

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Wednesday, January 22nd
and Tuesday, January 28th, 2020

Sixth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:19 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 38: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator McKenney and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Kyle Burgess from Providence College.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

Senate Bill No. 2004 SUB A

BY Coyne, Ruggerio, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Prohibits the manufacturing, importation, sale, shipment, delivery, possession, or transfer of any firearm that is undetectable by metal detectors commonly used at airports and public buildings including 3D printed firearms as defined herein.)

{LC3405/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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

January 22, 2020

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio

President of the Senate

State House, Room 318

Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President,

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend the Senate Session today, Wednesday, January 22, 2020 due to professional obligations.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

James C. Sheehan

Senator – District 36

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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

January 22, 2020

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio

President of the Senate

318 State House

Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to personal reasons, I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam J. Satchell".

Senator Adam J. Satchell

Senate District 09

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication from Her Excellency, The Governor, transmitting the following appointments 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

January 23, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

Armand E. Sabitoni

For a term expiring February 1, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 23, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

David Martirano

For a term expiring February 1, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 23, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

Matthew Lenz, Esq.

(Selected from list provided by Senate President)
For a term expiring February 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 23, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

Michael McNally

For a term expiring February 1, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 23, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

Christine Heenan

For a term expiring February 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 23, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

The Honorable Charles Fogarty

For a term expiring February 1, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 23, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

Vahid Ownjazayeri

For a term expiring February 1, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 23, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

Cecilia Rouse

For a term expiring February 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 23, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

Roby Luna

For a term expiring February 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 23, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

Yahaira Placencia

For a term expiring February 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

January 23, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

Margo L. Cook

For a term expiring February 1, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2101****BY** Goodwin, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF CLAIRE A. BIRKMAIER
{LC3415/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7117**BY** Barros, Shanley, Mendez, Tobon, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Matthew A. Lopes, Jr., to join Audilia Vale and Jose V. Monteiro, Jr., in marriage on or about February 2, 2020, within the Town of Lincoln, Rhode Island.)
{LC3656/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

NAYS – 0:

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

House Bill No. 7244

BY Serpa, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF FRED’S AUTOHAUS, INC.

{LC3912/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2102

BY Lombardo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ERNEST PITOCELLI, SR.

{LC3805/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2103

BY DiPalma, Seveney, Valverde, Conley, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS - NET NEUTRALITY (Requires Internet service providers to follow Internet service neutrality requirements.)

{LC3427/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2104

BY DiPalma, Seveney, Paolino, Metts, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Requires that commencing with the graduating class of 2022 all high school students attending public schools demonstrate proficiency in computer science.)

{LC3856/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2105**BY** Satchell, Pearson, Gallo, Conley, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Directs council on elementary and secondary education to provide professional support and assistance to LEAs regarding effective ways to use data such as the LEA's budget and demographics, school culture, and assessments to improve student performance.)
{LC3651/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2106**BY** Satchell, Pearson, McCaffrey, Gallo, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Amends the career and technical education program laws to provide the process by which students could access career and technical education programs outside of their home school district.)
{LC3652/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2107**BY** Satchell, Paolino, Euer, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PROTECTING STUDENT PRIVACY ON SCHOOL-OWNED TECHNOLOGY (Establishes certain student privacy rights in regard to take-home technology devices from school.)
{LC3658/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2108**BY** Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Conley, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ECONOMIC AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE ACT OF 2020
{LC3474/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2109**BY** Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Allows new applicants who apply after August 1, 2020, for net-metering systems and community remote-net-metering systems and any person that is a renewable self-generator to increase the maximum mega wattage from thirty to sixty mega watts.)
{LC3675/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2110**BY** Lynch Prata, Seveney, Euer, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Prohibits the importation, transportation, disbursement, distribution, sale, purchase, or possession of any species of non-native (exotic) invasive plants.)
{LC3727/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2111**BY** Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Conley, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - IDLING (Removes the word diesel in regard to idling of engines and would pertain to idling of all engines.)
{LC3475/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2112**BY** Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Euer, Conley, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- THE CLIMATE CHANGE COASTAL ADAPTATION TRUST FUND (Establishes the RI coastal adaptation trust fund. The trust enables the state and its cities and towns to apply for grants to fund projects that invest in measures that adapt infrastructure on public lands to address the impacts of climate change.)
{LC3729/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2113**BY** Felag, Ciccone, Lombardo, Conley, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND LIVABLE HOME MODIFICATION ACT (Establishes Rhode Island Livable Home Modification Grant to eligible homeowners and renters to retrofit their residence to nationally recognized accessibility standards.)

{LC3592/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2114**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LITTLE CIGAR TAX (Requires that the tax imposed on little cigars be imposed in the same manner as the tax imposed on cigarettes, that 25% of such tax revenue would be applied to smoking cessation programs, and requires that little cigars be sold in packs of 20 or more.)

{LC3442/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2115**BY** Archambault, Conley, Rogers, Lombardo, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Entitles dairy farms to the exemptions from taxation granted to farmland, forestland, or open space.)

{LC3496/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2116**BY** Coyne, Seveney, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes a tax exemption for tangible business or personal property in whole or in part within the town of Bristol's community limits, subject to authorization by the action of the town council of the town of Bristol.)

{LC3668/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2117**BY** Felag, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Sosnowski, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - HOME COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY (Expands eligibility for elderly services assistance to persons under age 65 suffering from physician confirmed Alzheimer's disease related dementia with income not to exceed 250% of federal poverty level.)
{LC3904/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2118**BY** Felag, Seveney, Lombardo, DiPalma, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX - MILITARY RETIREMENT (Excludes for the purposes of Rhode Island state income taxes, the first \$25,000 of eligible military retirement income, paid by the state or federal government to persons 60 years or older received in the 2021 tax year, and thereafter.)
{LC3586/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2119**BY** Felag, Coyne, Seveney, de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Sets regionalization bonus at two percent (2%) of state's share of foundation education aid formula.)
{LC3584/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2120**BY** Felag, Seveney, Lombardo, Ciccone, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides a fifteen thousand dollar (\$15,000) deduction of federal taxable retirement income from federal AGI in order to calculate the income of a Rhode Island resident.)
{LC3582/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2121**BY** Quezada, Goodwin, Goldin, Bell, Metts

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO YEAR UP PROVIDENCE (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to Year Up Providence.)
{LC3740/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2122**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG SALES -- REPRESENTATIVE DISCLOSURE ACT (Requires prescription drug manufacturers to file a detailed, updated list of each pharmaceutical sales representative and to pay an annual fee for each name listed with the department of business regulation.)
{LC3444/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2123**BY** Miller, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOODS AND DRUGS -- THE UNIFORMED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Expands drug awareness programs to high schools, directs funding from certain civil fines and mandates establishment of criteria for funding.)
{LC3445/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2124**BY** Quezada, Metts, Valverde, Goodwin, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- PERINATAL DOULA SERVICES (Provides for medical assistance health care for expectant mothers and establishes medical assistance coverage and reimbursement rates for perinatal doula services.)
{LC3744/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2125**BY** Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits insurance companies from varying the premium rates charged for a health coverage plan based on the gender of the individual policy holder, enrollee, subscriber, or member.)
{LC3641/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2126**BY** Archambault, DiPalma, Sheehan, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROL SUBSTANCES ACT (Requires that professionals authorized to prescribe opioid drugs discuss addiction risks and when appropriate alternative treatments with patients upon the second refill and/or upon the third prescription.)
{LC3492/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2127**BY** Lawson, Murray, Valverde, Miller, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Amends the definition of the practice of pharmacy to include the authority to prescribe drugs and devices. The act also provides the conditions for which a pharmacist may prescribe an indicated drug or device.)
{LC3684/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2128**BY** Miller, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM (Creates a pilot program to prevent drug overdoses through the establishment of harm reduction centers, and requires the director of the department of health to promulgate regulations.)
{LC3451/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2129**BY** Sosnowski, Algiere, Valverde**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.)

{LC3734/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2130**BY** Goldin, Seveney, Miller, Goodwin, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Creates the "Large Capacity Feeding Device Ban Act" of 2020 which would ban the sale, possession or transfer of large capacity feeding devices with exceptions for law enforcement and military personnel.)

{LC3664/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2131**BY** Miller, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Gallo, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Bans possession, sale and transfer of assault weapons which are not property registered.)

{LC3441/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2132**BY** Euer, McCaffrey, Valverde, Murray, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL ASSAULT

(Eliminates the marital sexual assault exception when a victim is incapacitated, disabled, or helpless.)

{LC3143/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2133**BY** Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows James R. Boyd, Jr., to join Alyssa Lynn LaValley and Andrew James Fleming in marriage on or about July 25, 2020, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC3947/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2134**BY** Metts, Ciccone, Quezada, DiPalma, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES
(Prohibits discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income.)
{LC3776/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2135**BY** Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING
FIELDS (Increases the amount of reimbursement funds required to be paid by the Rhode Island
airport corporation to the city of Warwick for municipal services.)
{LC3726/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2136**BY** Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Conley, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND
PARENTAGE ACT (Repeals current state law regarding paternity and replaces it with a more
comprehensive parentage act that provides procedures establishing parentage, genetic testing,
surrogacy agreements and assisted reproduction.)
{LC3601/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2137**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON CAMPUS [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Mandates arming campus police at public higher educational institutions and includes campus police in the definition of "law enforcement officer" for the purposes of the "Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.")
{LC3839/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2138**BY** Rogers, Paolino, Morgan, Algieri, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES-WEAPONS (Allows attorney general to enter into agreement with states relative to concealed weapon carry permits/allows license permit holders from those states to carry concealed weapons in Rhode Island provided they are in compliance with other laws of the state.)
{LC3817/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2139**BY** DiPalma, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PRESERVATION OF FAMILIES WITH DISABLED PARENT ACT (Precludes a parent's disability from serving as the sole basis for the state to institute an investigation of the disabled parent's family.)
{LC3417/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2140**BY** Euer, Goldin, Murray, Valverde, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Forbids an employer to require an employee to execute a nondisclosure agreement; or non-disparagement agreement regarding alleged violations of civil rights or criminal conduct as a condition of employment.)
{LC3144/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2141**BY** Archambault, Quezada, McCaffrey, DiPalma, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Allows DOT to lease airport property up to 50 years for substantial improvement/building and increases RI airport corporation directors from 7 to 9 with one appointment (RIPA) and (RIGABOA).)
{LC3713/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2142**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS (Allows 288 hours of trade school training to qualify for the journeyperson "B" electrical exam. Increases the period of indentured apprenticeship with the department of labor and training and a licensed electrician master to 4 years.)
{LC3585/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2143**BY** Quezada, Valverde, Nesselbush, Metts, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Gradually increases the hourly minimum wage from \$10.50 to \$15 by July 1, 2024, and the hourly minimum wage for employees receiving gratuities from \$3.89 an hour to \$15 an hour by January 1, 2028.)
{LC3747/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2144**BY** Felag, Seveney, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS (Authorizes the town of Bristol to regulate live entertainment.)
{LC3666/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2145**BY** Archambault, Satchell, Coyne, Sosnowski, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS - MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Authorizes the issuance of farmer-brewery and farmer-distillery licenses to qualifying farms subject to conditions and regulations issued by the department of regulation.)
{LC3498/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 2146**BY** Sosnowski, Algieri, Valverde**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DALE HOLBERTON, SOUTH KINGSTOWN TOWN CLERK, ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE
{LC3880/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2147**BY** Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Conley, Miller, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Increases the minimum wage gradually up to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour by the year 2024.)
{LC3644/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

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 – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

RECUSED – 1: Senator Bell.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Goodwin announces that there will be no session on Thursday, January 23, 2020.

Senator Goodwin announces that Ethics Training will take place on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the Rise in the lounge of the State House.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator McCaffrey, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 4:32 o'clock P.M, in memory of *Claire A. Birkmaier*.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, January 28 at 4:21 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 38: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sheehan and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Austen Sundara, in intern from Brown University.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Archambault and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Samuel Bartoes, a Senate intern.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2148**

BY Satchell, Algiere, Gallo, Ruggerio, Lombardi

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DANIEL D. SYLVESTER
{LC3649/1}

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2149**BY** Cano, Crowley, Nesselbush, Ruggerio, Paolino**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR "THE YEAR OF THE RAT"

{LC3972/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Cano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Cano moves passage, seconded by seconded by The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, 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 Mr. Douglas Hsu, Director of the General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston; Mrs. Claudia Hsu, the wife of the Director General; Ms. Lilian Hung, Deputy Director; Mr. Sunny Ng, President of the Rhode Island Association of Chinese Americans; Professor Wan Yinsheng, Professor of Biology at Providence College; and Minister Wensong Pan, CCRI Minister.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Douglas Hsu, Director- General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston addresses the senate chamber.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

Senator Cano presents the wonderful Lion Dance performed by Taiwanese Americans from Brown University to celebrate the Year of Rat.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2150****BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES (Includes the majority leader of the senate as a member of the joint committee on legislative services.)

{LC4101/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2151**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Adam J. Satchell to join Casey Lynn O'Malley and Daniel Michael Noobler in marriage on or about April 25, 2020, within the Town of East Greenwich, Rhode Island.)

{LC3780/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020:**1. 2020-S 2102****BY** Lombardo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ERNEST PITOCELLI, SR.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2020-S 2146**BY** Sosnowski, Algieri, Valverde**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DALE HOLBERTON, SOUTH KINGSTOWN TOWN CLERK, ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. 2020-H 7244**BY** Serpa, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF FRED'S AUTOHAUS, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

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

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

NOT VOTING – 1: Senator Morgan

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020:

1. 2020-S 2004 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.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and without objection, Senate bill 20-S 2004 Sub A is ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Wednesday, January 29, 2020.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Senator Goodwin announces that Ethics Training will be held at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Satchell seconded by Senator Goodwin, and upon the suggestion of Senator Satchell the Senate adjourns at 4:53 o'clock P.M, in memory of *Daniel D. Sylvester*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR FRANK A. CICCONE, III**

Dear Lord, We pray that you bless this Senate. Help us to work with a real commitment to resolving the problems that face our State. Remind us to always treat each other with dignity and respect. Amen.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR SANDRA CANO**

Almighty God, we thank you for this day. We thank you for awakening us with a renewed spirit and the vigor to live each day to the fullest. We thank you for the love, comfort and impenetrable bond we share with our families and with your divine spirit. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020:

1. 2020-S 2102

BY Lombardo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ERNEST PITOCELLI, SR.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2020-S 2146

BY Sosnowski, Algieri, Valverde

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DALE HOLBERTON, SOUTH KINGSTOWN TOWN CLERK, ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. 2020-H 7244

BY Serpa, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF FRED'S AUTOHAUS, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020:

1. 2020-S 2004 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.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020:

- 1. 2020-S 2151**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020:

1. 2020-S 2004 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.

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND

House Bill No. 7117

BY Barros, Shanley, Mendez, Tobon, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Matthew A. Lopes, Jr., to join Audilia Vale and Jose V. Monteiro, Jr., in marriage on or about February 2, 2020, within the Town of Lincoln, Rhode Island.)
{LC3656/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH

House Bill No. 7244

BY Serpa, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF FRED'S AUTOHAUS, INC.
{LC3912/1}

Transmitted to Governor