifies how local authorities may regulate the collocation of small wireless facilities and small wireless facility networks.)

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators Sosnowski, McCaffrey, and Conley.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, upon a roll call vote with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –1: Senator Satchell.

RECONSIDERATION

Senator McCaffrey recommends the reconsideration of House Bill 5224, seconded by Senator DiPalma.

The Motion to reconsider prevails upon a roll call vote with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative.

YEAS – 31: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

25. House Bill No. 5224 SUB A as amended**BY Ucci**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - SMALL CELL SITING ACT (Establishes the "Small Cell Siting Act", which specifies how local authorities may regulate the collocation of small wireless facilities and small wireless facility networks.)

Senator DiPalma, seconded by Senators Sosnowski and McCaffrey, offer the following written motion to amend.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017****FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2017 -- H 5224 SUBSTITUTE A/2**

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - SMALL CELL SITING ACT
Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2017 -- H 5224 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - SMALL CELL SITING ACT", as follows:

1. On page 6, line 13, by deleting the language "fifty dollars (\$50.00), and by inserting in place thereof the language "one hundred dollars (\$100)."
2. On page 6, line 15, after "47 U.S.C. §224(e)" by inserting the language "Provided, further, that all requests to collocate small wireless facilities on authority poles located within the public rights-of-way after June 30, 2020 shall be subject to a maximum annual recurring fee of two hundred dollars (\$200)."

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR DIPALMA

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The Motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 32 senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

Senator DiPalma moves passage of the act as amended, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Sosnowski, and Lombardi.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 28 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 28: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –1: Senator Satchell.

27. House Bill No. 5469 SUB A (Attorney General)**BY** McNamara**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.)

Senator Conley moves passage, seconded by Senator McCaffrey.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed, in concurrence and the original bill indefinitely postponed, upon a roll call vote with 20 Senators voting in the affirmative and 10 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 20: The Honorable President Ruggiero and Senators Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Picard, Sosnowski.

NAYS –10: Senators Algieri, Calkin, Gee, Goldin, Kettle, Morgan, Paolino, Quezada, Raptakis, and Satchell.

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON FRIDAY, JUNE 30th**House Bill No. 5241 SUB A****BY** O'Brien, Slater, Ruggiero, Carson, Morin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC TRANSIT-- BUS PASSES (Removes the Rhode Island transit authority's bus fare adjustments relating to elderly and disabled passengers enacted in fiscal year 2016 budget.)

Transmitted to the Governor.

CALENDAR**33. House Bill No. 5702 SUB A (Secretary of State)****BY** Coughlin**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.)

Senator Goldin moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Coyne, Jabour, DiPalma, and Sheehan.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed, in concurrence and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 27 Senators voting in the affirmative and 5 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 27: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –5: Senator Cote, Gee, Kettle, Morgan, and Paolino.

34. House Bill No. 5717 SUB B

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--
COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT (Allows those individuals with prior convictions for possession with intent to deliver or crimes of violence, to be eligible for the drug court program in Superior Court.)

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Archambault, and Metts.

The bill marked Substitute “B” is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 2 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –2: Senators Morgan, and Paolino.

39. House Bill No. 5977 SUB A

BY Keable

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BURRILLVILLE PROPERTY
TAX (Further delineates the ability of the town of Burrillville to tax electrical power generation facilities, regulated or otherwise and for private consumption on resale.)

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by Senator Lynch Prata.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:

43. House Bill No. 6325**BY** Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS (Provides that a charter public school that operates or will operate elementary school grades, middle school grades or high school grades shall be considered a network charter school notwithstanding the facility or the administration of the school.)

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senator Satchell, Quezada, Sheehan and Ciccone.

The act is read and passed, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote with 29 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 29: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –1: Senator Morgan.

24. House Bill No. 5205 SUB A (Attorney General)**BY** Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Enables persons with limited exceptions misdemeanor convictions to obtain an expungement of the records of those convictions, as long as the person has not been convicted of any felony.)

Senator Metts moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Satchell and Archambault.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 28 Senators voting in the affirmative and 3 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 28: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –3: Senators Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis.

CONSENT CALENDAR II**IN ORDER FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017:**

- 1. 2017-H 5743 SUB A**
BY Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE DEPARTMENTS' COOPERATION

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.
- 2. 2017-H 5207 SUB A**
BY Lancia
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 3. 2017-H 5474 SUB A**
BY Keable
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - THE NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS ACT OF 2017

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 4. 2017-H 5550 SUB A as amended**
BY O`Grady
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT JOURNALISTS' FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 5. 2017-H 5903**
BY Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - VISITATION RIGHTS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 6. 2017-H 5937**
BY Johnston
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES

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

7. **2017-H 5951 SUB A**
 BY Blazewski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - UNFAIR COMPETITION
 AND PRACTICES

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

8. **2017-H 6055**
 BY McNamara
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS - THE PERMANENT AIR
 QUALITY MONITORING ACT

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

9. **2017-H 6158 SUB A**
 BY Handy
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE
 CONTROL

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

10. **2017-H 6306 SUB A**
 BY Canario
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -
 COMPREHENSIVE DISCHARGE PLANNING

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

11. **2017-H 6323**
 BY Shanley
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
 OPEN MEETINGS

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

12. **2017-H 5817**
 BY Ackerman
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF
 MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

13. **2017-H 5934**
 BY Kennedy
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - CASUALTY INSURANCE
 RATING

Committee on Commerce recommends passage in concurrence.

14. 2017-H 6146**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES-AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS

Committee on Labor recommends passage in concurrence.

15. 2017-H 6225**BY** Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STROKE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage in concurrence.

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS –0:**RECESS**

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri the senate stands in recess at 9:57 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 10: 11 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 20 Senators present and 17 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 20: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Coyne, DiPalma, Goldin, Goodwin, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Picard, Quezada, Sosnowski.

ABSENT- 17: Senators Ciccone, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Jabour, Morgan, Paolino, Pearson, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, and Sheehan.

CALENDAR**29. House Bill No. 5601 SUB A****BY** Almeida**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS (Adds illness sustained while in the performance of duty to the definition of accidental disability.)

Senator Lombardi moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, and Archambault.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 19 Senators voting in the affirmative and 3 Senators voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 19: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, DiPalma, Goldin, Goodwin, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Quezada, Sosnowski.

NAYS –3: Senators Kettle, Morgan, and Picard.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri the senate stands in recess at 10:14 p.m. on Friday, June 30th.

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR MARYELLEN GOODWIN

Our Lady of Peace, in our time of need we turn to you with eyes of love, with empty hands and longing hearts. Amen.

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH**Senate Bill No. 175 SUB A**

BY Sosnowski, Lombardo, Coyne, Conley, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOBILE TELEPHONE USE (Prohibits the use of a non-hands-free personal wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle, except for public safety personnel or in an emergency situation, and would provide for monetary fines for violations.)

{LC691/A/1}

Senate Bill No. 203 SUB B

BY Fogarty, Satchell, Archambault, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Provides for the creation of a new position in the fish and wildlife division of the department of environmental management, and would place oversight of freshwater lakes, streams, and ponds, in the fish and wildlife division.)

{LC920/B/1}

Senate Bill No. 207 SUB B

BY Fogarty, Satchell, Doyle, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Allows retired state employee nurses to work as professors in the nursing program at a state college. It would allow them to work seventy-five (75) days or one hundred fifty (150) half days before their pension payments would be suspended.)

{LC586/B/1}

Senate Bill No. 373 SUB A

BY Nesselbush, Lombardi, Archambault, Lynch Prata, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Requires that any applicant or holder of a retail license for the sale of alcoholic beverages be required to file a certificate of insurance evidencing liability insurance coverage in certain minimum amounts.)

{LC1302/A/1}

Senate Bill No. 395 SUB A

BY Conley, Lombardi, Lombardo, Archambault, Pearson

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

{LC1783/A/1}

Senate Bill No. 406 SUB B

BY Lynch Prata, Quezada, Ciccone, Calkin, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Allows family court to take individual's incarceration into consideration in motion to modify child support order by providing that incarceration is not "voluntary unemployment.")

{LC1222/B/1}

Senate Bill No. 407 SUB B as amended

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE RHODE ISLAND PATIENT SAFETY ACT OF 2008 (Amends the definition of "Patient safety work product" to conform with the federal "Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005".)

{LC1309/B/1}

Senate Bill No. 789 SUB A as amended

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/A/1}

Senate Bill No. 903 SUB B

BY Gallo, Pearson, Lombardi, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Amends the number of occasions upon which a Class A license holder under this chapter may dispense unlimited samples of wine products.)

{LC2666/B/2}

House Bill No. 5044

BY O`Grady

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE LONSDALE FIRE DISTRICT INTO THE SAYLESVILLE FIRE DISTRICT (Authorizes the merger of the Lonsdale and Saylesville Fire Districts in Lincoln if the electors of both fire districts approve that merger.)

{LC250/1}

House Bill No. 5455 SUB A

(by request)

BY Shekarchi, Marshall, Casimiro, McEntee, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Determine reimbursement rates for medical records copies from health care providers including those that utilize an electronic health records system.)
{LC1294/A/1}

House Bill No. 5477 SUB A

BY Shekarchi, Bennett, Shanley, Hull, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE (Requires that municipal animal control officers be certified by the National Care & Control Association.)
{LC1556/A/1}

House Bill No. 5956

BY Ruggiero, Casimiro, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - VETERAN'S EXEMPTION - JAMESTOWN (Permits the town of Jamestown to provide a tax exemption for veterans and a tax credit for one hundred percent (100%) for disabled veterans.)
{LC2153/1}

House Resolution No. 6117

BY Ruggiero, Abney, Lancia, Hearn, Costantino

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON DEFENSE ECONOMY PLANNING (Amends the membership of the special legislative commission on defense economy planning by increasing the number of members from twenty-five (25) to twenty-six (26) by adding the Director of Veteran's Affairs, or designee.)
{LC2511/1}

House Bill No. 6319

BY Shekarchi, Morgan, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Scott Avedisian to join Taylor Ann Butzbach and Brian Peter Votolato in marriage on or about September 23, 2017, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)
{LC2867/1}

House Bill No. 6360

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, McLaughlin, Messier, Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - RHODE
ISLAND VETERANS' HOME - ADVISORY COUNCIL (Reduces the number of advisory
council members from twenty-seven (27) to fifteen (15) and eliminates the duty of the advisory
council to advise the administrator of the veterans' home.)
{LC1765/1}

House Bill No. 6373

BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Marcus
Capalbo to join Amy Dispirito and Gustave Brucker, IV, in marriage on or about September 23,
2017, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.)
{LC2973/1}

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, JULY 13TH**House Bill No. 5199 SUB A**

(by request)

BY Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM (Allows recovery for the past due balance of any PACE assessment on a transfer of commercial property ownership at a tax sale by a PACE lien against the transferee.)

{LC193/A/1}

House Bill No. 5205 SUB A

(Attorney General)

BY Lima, Slater, Fellela, Almeida, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Enables persons with limited exceptions misdemeanor convictions to obtain an expungement of the records of those convictions, as long as the person has not been convicted of any felony.)

{LC730/A/3}

House Bill No. 5207 SUB A**BY** Lancia, Lima, Jacquard, Hull, Nunes**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Provides that sex offenders register their presence with any homeless shelter at which they may temporarily stay and provides that said shelters notify the local law enforcement agency of the presence.)

{LC961/A/1}

House Bill No. 5219 SUB A**BY** McKiernan, O'Brien, Regunberg, Ranglin-Vassell, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires a health care entity or health plan to issue a decision regarding the credentialing of a health care provider within forty-five (45) calendar days of receiving a complete credentialing application.)

{LC820/A/1}

House Bill No. 5272**BY** Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION--TOWN OF FOSTER (Authorizes the town of Foster to provide tax credits to the elderly and disabled.)

{LC910/1}

House Bill No. 5277 SUB A**BY** Ajello, McNamara, Donovan, Regunberg, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Prohibits "conversion therapy" by licensed health care professionals with respect to children under eighteen (18) years of age.)

{LC556/A/1}

House Bill No. 5300 SUB A**BY** Maldonado, McEntee, Amore, Hearn, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING CRIMINAL OFFENSES - UNIFORM ACT ON THE PREVENTION OF AND REMEDIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Creates the "Uniform Act on the Prevention and Remedies for Human Trafficking" which would establish penalties and remedies for human trafficking.)

{LC1152/A/1}

House Bill No. 5326**BY** Solomon, Edwards, O'Brien, Williams, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Requires that the sheltering and nourishment of dogs conform to the industry standards established by the Tufts Animal Care and Conditions Scale regarding outside sheltering, proper nourishment, sanitary conditions, and physical condition.)

{LC204/1}

House Bill No. 5424**BY** McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett, Solomon, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES--GASPEE DAY COMMITTEE (Creates a special fundraising license plate for the Gaspee Days committee.)

{LC189/1}

House Bill No. 5444

(by request)

BY McEntee, Craven, McKiernan, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE - LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS (Increases the guardianship ad litem maximum fee from \$400 to \$800 in guardian/limited guardianship proceedings.)

{LC1260/1}

House Bill No. 5469 SUB A

(Attorney General)

BY McNamara**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.)

{LC1228/A/1}

House Bill No. 5474 SUB A**BY** Keable, Blazejewski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - THE NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS ACT OF 2017 (Establishes procedures for the licensing of doctors of naturopathy, who provide health care utilizing natural substance and therapies. Doctors of naturopathy would be subject to oversight by the director of the Rhode Island department of health.)
{LC1505/A/1}

House Bill No. 5550 SUB A as amended**BY** O`Grady, Maldonado, Kazarian, Keable, Blazejewski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT JOURNALISTS' FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ACT (Creates the Student Journalists' Freedom of Expression Act protecting student journalists' right to exercise freedom of speech in school-sponsored media.)
{LC1039/A/1}

House Bill No. 5571**BY** Giarrusso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the roundabout at the intersection of Division Road and New England Tech Boulevard in East Greenwich the "Michael B. Isaacs Roundabout".)
{LC1579/1}

House Bill No. 5601 SUB A**BY** Almeida, Hull, Lombardi, Jacquard, Johnston

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS (Adds illness sustained while in the performance of duty to the definition of accidental disability.)
{LC1214/A/1}

House Bill No. 5618 SUB A as amended**BY** Regunberg, Knight, Handy, Carson, Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Makes educational institutions and nonprofit corporations established pursuant to chapter 6 of title 7 eligible for net-metering financing arrangements.)
{LC1560/A/2}

House Bill No. 5664**BY** Handy, Amore, O'Brien, Marshall, Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM (Requires the department of education to consider incorporating media literacy education in the basic education program.)
{LC1285/1}

House Bill No. 5683**BY** Maldonado, Diaz, Kazarian, Barros, Tobon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE RHODE ISLAND CHILDREN'S CRUSADE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (Establishes the college crusade of Rhode Island, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization registered with the Rhode Island secretary of state, as the entity that will administer and operate all program services and manage scholarship resources.)
{LC1872/1}

House Bill No. 5702 SUB A

(Secretary of State)

BY Coughlin, Johnston

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.)

{LC1777/A/2}

House Bill No. 5710**BY** Kennedy, Johnston, Kazarian, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -

LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS (Provides persons under limited guardianship, guardianship conservatorship with rights designed to protect them from mental, physical and financial abuse by guardians and conservators retroactively and prospectively.)

{LC1797/1}

House Bill No. 5743 SUB A

(General Treasurer)

BY Casimiro, McNamara, Donovan, Regunberg, Marszalkowski

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.)

{LC1680/A/1}

House Bill No. 5761 SUB A**BY** Canario, Fellela, Azzinaro, Bennett, Johnston

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Adds the class of combination vehicles to the list of vehicles eligible for New England Patriots Charitable Foundation registration plates.)

{LC1831/A/1}

House Bill No. 5766 SUB A

(Office of Veterans' Affairs)

BY Casimiro, Walsh, Donovan, Barros, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- GOLD STAR FAMILIES (Creates and expands eligibility for a special license plate for Gold Star Families.)
{LC1767/A/1}**House Bill No. 5805 SUB A**

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Handy, Carson, McEntee, Fogarty, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Creates a division of marine fisheries within DEM to manage salt water fish and plant harvesting.)
{LC1735/A/1}**House Bill No. 5817****BY** Ackerman, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS (Adds certain federal requirements to the selection of architects and engineers and permits prequalification of architects and engineers by cities and towns.)
{LC1957/1}**House Bill No. 5824****BY** Ucci, Winfield, Costantino, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT (Requires that an information technology project manager be assigned for all requests for proposals for information technology projects.)
{LC1952/1}**House Bill No. 5837**

(by request)

BY Tanzi, Amore, Regunberg, Barros, Kazarian**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.)
{LC1362/1}**House Bill No. 5840 SUB A**

(by request)

BY Tanzi, McEntee, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FACILITIES - LICENSING (Allows physician practices to maintain their license standards, even if a hospital system owns the practice.)
{LC1955/A/1}

House Bill No. 5868 SUB A**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- THE KENT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (Adds two (2) members to the board of the Kent County Water Authority.)

{LC2038/A/2}

House Bill No. 5903**BY** Lombardi, Coughlin, Solomon, Shanley, Mendonca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - VISITATION RIGHTS (Establishes guidelines for the family court to use to decide petitions for visitation by grandparents based on a best interest of the grandchild standard.)

{LC2134/1}

House Bill No. 5935**BY** Williams, Slater, Ranglin-Vassell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - NURSING FACILITIES BED CAPACITY MORATORIUM (Establishes limited conditions that must be satisfied to permit an increase in the bed capacity of existing nursing facilities, despite the moratorium on expansion.)

{LC994/1}

House Bill No. 5937

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Johnston**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.)

{LC1763/1}

House Bill No. 5947

(Board of Elections)

BY Donovan, Ajello, Carson, Casimiro, Marszalkowski**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.)

{LC1846/1}

House Bill No. 5951 SUB A**BY** Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Maldonado, Hearn, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - UNFAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES (Prohibits domestic and foreign insurance companies from any distinction or discrimination against individuals in a domestic partner relationship regarding policies issued or renewed in this state.)

{LC2037/A/1}

House Bill No. 5969 SUB A**BY** Knight, Marshall

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.)
{LC2216/A/1}

House Bill No. 5975 SUB A

(Dept. of Health)

BY Ackerman, Casimiro, Marszalkowski, Edwards, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT -- ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (Expands the type of pharmaceuticals which may be prescribed using electronic prescriptions and would also provide for protection of patient privacy in regard to electronic prescriptions.)
{LC1739/A/1}

House Bill No. 6055**BY** McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Bennett, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS - THE PERMANENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING ACT (Reduces the items which must be monitored by the air-quality monitors at T.F. Green Airport to particles less than 0.1 microns, and black carbon.)
{LC2324/1}

House Bill No. 6084

(by request)

BY Regunberg

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - EMERGENCY POLICE POWER (Amends the provisions regarding emergency police powers to clarify that higher learning institutions with special police officers are authorized to enter into mutual aid agreements for the purpose of providing emergency assistance.)
{LC2410/1}

House Bill No. 6088 SUB A**BY** Azzinaro, Corvese, McNamara, McLaughlin, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Benefits for students with disabilities continue until the end of the public school calendar semester when the student turns 21 or when the student's program ends in accordance with the student's (IEP), whichever occurs earlier.)
{LC2368/A/1}

House Bill No. 6103 SUB A**BY** Filippi

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.)
{LC2445/A/1}

House Bill No. 6246**BY** O`Grady, Ackerman, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF LINCOLN TO ISSUE BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$60,000,000 TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENTS, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AND/OR ADDITIONS TO LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN (Authorizes the town of Lincoln to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$60,000,000 to finance the improvements to Lincoln High School and school facilities in the town.)

{LC2738/1}

House Bill No. 6277**BY** Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SCITUATE TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,900,000 TO FINANCE REPLACEMENTS, RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING A NEW TRACK AND FIELD AT THE SCITUATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Authorizes the town of Scituate to issue not more than \$4,900,000 bonds and notes to finance various improvements at the town of Scituate's schools.)

{LC2794/1}

House Bill No. 6284 SUB A**BY** Johnston, Tobon, Messier, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS (Streamlines the procedure for the approval of mergers of not-for-profit hospitals and unaffiliated community hospitals.)

{LC2796/A/1}

House Bill No. 6287**BY** Keable, Newberry, Edwards, Chippendale, Price**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE BURRILLVILLE LAND TRUST (Increases the tax exemption for real property held by the Burrillville Land Trust to two million dollars (\$2,000,000).)

{LC2700/1}

House Bill No. 6297**BY** Shanley, Casimiro, Carson, Ackerman, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INSPECTIONS OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Makes changes to the licensing procedures for health care facilities.)

{LC2838/1}

House Bill No. 6302**BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS (Creates a prohibition on parking in electric vehicle charging stations without using the charging apparatus.)

{LC2817/1}

House Bill No. 6305**BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESILIENT RHODE ISLAND ACT OF 2014 - CLIMATE CHANGE COORDINATING COUNCIL (Directs the climate change coordinating council to study a carbon pricing program.)

{LC2814/1}

House Bill No. 6306 SUB A**BY** Canario, Lima, McLaughlin, Fellela, Bennett**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.)

{LC2825/A/1}

House Bill No. 6307**BY** Diaz, Slater, Perez, Maldonado, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Requires health care professionals upon issuance of initial opioid prescription to discuss with patient/parent/guardian risk of developing dependence/addiction/potential of overdose/death/adverse risks of concurrent use of alcohol/other psychoactive drugs)

{LC2823/1}

House Bill No. 6310**BY** Casimiro, Shanley, Marszalkowski, Donovan, Regunberg**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.)

{LC2818/1}

House Bill No. 6311**BY** Phillips, Morin, Casey, Marshall, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Establishes a process by which a virtual education plan may be established and used by school districts during inclement weather which would count as a school day, provided that the plan is approved by the council on elementary and secondary education.)

{LC2815/1}

House Bill No. 6312**BY** O'Brien, Marshall, Keable, Slater, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS BOARD (Creates a reporting requirement for the commissioners of education and the council on elementary and secondary education concerning teacher training and the effect of new regulations.)
{LC2812/1}**House Bill No. 6313****BY** Donovan, Blazejewski, Ranglin-Vassell, Amore, Regunberg**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SOCIAL SERVICES (Defines and declares the purpose of child opportunity zones and would provide for annual reporting from the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to the general assembly on each zone.)
{LC2813/1}**House Bill No. 6322****BY** Ackerman, Carson, Marshall, Craven, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Specifies that adversely affected members of formulary change removing/making preferred or tiered status change of covered prescription drug receive required statutory notice.)
{LC2866/1}**House Bill No. 6323****BY** Shanley, Barros, Cunha**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Excludes weekends and state holidays from the calculation of the forty-eight (48) hour public notice requirement, and requires all public bodies to keep minutes of open meetings and file their minutes with the secretary of state.)
{LC2865/1}**House Bill No. 6324****BY** Cunha, Shanley, Barros, Tobon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CIVIC EDUCATION COMMISSION (Alters the membership, reporting protocol, and meeting requirements of the civic education commission.)
{LC2863/1}**House Bill No. 6325****BY** Amore, Barros, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS (Provides that a charter public school that operates or will operate elementary school grades, middle school grades or high school grades shall be considered a network charter school notwithstanding the facility or the administration of the school.)
{LC2832/1}

House Bill No. 6345**BY** Ruggiero, Casimiro, Donovan, Regunberg, Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY --

AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL

MANAGEMENT (Authorizes the directors of the departments of environmental management and health to enforce the Federal Food Safety Modernization Act as it pertains to commercial growers of fruits and vegetables.)

{LC2897/1}

House Bill No. 6350**BY** Edwards, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE

HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Tiverton, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Tiverton on November 8, 2016.)

{LC2902/1}

House Bill No. 6362**BY** McNamara, Morin, Messier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - REAL ESTATE EXEMPTION (Updates the definition of visually impaired persons to conform to the federal standard based upon medical advances and to assure a uniform application by all municipalities in granting the exemption.)

{LC2928/1}

House Bill No. 5593 SUB A**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Jacquard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --

ARBITRATION -- CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS (Requires that the contractual provisions contained in and an otherwise expired collective bargaining agreement with certified school teachers and municipal employees continue until a successor agreement has been reached between the parties.)

{LC1701/A/1}

House Bill No. 5777 SUB A**BY** Carson, Lima, Slater, Regunberg, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION

TAX CREDITS (Removes video games from the definition of "motion picture" for the purposes of the Motion Picture Credit Tax Act, extending from 7/1/2021, to 7/1/2024.)

{LC1795/A/1}

House Bill No. 5934

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Kennedy, Casey, Johnston, Messier, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

(Repeals multiple sections of the general laws related to insurance, including §27-9-57 and chapter 75 of title 27 ("Surplus Lines Insurance Multi-State Compliance Compact").)

{LC2053/1}

House Bill No. 6130 as amended**BY** Keable, Johnston, Blazejewski, O`Grady, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --

RETIREMENT SYSTEM--CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Allows retired nurses to be employed at state colleges for up to 75 days or 150 half days before their pension payment would be suspended.)

{LC2515/1}

House Bill No. 6146**BY** Edwards, Canario, Shekarchi, Maldonado, Marshall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES-AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS (Requires a city or town to utilize qualification based selection for the procurement of program managers, construction managers, or construction managers at risk.)

{LC2506/1}

House Bill No. 6158 SUB A**BY** Handy, Tanzi, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL (Creates an exception to the registration requirements and registration fees for minor use pesticides.)

{LC2573/A/1}

House Bill No. 6225**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Filippi, Price, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STROKE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT OF 2009 (Permits the department of health to designate hospitals as "acute stroke ready hospitals.")

{LC2701/1}

House Bill No. 6330 SUB A**BY** Tanzi, McEntee, Fogarty, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO

TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and personal property located at 321 Main Street, South Kingstown, Rhode Island, belonging to the Contemporary Theatre Company, a qualified tax exempt corporation under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

{LC2883/A/1}

House Bill No. 6336**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES (Provides that if the Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation is a tax title purchaser, it shall not be liable for violations in connection with the tax title property, prior to the expiration of five (5) years from the date of the tax sale.)

{LC2870/1}

House Bill No. 6339**BY** Williams, Almeida, Diaz, Hull, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Provides that all Class A liquor license holders located in the city of Providence shall not be permitted to open for business until nine o'clock (9:00) a.m.)
{LC2889/1}

House Bill No. 6341**BY** Azzinaro, Tobon, Fellela, McLaughlin, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS -- NEW RHODE ISLAND VETERANS HOME CONFERENCE ROOM (Names one of the two (2) new conference rooms at the Rhode Island Veterans Home as the "S. Michael Minutelli Memorial Conference Room".)
{LC2873/1}

House Bill No. 6342**BY** Azzinaro, Tobon, Fellela, McLaughlin, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS -- NEW RHODE ISLAND VETERANS HOME CONFERENCE ROOM (Provides that one of the two (2) conference rooms in the new Rhode Island Veterans Home shall be named and known as the "Sergeant P. Andrew McKenna US Army 7th Special Forces Group Memorial Conference Room.") {LC2874/1}

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON MONDAY, JULY 17TH

House Bill No. 6213 SUB A**BY** Blazejewski, Slater, Williams, Johnston, Tobon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Amends the grounds on which the DMV may refuse registration for failure to pay a fine to include, interest, penalties, or other monetary amount. Requires the municipality that requests the denial to add and forward an additional \$5 fee to the DMV.)
{LC2652/A/1}

House Bill No. 6296**BY** Knight, Blazejewski, McEntee, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND REGULATORY REFORM ACT (Requires the office of regulatory reform, in consultation with various state departments and plant-based and agriculture industry representatives, work to facilitate economic growth within plant-based industries and agriculture.)
{LC2816/1}

GOVERNORS VETO MESSAGE

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

State House

Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor

July 19, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE:

In accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and Section 43-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I transmit, with my disapproval, 2017-S 0884, “An Act Relating to Education – Establishment of Public Charter Schools.”

Last year, the legislature passed and I signed Senate Bill 3075, which requires charter school leaders who wish to open more than one school under the same charter to obtain written support from their local communities. Multiple schools under a single charter were defined as “Network” charter schools. That legislation came about through a broader compromise that included changes to the funding formula and charter approval process to help districts who were experiencing financial loss as a result of charter school growth.

This legislation, Senate Bill 0884, would expand the definition of a “network” charter school to include a single elementary school that serves students from grades K-8 – classifying that one school as two schools.

A K-8 elementary school is not two schools. Treating a K-8 school as multiple schools creates added administrative burdens and serves as a block to current and new schools developing academic programs that best fit the needs of their students and school community.

This legislation serves only one purpose – to create an additional, unnecessary barrier to more students accessing high-quality charter schools.

In our State, successful elementary, middle and high schools have taken many shapes and sizes with many different grade configurations that suit the needs of their students. Recent research demonstrates significant advantages for students who attend K-8 schools. In fact, some of our school districts are looking at the possibility of moving back to K-8 models in an effort to boost student achievement. This legislation would encourage, and in some cases require, schools to stay at grades K-6, and thus adopt practices contrary to research.

Last year, when I signed Senate Bill 3075, I believed in good faith that we reached a compromise that would help Rhode Island move beyond the battles of the past and allow educators, districts, charters, and families to work together to improve all of our public schools.

The proposed changes to this definition are not based on evidence or research, nor are they being made for any substantive policy reasons. Rhode Island already caps the number of charters, limiting charter school growth. Last year, we addressed the financial concerns of districts by including density aid as a new component to the funding formula, and through Senate Bill 3075, ensured that financial impacts and community input were included as part of the charter school approval process. The existing statutory language already has an appropriate definition of a network charter, and this proposed change will only have negative repercussions that would limit educational opportunities for our students. I see no benefit to changing it.

Every student deserves the chance to attend the public school best suited to meet his or her individual needs, as determined by his or her parents and family. I will not sign a bill that makes it harder for high quality schools to expand seats for families demanding more options.

As I said at the end of last session, it remains my hope that we can move on from this constant focus on a small number of public schools, and instead broaden our focus on doing what is necessary to create a world-class public education system for every child in the state.

I disapprove of this legislation and respectfully urge your support of my veto.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:28 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, August 03rd.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

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PRESENT – 35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT –2: Senators DaPonte and Quezada.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

August 3, 2017

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber today due to a family commitment.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel Da Ponte
Senator, District 14

Read and placed on file.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chairman Conley, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 1011

BY Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Conley, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS (Requires the director the department of revenue to file annual reports, beginning on January 1, 2021 with the general assembly. Making recommendations and findings concerning the financial feasibility of the motor vehicle excise tax phase-out.)
{LC2991/1}

Read and placed on the bottom of the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 1012

BY Lombardo, Archambault, Lombardi, Felag, Coyne

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF EVELYN DELFINO
{LC2992/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lombardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Archambault, Felag, Fogarty, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Doyle, Conley, and Pearson.

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

Senate Resolution No. 1013**BY** Lombardo, Ruggerio, Felag, Lombardi, Coyne**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF STEPHEN E. D'AGOSTINO
{LC2993/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lombardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Ciccone, Nesselbush, and Lombardi.

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

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2017-H 5175 SUB A as amended**BY** Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

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

RECONSIDERATION**House Bill No. 5175 SUB A as amended**

(Governor)

BY Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018
{LC840/A/1}

Senator Conley moves to reconsider the vote on passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Felag, Nesselbush, Crowley, Pearson, Lombardo, Sheehan, Seveney, DiPalma, Sosnowski, and Archambault.

The motion to reconsider the vote on passage is passed upon a roll call vote with 30 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 30: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 4: Senators Calkin, Goldin, Morgan, Paolino.

Senator Conley moves to reconsider the motion to amend (LC 894/5), second by Senators McCaffrey, Felag, Archambault, Lombardo, Lombardi, Nesselbush.

The motion to reconsider the amendment (LC 894/5) passes upon a roll call vote with 35 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

Senator Conley moves to withdraw the amendment, seconded by Senator McCaffrey, Felag, Lynch Prata, Metts, Archambault, Seveney, Crowley, Sheehan, and DiPalma.

The motion to withdraw the amendment is passed upon a roll call vote with 35 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 35: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 0:

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2017-H 5175 SUB A as amended

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

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

Senator Conley moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Felag, Doyle, Lombardi, Sosnowski, Sheehan, DiPalma and Seveney.

Senators Conley, DiPalma, Pearson, Goldin, Calking, Sheehan, and Crowley discuss the bill.

The bill marked substitute “A” as amended is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 30 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 30: The Honorable President Ruggerio and Senators Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS - 5: Senators Algieri, Gee, Kettle, Morgan, Paolino.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senators Conley, DiPalma and Senate President Ruggerio thank the entire Senate Fiscal Staff; Stephen Whitney, David Tremblay, Kelly Carpenter, Molly McCloskey, Robert C. Bromley, Tina Spears, Sandra Berube, Shanna Vecchio-Schubert, intern Emily Tumber, Senate Finance Committee Clerk Jamie Plume and Legal Counsel Kelly M. McElroy, for all of their help throughout the budget process.

CALENDAR

2. 2017-S 1011

BY Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Conley moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Felag, Goodwin, Gallo, Sosnowski, Nesselbush, Sheehan, and Archambault.

Senator DiPalma, Metts, Miller, Crowley, Ciccone, Goldin and Conley.

The bill is read and passed, on a roll call vote, 34 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

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

NAYS - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator McCaffrey wishes Happy Belated Birthday's to Senator Lombardi (July 11th), Senator Lombardo (July 12th), Senator Seveney (July 15th), Senator Algieri (July 30th), and Senator Cote (August 1st).

Senators McCaffrey announces that the Senate will reconvene on Tuesday September 19th, 2017 at 4:00 PM.

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.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator McCaffrey the Senate stands in recess at 5:24 o'clock P.M.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR FRANK S. LOMBARDO, III**

As we reconvene in the Senate Chamber, let us once again contemplate our reasons for being here. Let us also ask of our Creator that he bestow special blessings today on us all and properly guide us in serving the people of our State. Amen.

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD**House Bill No. 5175 SUB A as amended**

(Governor)

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

TO THE RHODE ISLAND SENATE:

August 17, 2017

Pursuant to § 8-2-11.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I hereby appoint **Richard D. Raspallo** to the position of Superior Court Magistrate for a ten (10) year term; and for this appointment, I seek the advice and consent of the Senate.

If there are any questions, I am available at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Alice Bridget Gibney
Presiding Justice

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

August 18, 2017

To the Honorable President Dominick J. Ruggerio and Members of the Rhode Island Senate:

ORDER

Pursuant to the Rhode Island General Laws 8-10-3.1, I hereby appoint, subject to the advice and consent of the Rhode Island Senate, **Andrea Marie Iannazzi**, for the position of Magistrate of the Rhode Island Family Court.

Magistrate Iannazzi shall have all of the duties and powers enumerated in RIGL 8-10-3.1, and in addition shall have the power to execute arrest and search warrants, take oaths and sign complaint forms and perform such other duties as assigned to her by the Chief Judge of the Rhode Island Family Court.

Magistrate Iannazzi has been recommended by the Family Court Magistrate Selection Committee and has been vetted by the Rhode Island State Police. Her long service as a former Special Assistant Attorney General, Rhode Island Family Court CASA Staff Attorney, and Special Counsel and deputy Counsel to the Office of the Governor make her an excellent candidate for this position. In addition, her tenure on the Cranston School Committee makes her uniquely qualified for the work she will be doing in the family Court Truancy Court.

I make this appointment with the strong confidence that Ms. Iannazzi will be an invaluable addition to the Family Court bench.

Ordered:
Michael B. Forte
Chief Judge

Entered:
Ronald J. Pagliarini
Administrator

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

August 21, 2017

I have the honor and the privilege to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of R.I.G.L. 8-8-16.2, entitled District Court: Clerk/Magistrate, I have made the following appointment as Clerk/Magistrate of the Rhode Island District Court:

JAMES PATRICK O'NEILL of Narragansett

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

Very truly yours,
Jeanne E. LaFazia
Chief Judge

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF RHODE ISLAND

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

August 29, 2017

I have the honor and the privilege to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of G.L. 28-30-4, as amended, entitled Workers' Compensation Administrator- Appointment- Powers and Duties, I have made the following appointment as Administrator of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court:

NICK DIFILIPPO of Narragansett

Vice

John A. Sabatini

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

Sincerely,
Robert M. Ferrieri
Chief Judge

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

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

September 1, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution, entitled Judicial Selection, I have made the following appointment as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court:

General Magistrate Felix “Feidlim” Gill

VICE

Associate Justice Michael B. Forte

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

TO THE HONORABLE DOMINICK J. RUGGERIO:

September 7, 2017

Re: Reappointment of Debra A. Saunders as Clerk of the Supreme Court

Dear President Ruggerio:

Pursuant to the provisions of Rhode Island General Laws § 8-4-2, I am hereby reappointing **Debra Saunders, Esq.** to a five (5) year term as clerk of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, effective May 1, 2017, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Should you require any information regarding Ms. Saunders’ credentials, I would be happy to provide them. I appreciate your assistance and the cooperation of the Senate in this matter.

Sincerely,
Paul A. Suttell
Chief Justice

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

Chairwoman Sosnowski, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

House Bill No. 6112 SUB A

BY Fellela, Ucci, Perez, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ELECTRONIC WASTE PREVENTION, REUSE AND RECYCLING ACT (Amends the electronic waste preventions, reuse and recycling act.)

{LC2369/A/1}

Read and placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 952

BY DiPalma, Sosnowski, Miller, Coyne, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - THE GREEN BUILDINGS ACT (Expands the "Green Buildings Act" to include public projects and updates the standards to include LEED for Neighborhood Development, and SITES.)

{LC2777/1}

Read and placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chairman Conley, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 1007 SUB A

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Makes educational institutions and nonprofit corporations established pursuant to chapter 6 of title 7 eligible for net-metering financing arrangements.)

{LC2980/A/1}

Read and placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 6185

BY Donovan, Marshall

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BRISTOL VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS TAX RELIEF (Enables the town of Bristol to provide tax relief to volunteer firefighters based upon certain qualifying criteria.)

{LC2621/1}

Read and placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 6259**BY** Barros, Johnston, Coughlin, Messier, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the city council of Pawtucket to exempt from taxation, to the extent it may from time to time determine, the real and personal property of The Samaritans, Inc., located at 67 Park Place in Pawtucket, a RI §501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.)
{LC2749/1}

Read and placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 6090 SUB A**BY** Barros, Johnston, Coughlin, Messier, Tobon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - CITY OF PAWTUCKET -- NEIL J. HOUSTON, JR. RESIDENTIAL RE-ENTRY CENTER (Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to exempt from taxation the real and personal property of the Neil J. Houston, Jr. Community Resources for Justice Center.)
{LC2376/A/1}

Read and placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 213 SUB A**BY** Picard, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Increase the permitted gross pay from \$15,000 to \$22,500 for certain retired employees from state colleges, universities, schools, teachers retired pursuant to titles 16, 36, 45.)
{LC581/A/1}

Read and placed on the Calendar.

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}

Read and placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 971**BY** Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends from ten (10) years to twelve (12) years the period which the city of Central Falls may authorize a stabilization of taxes on qualifying property located in the city of Central Falls.)
{LC2881/1}

Read and placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 1016**BY** Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT--RETIREMENT SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP (Places the current Cranston police chief in a defined contribution retirement plan.)
{LC3016/1}

Read and placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chairman Miller, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

House Bill No. 5669 SUB A**BY** Slater

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.)
{LC1656/A/1}

Read and placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5218 SUB A

(Attorney General)

BY Serpa, Fellela, Jacquard, Ackerman, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires insurers to cover residential or inpatient treatment for mental health and/or substance abuse, and requires a consent for peer coaching services.)
{LC735/A/1}

Read and placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

The Reappointment of Debra Saunders, Esq as Clerk of the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Read and placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Nick DiFilippo VICE John A. Sabatini as the Administrator of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court.

Read and placed on the Consent Calendar.

The reappointment of Stan Israel to the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority.

Read and placed on the Consent Calendar.

The reappointment of Tony Mendez to the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority.

Read and placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Melissa A. Long, Esq. VICE Associate Justice Patricia A. Hurst as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court.

Read and placed on the top of the Calendar.

The Appointment of Felix "Feidlim" Gill VICE Associate Justice Michael B. Forte as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court.

Read and placed on the top of the Calendar.

The Appointment of Richard D. Raspallo, Esq. as Magistrate of the Rhode Island Superior Court.

Read and placed on the top of the Calendar.

The Appointment of James Patrick O'Neill as Clerk/Magistrate of the Rhode Island District Court.

Read and placed on the top of the Calendar.

The Appointment of Andrea Marie Iannazzi as Magistrate of the Rhode Island Family Court.

Read and placed on the top of the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 672

(DCYF)

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

Read and placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 1016****BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT--RETIREMENT SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP (Places the current Cranston police chief in a defined contribution retirement plan.)
{LC3016/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 1017**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT (Provides that a release of a joint tortfeasor in a judicially approved settlement of claims relating to the St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island Retirement Plan shall not discharge other joint tortfeasors unless it so provides.)
{LC3010/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 1018**BY** Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF JOHNSTON LITTLE LEAGUE
{LC3019/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 1019**BY** Lombardo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF LORRAINE D. LEBRUN
{LC3018/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, September 19th, 2017:

1. The Reappointment of Debra Saunders, Esq as Clerk of the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

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

2. The Appointment of Nick DiFilippo VICE John A. Sabatini as the Administrator of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court.

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

3. The Reappointment of Stan Israel to the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2019.

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

4. The Reappointment of Tony Mendez to the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2020.

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

**5. 2017-S 1014
BY Seveney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

**6. 2017-S 1015
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

**7. 2017-S 1007 SUB A
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING**

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

8. **2017-S 1018**
 BY Lombardo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF JOHNSTON LITTLE LEAGUE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

9. **2017-S 1019**
 BY Lombardo
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON
 THE PASSING OF LORRAINE D. LEBRUN

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

10. **2017-H 5182**
 BY Fogarty
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
 MOBILE TELEPHONE USE

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

11. **2017-H 5346 SUB A**
 BY Casey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
 OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES

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

12. **2017-H 5553 SUB A**
 BY Diaz
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND
 SEPARATION

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

13. **2017-H 5634 SUB B**
 BY Slater
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
 INSURANCE POLICIES

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

14. 2017-H 5668 SUB A**BY** Handy**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AN EARLY INTERVENTION SYSTEM FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN IN RHODE ISLAND

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

15. 2017-H 5684 SUB A**BY** Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES

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

16. 2017-H 5685 SUB A**BY** Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ROAD TEST

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

17. 2017-H 5818 SUB A as amended**BY** Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE RHODE ISLAND PATIENT SAFETY ACT OF 2008

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

18. 2017-H 5876 SUB A**BY** Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

19. 2017-H 5921 SUB A**BY** Morin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

20. 2017-H 6061 as amended**BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

21. 2017-H 6073**BY** Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS-- SCITUATE

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

22. 2017-H 6124 SUB A as amended**BY** Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

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

23. 2017-H 6217**BY** Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE - DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage in concurrence.

24. 2017-H 6255 SUB A**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

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

25. 2017-H 6285 SUB A**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

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

26. 2017-H 6292**BY** Coughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

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

27. 2017-H 6293**BY** Cunha**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -
ELECTRICIANS - TRADES LICENSING - PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS

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

28. 2017-H 6308**BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - AUTOMATED
EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED

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

29. 2017-H 6357**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -
ANIMAL CARE

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

30. 2017-H 6365**BY** Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CREDIT FOR
REINSURANCE ACT

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

31. 2017-H 6112 SUB A**BY** Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ELECTRONIC
WASTE PREVENTION, REUSE AND RECYCLING ACTCommittee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the
original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.**32. 2017-H 6185****BY** Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BRISTOL VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS TAX RELIEF

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

33. **2017-H 6259**
 BY Barros
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
 TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

34. **2017-H 6090 SUB A**
 BY Barros
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - CITY OF PAWTUCKET --
 NEIL J. HOUSTON, JR. RESIDENTIAL RE-ENTRY CENTER

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and
passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

35. **2017-H 5945 SUB A**
 BY Ruggiero
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,
 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS - MENTAL HEALTH LAW

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and
passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

36. **2017-H 5071 SUB A**
 BY Amore
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT
 BENEFITS (Increases the monthly minimum benefits of spouses and domestic partners
 of retired teachers.)
 {LC46/A/1}

Committee on Finance recommends passage of Sub A in concurrence.

CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, September 19th, 2017:

1. **The Appointment of Melissa A. Long, Esq. VICE Associate Justice Patricia A. Hurst as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court**

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

2. **The Appointment of Felix "Feidli" Gill VICE Associate Justice Michael B. Forte as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court**

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

3. **The Appointment of Richard D. Raspallo, Esq. as Magistrate of the Rhode Island Superior Court**

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

4. **The Appointment of James Patrick O'Neill as Clerk/Magistrate of the Rhode Island District Court**

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

5. **The Appointment of Andrea Marie Iannazzi as Magistrate of the Rhode Island Family Court**

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

6. **2017-S 86
BY Archambault
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES-
SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES**

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

7. **2017-S 356 SUB A**
 BY Ruggerio
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
 REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

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

8. **2017-S 494 SUB A**
 BY Archambault
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SURPRISE OUT-OF-
 NETWORK BILLS FOR EMERGENCY AND OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES

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

9. **2017-S 672**
 BY Satchell
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - ABUSED AND
 NEGLECTED CHILDREN

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

10. **2017-S 676 SUB A**
 BY Nesselbush
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND
 PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES

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

11. **2017-S 759 SUB A**
 BY Lombardo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
 REGULATIONS OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE
 MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS

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

12. **2017-S 772 SUB A**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- FIREFIGHTER
 DISABILITY

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

13. **2017-S 877 SUB A**
 BY Lynch Prata
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -
 REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION

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

14. **2017-S 902**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
 REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

15. **2017-S 1006**
 BY Goodwin
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
 REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Ordered on the Calendar.

16. **2017-S 1008**
 BY Felag
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
 RHODE ISLAND SAILING EVENTS COMMISSION

Ordered on the Calendar.

17. **2017-S 1009**
 BY Lombardo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -
 CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD

Ordered on the Calendar.

18. **2017-S 952 SUB A**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - THE
 GREEN BUILDINGS ACT

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

19. **2017-S 213 SUB A**
 BY Picard
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -
 RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS

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

20. **2017-S 734**
 BY Kettle
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- VETERANS'
 EXEMPTIONS--SCITUATE

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

21. **2017-S 971**
 BY Crowley
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT
 OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

22. **2017-H 5042 as amended**
 BY Carson
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - LOCAL
 PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

23. **2017-H 5174 SUB A**
 BY Keable
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Ordered on the Calendar.

24. **2017-H 5204 SUB A**
 BY Shekarchi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO 2017 STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION
 BILL -- LAW REVISION SUBMISSION

Ordered on the Calendar.

25. **2017-H 5623 SUB A**
 BY Johnston
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
 LICENSES

Ordered on the Calendar.

26. **2017-H 5854**
 BY Hull
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULTS

Ordered on the Calendar.

27. **2017-H 5882**
 BY Ackerman
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -
 - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Ordered on the Calendar.

28. **2017-H 5932 SUB A**
 BY Craven
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -
 PAYMENT OF WAGES

Ordered on the Calendar.

29. **2017-H 6155 SUB A**
 BY Maldonado
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND
 PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES

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

30. **2017-H 6314 SUB A**
 BY O'Brien
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -
 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Ordered on the Calendar.

31. **2017-H 6331**
 BY Abney
 ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PAY
 CERTAIN CLAIMS

Ordered on the Calendar.

32. **2017-H 5531 SUB A**
 BY Jacquard
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
 ELECTRONIC CONFIRMATION AND COMPLIANCE SYSTEM

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

33. **2017-H 6326**
 BY Canario
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
 REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES--COMBINATION PLATES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage in concurrence.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 3:35 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday, September 19th.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 3:36 o'clock P.M.

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