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Fifty Third Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:11 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 3 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT –35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 3: Senators Archambault, de la Cruz, and Raptakis.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Fifty Second of the 2019 proceedings is read in part.

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

APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR

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



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

May 30, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 39-18-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority Board of Directors:

Robert Kells

VICE
Princess Bomba

For a term expiring April 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication:

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**Senate Chamber**

May 30, 2019

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 absent from the Chamber today, Thursday, May 30, 2019 due to illness.

Please record my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Archambault
Senator, District 22

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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

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

Senate Resolution No. 761**BY** DiPalma, Sosnowski, Conley, Coyne, Euer**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING CONGRESS TO REQUEST THAT THE FDA INVESTIGATES AMENDING THE QUALIFIED EXEMPTION LANGUAGE IN 21 CFR § 112.5(A)(2) TO EXCLUDE ANIMAL FEED PRODUCTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF "ALL FOOD"

{LC2332/1}

From the Committee on Environment and Agriculture to the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 410

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Euer, Coyne, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT (Creates the "Plastic Waste Reduction Act" designed to reduce the use of plastic bags by retail establishments by offering recyclable bag options and providing penalties for violations.)

{LC1865/1}

From the Committee on Environment and Agriculture to the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

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

The Reappointment of Katelyn Pisano to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2022.

From the Committee on Labor to the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Maureen Boudreau VICE Suma Gaddam to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2021.

From the Committee on Labor to the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 172**BY** Goodwin, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EQUAL PAY DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING (Requires employers with 100 employees to yearly submit a form to the department of labor and training, which contains information regarding the compensation and hours worked of employees by age, gender, race, ethnicity, job category and occupation title.)

{LC734/1}

From the Committee on Labor to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 509**BY** Goldin, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Lawson, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Comprehensively addresses wage discrimination by expanding employee protections and the scope of the remedies available to employees who have experienced wage discrimination.)

{LC1251/1}

From the Committee on Labor to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 712 SUB A**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR - UNION REPRESENTATION (Clarifies the rights and options of government employees who decide not to join their employer's exclusive bargaining unit.)

{LC2158/A/1}

From the Committee on Labor to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 909**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Gallo, Lombardi, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION (Provides employer pays any excess damages for an injured minor/clarifies liability of employer for violation of continuation of health care benefits for injured employee caused by employer/repeals obsolete/inapplicable workers' compensation laws.)

{LC2641/1}

From the Committee on Labor to the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Chairman Felag, from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 384**BY** de la Cruz, Paolino, Morgan, Rogers, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- THE GOLD STAR FAMILY HIGHWAY (Provides an honorary name to a portion of highway on Chopmist Hill Road from Route 44 in Chepachet to Route 6 in Scituate, now known a Hartford Pike, as the Gold Star Family Highway.)

{LC1216/1}

From the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 518**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - REGULATION OF SALES (Allows license holders to restrict any patron who has not reached his or her twenty first birthday from entering the licensed establishment after ten o'clock (10:00) pm.)
{LC1814/1}

From the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 839**BY** Archambault, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE 9/11 MEMORIAL (Amends the language on the 9/11 Memorial in the State House to include all Rhode Islanders.)
{LC2490/1}

From the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 872**BY** Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Algiere, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the URI College of Engineering Building as the "Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering.")
{LC2559/1}

From the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs to the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

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

Senate Bill No. 689**BY** Euer, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES
{LC1778/1}

From the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 923****BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Euer**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MOLLY ANDRADE ON BEING NAMED "MISS RHODE ISLAND 2019"
{LC2646/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algiere, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Cano and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Molly Andrade, Stacey Andrade, Andy Andrade, and Patricia Andrade.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 924

BY Morgan, Rogers, Algiere, de la Cruz, Paolino

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JULIA DEGIOVANNI ON ATTAINING HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2644/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Morgan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Morgan moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algiere, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Morgan and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Julia DeGiovanni, Michael DeGiovanni, Kelly DeGiovanni, Alyzza DeGiovanni, Tammy Lyons, Rick Wyman, and Tina Lavigne.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 925****BY** Ciccone

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING LOUIS J. SPREMULLI FOR HIS NEARLY THIRTY YEARS OF DEVOTED AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2725/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Ciccone requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ciccone moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algieri, Bell, Cano, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 926**BY** Crowley

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL HOUSING WEEK OF ACTION FROM MAY 30 TO JUNE 5, 2019
{LC2759/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algieri, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

Senator Metts speaks on the resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Bill No. 927**BY** Quezada, Euer, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Provides students attending public schools enrolled in grades K-12 with a student's bill of rights prohibiting discrimination based on race, sex, gender, economic status or mental, physical, developmental or sensory disabilities.)
{LC2694/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 928**BY** Valverde, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC RESIDENCE--TAX CREDIT (This act would amend the definition of commission under the Rhode Island historical preservation and heritage commission to include for purposes of historic structure property tax reduction in the town of Narragansett.)
{LC2721/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 929**BY** Quezada, Euer, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MANDATORY COVERAGE FOR ALL BLOOD TESTING SERVICES (Mandates blood testing services coverage by accident/sickness/nonprofit hospital/nonprofit medical service corporation/HMOs effective 1/1/20.)
{LC2692/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 930**BY** Quezada, Euer, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES (Increases the state board of pharmacy from nine (9) to eleven (11) members by adding two (2) pharmacy technicians.)
{LC2695/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 931**BY** Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTERLY TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$71,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 35% FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR STATE AID AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND (Authorizes Westerly to issue bonds and notes not to exceed 71 million for school improvements.)
{LC2734/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 932**BY** Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Jodi Blankstein to join Jessica Biren and Jason Magid in marriage on or about August 18, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC2746/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 933**BY** Quezada, Goodwin, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS--CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAROLE
{LC2717/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 934**BY** Sosnowski, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (Authorizes the town council of the town of South Kingstown to create a municipal court and housing court and defines the respective jurisdiction of those two courts.)
{LC2651/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 935**BY** Quezada, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Amends definition of educational institutions and defines neighborhood. Prohibits level 3 sex offender from living within 1500 feet from schools, prohibits level 3 offender from moving back to neighborhood where offense was committed.)
{LC2698/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 936**BY** Picard, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Exempts Woonsocket properties with a Main Street address, located between 2 Main Street (Plat 14, Lot 284) and 194 Main Street (Plat 14, Lot 139), from prohibition of the sale of alcoholic beverages within 200 feet of any school or church.) {LC2707/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 937**BY** Pearson, DiPalma, Seveney, Satchell, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Establishes the executive position of the secretary of education, and would set out the powers and duties of the secretary.) {LC2608/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 938**BY** Gallo, Pearson, Euer, Paolino, Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT -- ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW (Requires the board of education to conduct a comprehensive study of the Massachusetts Education Reform Act and report yearly to the governor, the senate and the house of representatives.)
{LC2562/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 939**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Satchell, Sheehan, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM AND ACCESS TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES (Requires all high school students graduating in 2021 and thereafter attending public or any schools managed and controlled by the state to demonstrate proficiency in one course in computer science education.)
{LC2564/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 940**BY** Pearson, Gallo, Conley, McCaffrey, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Reconstitutes joint legislative committee and amends goals and mission of the committee.)

{LC2609/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 941**BY** Quezada, Cano, Ciccone, Crowley, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MODEL FOR DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMS (Requires the department of education to create a model policy/timeline to assist school districts in implementing a dual language immersion program. This model policy and timeline would be sent to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house.)

{LC2556/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 942

(The University of Rhode Island)

BY Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GOVERNANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (Establishes board of trustees for URI; establishes transfer of URI research foundation authority to board of governors if foundation dissolved; removes authority of council on postsecondary education over URI, requires disclosure of tuition waivers.)

{LC2732/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 943**BY** Satchell, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PROMOTION (Directs the department of elementary and secondary education to convene a group of stakeholders to review the standards for grade level promotion established by local education agencies.)

{LC2758/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019:**1. 2019-S 138 SUB A****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LABORATORIES

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

Upon the Suggestion of Senator Goodwin this bill is moved to the Calendar for Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

2. 2019-S 144**BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- LONG-TERM MANAGED CARE ARRANGEMENTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Goldin moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Gallo, Felag, Lombardi, Sheehan, Metts, Bell, Valverde, Seveney, Murray, and Coyne.

The act is read and passed, on 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 Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

3. 2019-S 304**BY** Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT -- NON-OPIATE DIRECTIVE

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Satchell moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Goodwin, Miller, Sheehan, Quezada, Bell, McKenney, and DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, on 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 Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

4. 2019-S 775

BY Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES - HIV/AIDS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Valverde moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardo, Ciccone, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Nesselbush, Lawson, Bell, Murray, Coyne, Goldin, and DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, on 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 Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

5. 2019-S 799 SUB A

BY Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES

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

Senator Miller moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Satchell, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Felag, Crowley, Lawson, Metts, Rogers, Cano, Murray, Goldin, and Coyne.

Senator Miller, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Satchell, Lombardi, Valverde, Goldin, and DiPalma, offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT**TO****2019 -- S 0799 SUBSTITUTE A/2****AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES**

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2019 -- S 0799 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES", as follows:

1. On page 1, by deleting all of the language of lines 14 through 19, inclusive, and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"(ii) The insurer shall reopen the application and underwriting process for consideration of coverage and the life insurance company shall be deemed to have provided coverage to the eligible person retroactive to the date of the initial application."

2. On page 2, by deleting all of the language on line 1.

3. On page 6, line 8, after the word "passage", by adding the language "and shall apply to any application for life insurance filed on or after the effective date of this act".

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Miller

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LC002257/2
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The motion to amend prevails 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 Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS -- 0:

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

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, as amended, 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 Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

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, and to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5543 SUB A as amended
(Dept. of Health)

BY Williams, Alzate, Shanley, Diaz, Almeida

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Adds the multi-disciplinary maternal mortality review committee to the review of the office of state medical examiners and extend certain immunities and confidentiality agreements to multi-disciplinary teams.)
{LC1829/A/1}

Referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

House Bill No. 5287 SUB A as amended
(General Treasurer)

BY Shekarchi, McKiernan, O'Brien, Slater, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- NON-ERISA COVERED PENSION PLANS (Requires that all defined pension plans, excluding certain governmental plans, which are not covered by the ERISA and have at least two hundred (200) members, comply with ERISA's annual reporting provisions.)
{LC1206/A/1}

Referred to Senate Finance

House Bill No. 5304**BY** Fellela, Ucci, Mendez, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION (Authorizes the Johnston town council to appoint two (2) alternate members to the Johnston planning board.)
{LC1159/1}

Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

House Bill No. 6012**BY** Corvese, O'Brien, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE (Requires that the purchasing board meeting agenda in the town of North Providence be sent to board members at least five (5) days before the meeting.)
{LC2414/1}

Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Crowley announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

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

Senator DiPalma announces that the Legislative Leap event will be held on June 30th this year in Middletown.

Senator Felag announces that the Joint Committee on Finance and Environment and Agriculture will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Lynch Prata announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:48 o'clock P.M.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR RYAN WILLIAM PEARSON**

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

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019:

1. ***The Reappointment of Katelyn Pisano to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2022.***

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

2. ***The Appointment of Maureen Boudreau VICE Suma Gaddam to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2021.***

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

3. **2019-S 761
BY DiPalma**

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING CONGRESS TO REQUEST THAT THE FDA INVESTIGATES AMENDING THE QUALIFIED EXEMPTION LANGUAGE IN 21 CFR SECTION 112.5(A)(2) TO EXCLUDE ANIMAL FEED PRODUCTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF "ALL FOOD"

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019:

1. **2019-S 138 SUB A**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LABORATORIES

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

2. **2019-S 194**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND EVALUATE RHODE ISLAND'S ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

3. **2019-S 253 SUB A**
BY Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LOCAL OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY ACT

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

4. **2019-S 395 SUB A**
BY Seveney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

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

5. **2019-S 397**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SERVICES

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

6. **2019-S 203**
 BY Miller
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - MUSICAL AND THEATRICAL
 PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

7. **2019-S 823**
 BY Raptakis
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
 LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

8. **2019-S 846**
 BY Goodwin
 ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL
 LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$160,000,000
 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF
 INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FUND THE SCHOOL
 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2019-2024

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

9. **2019-S 892**
 BY Conley
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
 TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

10. **2019-S 893**
 BY Lombardo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT
 OF LOCAL TAXES -- JOHNSTON

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

11. **2019-S 215 SUB A**
 BY Miller
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - THE
 HEALING ART OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE

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

12. **2019-S 223**
 BY Coyne
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ESTABLISHING
 A PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ADDRESS
 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

13. **2019-S 321 SUB A**
 BY Goodwin
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - DOMESTIC
 ABUSE PREVENTION

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

14. **2019-S 606**
 BY Archambault
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
 DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

15. **2019-S 233**
 BY Felag
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
 OPEN MEETINGS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

16. **2019-S 689**
 BY Euer
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING
 ORDINANCES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019:

1. **2019-S 74**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES -
 ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. 2019-S 84 SUB A**BY** Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

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

3. 2019-S 164**BY** Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES-MOTOR VEHICLES REPARATIONS ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. 2019-S 225**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

5. 2019-S 323**BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

6. 2019-S 331**BY** Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. 2019-S 335**BY** Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

8. 2019-S 474**BY** Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

9. **2019-S 476**
 BY Quezada
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -
 COURTS - FAMILY COURT
- Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
10. **2019-S 483**
 BY Coyne
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
 CHILD ADVOCATE OFFICE
- Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
11. **2019-S 785**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
 MISCELLANEOUS
- Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019:

1. **2019-S 410 SUB A as amended**
 BY Ruggerio
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PLASTIC WASTE
 REDUCTION ACT
- Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the
original bill and passage of Substitute A as amended.
2. **2019-S 172**
 BY Goodwin
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
 EQUAL PAY DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING
- Committee on Labor recommends passage.
3. **2019-S 509**
 BY Goldin
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR
 EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES
- Committee on Labor recommends passage.

4. **2019-S 712 SUB A**
 BY Ciccone
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR - UNION REPRESENTATION

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

5. **2019-S 909**
 BY Ciccone
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

6. **2019-S 384**
 BY de la Cruz
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- THE GOLD STAR FAMILY HIGHWAY

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

7. **2019-S 518 SUB A**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - REGULATION OF SALES

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

8. **2019-S 839**
 BY Archambault
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE 9/11 MEMORIAL

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

9. **2019-S 872**
 BY Ruggerio
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.