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Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Fifth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, 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 Crowley, Felag, and Raptakis.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Fourth Legislative Day of the 2020 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Valverde and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate welcomes to the Chamber Mika Reposa, a constituent and tugboat engineer with Providence Steamboat Company.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication:

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

January 21, 2020

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 personal reasons, I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday January 21, 2020.

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

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2023**

BY Algieri

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING
OF JULIE LYNN CARDINAL
{LC3398/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Algieri requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Algieri moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Morgan, and Rogers.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2024

BY Metts, Quezada, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF THE
BIRTH OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
{LC3728/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Metts requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Bill No. 2025

BY Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF FRED'S AUTOHAUS, INC.
{LC3874/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Satchell requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Satchell moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Rogers, Paolino, Euer, and Quezada.

The act is read and passed, 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 Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, 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:

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 2028

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY DiPalma, Picard, Euer, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Requires every electric distribution company and natural gas distribution company to submit to the division of public utilities and carriers an emergency response plan for review and approval.)
{LC3419/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2029

BY Seveney, Coyne, DiPalma, Euer, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NONREGULATED POWER PRODUCER CONSUMER BILL OF RIGHTS (Excludes municipal and government bodies that aggregate electrical loads for residential retail customers from the requirement that a new contract is required when there is a change of terms for electric-generation services.)
{LC3391/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2030

BY DiPalma, Euer, Goldin, Seveney, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - INTERNET PRIVACY AND SECURITY (Establishes that manufacturers of devices capable of connecting to the Internet equip the devices with reasonable security features.)

{LC3432/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2031

BY Lombardo, Lombardi, Nesselbush, DiPalma, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Requires public utilities and electric distribution companies to provide prompt and adequate service to its rate payers relating to new service and service upgrades.)

{LC3479/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2032

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education and the DCYF to each pay 50% of the out-of-district transportation costs for children allowed to remain in the school where the child is enrolled at the time of placement.)

{LC3622/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2033

BY DiPalma, Gallo, Pearson, Cano, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Requires the board of education to develop and implement a 5 year plan to improve student performance in science, technology, engineering, and math and increase the number of postsecondary degrees awarded in STEM fields on or before 2/1/21.)

{LC3414/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2034

BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Archambault, Ciccone, Algiere
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS
CONCUSSION ACT (Requires all school districts to designate an athletic trainer to be available
for high school athletic practices and games.)
{LC3489/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2035

BY Picard
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF
EDUCATION ACT (Requires that the board of elementary and secondary education adopt a
competency-based/proficiency-based learning policy whereby students can earn credits through
demonstration of competency.)
{LC3611/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2036

BY Satchell, Goldin, Lawson, Metts, Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PSYCHOLOGISTS (Includes licensed school psychologists under the provisions of the general
laws governing the regulations of psychologists, and would limit the authorization of school
psychologist to practice school psychology to the school setting.)
{LC3109/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2037

BY DiPalma, Seveney, Euer, Miller, Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT
(Requires elementary/secondary schools to have at least 1 school employee trained to
administer/assist with the self-administering of seizure rescue medication prescribed to treat
seizure disorder systems and the use of prescribed electrical stimulation.)
{LC3416/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2038

BY DiPalma, Conley, Pearson, Picard, Satchell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT
{LC3430/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2039

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Allows a school district to conduct instruction through virtual education up to five (5) days when schools have been closed due to inclement weather, emergency or any nonscheduled school closings.)

{LC3618/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2040

BY DiPalma, Conley, Pearson, Picard, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Requires state reimburse city or town for any costs transporting children placed in foster care by a Rhode Island-licensed child-placing agency or a Rhode Island governmental agency to an educational facility outside the regional transportation district.)

{LC3425/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Resolution No. 2041

BY Picard, Quezada, Metts, Ciccone, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (Amends the constitution to guarantee Rhode Island residents with equal opportunity to receive an education and provide judicial enforcement of this provision.)

{LC3612/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2042

BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Archambault, Ciccone, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Defines small, large and residential wind energy systems and establishes zoning requirements for these systems.)

{LC3486/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2043

BY Satchell, Sosnowski, Valverde, Seveney, Coyne
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
ESTABLISHING APPLIANCE AND EQUIPMENT ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY
STANDARDS OF 2020 (Establishes minimum energy and water efficiency standards for
appliances and specified equipment purchased or installed after July 1, 2021.)
{LC3111/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2044

BY Picard
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
LOCAL TAXES (Increases the maximum tax on qualifying low-income property from eight
percent (8%) of the previous year's gross scheduled rental income to ten percent (10%) of the
prospective year's gross scheduled rental income.)
{LC3615/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2045

BY Felag, Pearson, DiPalma, Seveney, Conley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUASI-
PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (Requires
quasi-public corporations to use all funds and property to perform the function or service for
which the quasi-public corporation was created.)
{LC3588/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2046

BY DiPalma, Seveney, Satchell, Valverde, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - JOBS DEVELOPMENT ACT
{LC3426/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2047

BY Satchell, Valverde, Euer, Conley, Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX
(Establishes a nineteen percent (19%) carried interest fairness fee for investment management
services in order to tax the carried interest income of hedge fund and private equity investors as
traditional ordinary earned income.)
{LC3104/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2048

BY Murray, Paolino, Ciccone, Pearson, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts from state taxation certain pension benefits that originate from, and were taxed in another state.)
{LC3821/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2049

BY Felag, Conley, Nesselbush, Metts, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases the state earned-income credit as of January 1, 2021, to eighteen percent (18%) of the federal earned-income credit, not to exceed the amount of state income tax.)
{LC3581/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2050

BY Lombardi, Ciccone, Conley, McCaffrey, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Subtracts state tax refunds, paid to an individual in the previous year, from federal adjusted gross income, for purposes of the state income tax for tax years beginning January 1, 2021, and thereafter.)
{LC3481/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2051

BY de la Cruz, Algieri, Felag, Ciccone, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - VETERANS' HOME IN HOUSE OCCUPATION THERAPY (Requires the general assembly to appropriate necessary funds for the furnishing of in-house occupational therapy services for all residents of the Bristol Veterans' home.)
{LC3390/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2052

BY Satchell, Euer, Conley, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS 2013 (Provides that applicants for historic tax credits shall have ninety (90) days after the date of the commission's written determination certifying the rehabilitation to pay the required three percent (3%) non-refundable fee to the division of taxation)
{LC3102/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2053

BY Felag, Seveney, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Amends the definition of "disabled", for the purposes of property tax relief, to include veterans who earn less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) annually and who receive disability benefits.)
{LC3589/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2054

BY Ruggerio, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION--EXEMPTIONS (Includes the real and tangible personal property of St. John Baptist De La Salle Institute, d/b/a La Salle Academy, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in Providence, Rhode Island, on the list of properties exempt from taxation.)
{LC3662/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2055

BY Seveney, Picard, DiPalma, Coyne, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Amends the definition of the term "disabled," for purposes of tax relief, to include persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government.)
{LC3528/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2056

BY Felag, Sosnowski, Cano, DiPalma, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Eliminates the sales tax on taxi services and pet care services.)
{LC3590/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2057

BY Felag, Seveney, Coyne, Miller, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts reusable bags not including paper or plastic bags from the state sales tax.)
{LC3583/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2058

BY Satchell, Metts, Murray, Cano, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MICRO ZONE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT (Creates micro zones in distressed areas to stimulate economic revitalization, employment opportunities, and business development through the redevelopment of obsolete, dilapidated and abandoned industrial and commercial structures.)
{LC3107/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2059

BY Satchell, Seveney, Conley, Bell, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Adds three (3) new income tax brackets at rates of 7.99%, 8.49% and 8.99% for taxable income from \$275,000 to over \$1,000,000 effective January 1, 2021.)
{LC3101/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2060

BY Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales and use tax that portion of a motor vehicle lease payment collected for tangible personal property tax, municipal property tax, excise, or any other similar tax.)
{LC3828/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2061

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Reduces the minimum corporate tax from four hundred dollars (\$400) to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the year beginning on July 1, 2020, and would abolish the minimum tax for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2021.)
{LC3761/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2062

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the method for the calculation of the permanent foundation education aid to school districts, and would make an adjustment based upon students residing in qualified low-income housing. Applies to all school years commencing on or after 7/1/20.)

{LC3616/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2063

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Repeals the provisions of § 16-7-34.3 reimbursing state for conventional public housing students and adds similar language to § 16-7.2-6 providing permanent foundation education aid funding for services to students in conventional public housing.)

{LC3613/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2064

BY DiPalma, Sosnowski, Gallo, Conley, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Gradually increases the state's contribution to the teachers' retirement system, while reducing the municipal contribution, eventually resulting in the contributions being shared equally.)

{LC3438/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2065

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Increases the maximum tax for qualifying low-income housing from eight percent (8%) to ten percent (10%) of the property's previous year's gross scheduled rental income.)

{LC3619/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2066

BY Lombardi, Ciccone, Conley, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL
THERAPISTS (Authorizes physical therapists to order diagnostic imaging (x-rays). Authority
sunsets December 31, 2022.)
{LC3791/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2067

BY Valverde, Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PREVENTION AND
SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES - HIV/AIDS (Permits clinical laboratories as
defined in § 23-16.2-2 to conduct its own analysis of specimens for the detection of HIV/AIDS
instead of sending the specimens to the department of health.)
{LC3671/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2068

BY Satchell, Sosnowski, Quezada, Seveney, Coyne
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PROHIBITION OF PFAS
IN FOOD PACKAGING ACT (Prohibits PFAS, a class of fluorinated organic chemicals, from
being used in food packaging.)
{LC3108/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2069

BY Miller, Goldin, Lawson, Valverde, Nesselbush
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- ENSURING ACCESS TO
HIGH QUALITY CARE FOR THE TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS
(Establishes the medication assisted treatment (MAT) program which uses medications, in
combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to create a comprehensive approach to the
treatment of substance use disorders.)
{LC3443/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2070

BY Satchell, Nesselbush, DiPalma, Conley, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
OMBUDSPERSON ACT
{LC3103/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2071

BY Seveney, DiPalma, Miller, Conley, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL
TAXES (Authorizes tax assessors to use the last revaluation as the assessed valuation.)
{LC3524/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2072

BY Archambault
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT
AND LOAD LIMITS--SMITHFIELD AND LINCOLN (Prohibits commercial motor trucks,
with a gross weight rating of twenty-six thousand one pounds (26,001 lbs.) or more, from
traveling on Limerock Road, in Smithfield and Lincoln.)
{LC3505/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2073

BY Seveney, DiPalma, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes tax assessors in the cities and towns to use the last statutory update
or revaluation as the assessed valuation upon which to levy taxes regarding their real property.)
{LC3593/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2074

BY Seveney, DiPalma, Coyne, Satchell, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS --
PRUDENCE ISLAND SCHOOL FOUNDATION (Enables the town council of Portsmouth to
transfer and/or convey parcels of land owned by the town on Prudence Island to the Prudence
Island School Foundation to be used for educational purposes.)
{LC3822/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2075

BY DiPalma, de la Cruz, Archambault, Paolino
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE
INCOME HOUSING (Allows mobile and manufactured homes which are a part of a mobile and
manufactured home park to be counted as low and moderate income housing for purposes of
compliance with the requirements of the city's or town's comprehensive land use plan.)
{LC3437/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Resolution No. 2076

BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
{LC3337/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2077

BY Euer, Algiere, Valverde, Murray, Lawson
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE
ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -
REDISTRICTING (This proposed constitution amendment, if adopted, would adopt a
constitutional procedure for redistricting.)
{LC3638/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2078

BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Ashley
Dopart-Preliasco to join Westley Richard Chaplin and John Joseph Correllus in marriage on or
about May 30, 2020, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC3117/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2079

BY Archambault, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SAFETY
RESPONSIBILITY ADMINISTRATION -- SECURITY (Makes sweeping changes to the motor
vehicles laws by repealing the many sections that require the filing of security or bond with the
DMV following a motor vehicle accident.)
{LC3497/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2080

BY Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Metts
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
STATEWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH RECORDS
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (Establishes a statewide public safety computer aided dispatch
records management system.)
{LC3771/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2081

BY Lombardi, Ciccone, Conley, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - CONDOMINIUM LAW - RESALE OF
UNITS (Allows a condominium association to impose a fee of up to one hundred twenty-five
dollars (\$125) for preparation of a resale certificate.)
{LC3895/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2082

BY Archambault, Lombardi, Euer, Coyne, Metts
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE
OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Provides for specific fines and sanctions to
operators of motor vehicles who fail to exercise due care to avoid colliding with a vulnerable
road user causing injury, serious injury, or death to the vulnerable road user.)
{LC3504/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2083

BY Coyne, Ruggerio, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- EXPLOITATION OF
ELDERS (Changes the definition of "elder person" for purposes of exploitation of elders from a
person sixty-five (65) years of age or older to a person sixty (60) years of age or older.)
{LC3403/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2084

BY Raptakis, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Archambault, Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN--
CONFINEMENT IN MOTOR VEHICLES PROHIBITED (Repeals the requirement that law
enforcement officers issue only warnings of the risks to persons leaving a child under the age of
seven (7) unattended in a motor vehicle.)
{LC3336/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2085

BY Picard
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND
TENANT ACT (Prohibits landlords from terminating periodic tenancies from December 1 to
February 1 for elderly or disabled tenants.)
{LC3617/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2086

BY Archambault, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Euer, McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR
VEHICLE OFFENSES (Grants a judge or magistrate the discretion to impose the requirement of
blood and/or urine testing or the use of the ignition interlock system.)
{LC3506/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2087

BY Lombardi, Nesselbush, Ciccone, Conley, McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -
NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENTS - BROADCAST EMPLOYEES (Prohibits the inclusion
of noncompete agreements in broadcast industry employment contracts that are entered into after
January 1, 2021.)
{LC3485/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2088

BY Euer, McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING
BOARD OR COMMISSION (Requires initial, biennial, and continuing education in land use
law and planning for local planning and zoning board members.)
{LC3147/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2089

BY Lombardi, Ciccone, Conley, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Mandates that a landlord has a general liability policy of at least \$100,000 in effect for those injured on the premises due to the landlord's negligence. Failure to provide proof of insurance precludes a landlord from proceeding on an eviction action.)
{LC3476/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2090

BY Lombardi, Ciccone, Conley, McCaffrey, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Provides that a vehicle unlawfully parked in a properly marked "handicapped parking" space would be towed at the owner's expense.)
{LC3477/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2091

BY Felag, Coyne, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Exempts volunteer fire companies under the supervision, control, or jurisdiction of another public body from certain posting requirements of the open meetings act.)
{LC3591/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2092

BY Ciccone, Nesselbush, Bell, Quezada, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY WORKPLACE (Creates the "Healthy Workplace Act of 2020" and would establish a cause of action against employers and employees for workplace bullying, harassment and other abusive conduct.)
{LC3459/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Resolution No. 2093

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

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- REFERENDUM ON LINE ITEM VETO
{LC3763/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight.

Senate Bill No. 2094

BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Archambault, Ciccone, Algiere
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - BURIAL OF
VETERANS (Allows a veteran who qualifies to be buried at the Rhode Island veterans'
memorial cemetery to designate a domestic partner to be buried with them.)
{LC3488/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2095

(by request)
BY Algiere
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOL BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES
(Allows Westerly to exempt from the provisions of this section any proposed Class B liquor
license to be located at 114 Granite Street, Westerly.)
{LC3401/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2096

BY Ciccone, Lombardi, Lombardo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES
(Allows the city of Providence board of licenses to grant an exemption with regard to the
proximity to schools and churches relating to the issuance of an alcoholic beverage retail license
for property located at 601 Hartford Avenue, Providence, RI.)
{LC2988/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2097

BY Satchell, Pearson, Lombardi, Valverde, Goldin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- WINE DIRECT
SHIPPER LICENSE (Creates a wine direct license for licensed producers to directly ship limited
wine to residents of RI over age twenty one (21).)
{LC3105/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2098

BY Lombardi, Ciccone, Lombardo, DiPalma, Archambault
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Provides a special motor vehicle registration plate honoring the New York Yankees for their 27 World Championships and the New York Yankees Universe Fund for the benefit of Rhode Island based charitable organizations.)
{LC3487/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 2099

BY DiPalma, Conley, Pearson, Seveney, Coyne
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSITIONING THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIENNIAL BUDGET (Creates a thirteen (13) member commission to study the possibility of transitioning the state to the establishment of a biennial budget, and who would report back to the General Assembly and the Governor by February 4, 2020, and expire on July 4, 2020.)
{LC3422/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 2100

BY Picard, Pearson
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO APPEAR JOINTLY ON THE BALLOT) (Submits constitutional amendments to voters that the governor and the lieutenant governor form a joint candidacy.)
{LC3620/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020:**1. 2020-S 2010****BY** Crowley

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION WISHING THE HONORABLE SHELBY MALDONADO WELL IN HER NEW POSITION AS THE HISPANIC OUTREACH DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN ISRAELI PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (AIPAC) AND THANKING HER FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF CENTRAL FALLS AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2020-S 2011**BY** Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. 2020-S 2012**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CUMBERLAND INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

4. 2020-S 2013**BY** Ruggerio

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF COMMANDER WILLIAM F. BUNDY, PH.D., US NAVY RET.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

5. 2020-S 2014**BY** Ruggerio

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SHIRLEY A. FORTE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

6. **2020-S 2015**
 BY Ruggerio
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE
 PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JUSTICE DONALD FRANCIS SHEA, RETIRED
 ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE RHODE ISLAND STATE SUPREME COURT

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

7. **2020-S 2016**
 BY Gallo
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE
 CARDI FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF NICHOLAS CARDI, JR.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

8. **2020-S 2017**
 BY Gallo
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE
 PASSING OF MARY ELIZABETH HOPKINS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

9. **2020-S 2018**
 BY Ruggerio
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE
 PASSING OF MARCIA B. REBACK

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

10. **2020-S 2019**
 BY Goodwin
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES
 ON THE PASSING OF SERGEANT EDMOND F. MALLOY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

11. **2020-S 2020**
 BY Ruggerio
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE
 PASSING OF MR. FRANCIS P. O'DONNELL

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

12. 2020-S 2021**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CHRISTOPHER J. DOHERTY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

13. 2020-S 2022**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE SUPERIOR COURT JUSTICE, JOHN E. ORTON, III

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

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

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, 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.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion by Senator Morgan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate welcomes to the Chamber Mrs. Maria Christina Lavigne, Senator Morgan's event coordinator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Goodwin announces that the Senate will not meet on Thursday, January 23, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Algieri, seconded by Senator Goodwin, and upon the suggestion of Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:34 o'clock P.M, *in memory of Julie Lynn Cardinal*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR HAROLD M. METTS

Dear Lord,

You have blessed and ordained us to be public servants.

In times of challenge and controversy help us to do what's right not just what's safe.

Help us, O Lord, to remember Amos 5: 24, that Dr. King often referenced:

“But let judgment run down as waters righteousness as a mighty stream.”

Help us to make the crooked places straight; and bring light to dispel darkness.

Help us to love you and our neighbor as we love ourselves; and to remember that it's love not hate that will make America great!

Lord give us the wisdom to remove the disparities between the haves and the have nots, while growing our economy.

And Lord, keep us forever focused on righteousness, justice and truth, in Jesus name. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020:

1. **2020-S 2026**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE AND
 AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO
 STUDY THE EFFECT AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE
 RHODE ISLAND COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (CRMC)

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2020-S 2027**
 BY Sheehan
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING ROSS CHEIT FOR HIS
 SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.