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Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Tenth Legislative Day

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

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 36: 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Quezada and Satchell.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator de la Cruz, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Ninth Legislative Day of the 2019 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Bell and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Micol Striuli, a Senate intern.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Coyne and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Carly Johnson, an intern from Providence College.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Paolino and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Cameron Theriault, an intern and senior from URI who is majoring in History and minoring in Political Science.

APPOINTMENTS 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

February 5, 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:

Susan Carson Petrovas

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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

February 5, 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 illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday and Thursday, February 5 and 6, 2020.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Adam J. Satchell

Senate District 09

Read and ordered to be placed on file

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



Senate Chamber

February 5, 2020

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio

President of the Senate

State House Room 318

Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber Wednesday, February 5th and Thursday, February 6th 2020 as I will be out of town.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Ana B. Quezada

Senator – District 2

Read and ordered to be placed on file

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

Senate Bill No. 2161

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Daniel Baker to join Emily Jeanne Lewis and Brian Patrick Hartley in marriage on or about July 4, 2020, within the Town of Middletown, Rhode Island.)
{LC4115/1}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2160

BY Murray, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Stephen R. Ucci to join Darlene M. Boudreau and the Honorable Michael A. Morin in marriage on or about July 30, 2020, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)
{LC4150/1}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2159

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Timi Rosalie Gelfman Sgouros to join Asha Alice Frances Misra and John Sinclair Wrenn in marriage on or about June 20, 2020, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)
{LC4146/1}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2136 SUB A

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/A/1}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Calendar for Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

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}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Calendar for Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

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}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Calendar for Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

Senate Bill No. 2005

BY Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -

DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT (Requires that the secretary of EOHHS, the secretary of commerce of the commerce corporation and the commissioners of elementary and secondary education and postsecondary education be appointed subject to the approval of the senate.)

{LC3166/1}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Calendar for Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2315****BY** McCaffrey

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING BISHOP HENDRICKEN COACH DAVE HANSON ON BEING NAMED THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS 2018-2019 NATIONAL BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING COACH OF THE YEAR
{LC4168/1}

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 Algieri, Sheehan, Archambault, McKenney, and Lynch Prata.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2316**BY** Ciccone, Ruggerio, Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF A. VINCENT IGLIOZZI
{LC3378/1}

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 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senators Goodwin, Archambault, Lombardi, Felag, Rogers, and Gallo speak on the Resolution.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2317****BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Gallo, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits cost sharing for persons forty-five (45) years or older for colorectal screening examinations, laboratory tests and colonoscopies covered by health insurance policies.)

{LC3657/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2318**BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Miller, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - DRUG COST TRANSPARENCY ACT (Requires pharmaceutical drug manufacturers and pharmacy benefit managers to provide wholesale acquisition cost/drug prices/rebates/fees/drug sales information to DOH/Insurance Commissioner yearly.)

{LC3958/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2319**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Limits beneficiary's out-of-pocket expenditures for prescription drugs to limits established for self-only and family coverage per year established in the Internal Revenue Code. Effective January 1, 2021.)

{LC4405/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2320**BY** Coyne, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD - GROUP PURCHASING BOARD FOR RX WE CAN AFFORD (Creates a prescription drug affordability board composed of representatives of affected stakeholders designated to investigate and comprehensively evaluate drug prices for Rhode Islanders and possible ways to reduce them to make them more affordable.)

{LC4416/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2321**BY** DiPalma, Felag, Euer, Coyne, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM (Creates the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program which allows for the wholesale importation of prescription drugs from Canada by or on behalf of the state.)
{LC4193/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2322**BY** Murray, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTIONS (Limits health insurance carriers that provide coverage for prescription insulin drugs used to treat diabetes to fifty (\$50) dollars copayment for a thirty (30) day supply of medically necessary insulin.)
{LC4000/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2323**BY** Felag, Pearson, Miller, Gallo, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES (Requires pharmacists to advise on lower cost generic drug alternatives.)
{LC4296/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2324**BY** Crowley, Lombardo, Conley, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (Allows for modification of drug coverage pursuant to a health benefit plan as long as the modification occurs at the time of renewal, is effective among all health benefit plans which are at least substantially identical, and written notice is provided.)
{LC4122/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2325**BY** McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Maryellen Goodwin to join Katuska Pérez and Brian Parker in marriage on or about September 6, 2020, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC4219/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2326**BY** DiPalma, Miller, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Authorizes the film office director to waive the primary locations within the state requirement for any feature film or television production spending a minimum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in qualified expenditures.)
{LC3974/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2327**BY** Gallo, Lawson, Sheehan, Euer, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FUNDRAISING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Allows school committees to budget funds for field trips when creating a school budget.)
{LC4291/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

CONSENT CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020:**

1. **2020-S 2078**
 BY Miller
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2. **2020-S 2133**
 BY Conley
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3. **2020-S 2237**
 BY Crowley
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 90TH
 BIRTHDAY OF GERARD ROBERT PLAMONDON

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
4. **2020-S 2313**
 BY Lombardo
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE INITIAL REPORTING
 DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON HOUSING, TASKED
 WITH CONDUCTING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF RHODE ISLAND'S
 HOUSING SYSTEM

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
5. **2020-S 2314**
 BY Miller
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND
 EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY
 THE IMPACT OF INSURER PAYMENTS ON ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

6. 2020-H 7010**BY** Jacquard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS

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

7. 2020-H 7279**BY** Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF VJA REALTY, LLC

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

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

YEAS – 36: 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020:

1. ***The Appointment of Honorable Charles J. Fogarty to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2021.***

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

Senator Gallo moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senator Goodwin, The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Goldin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given to this appointment, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 36: 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

2. ***The Appointment of Matthew Lenz, Esq. (selected from a list provided by Senate President) to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2022.***

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

Senator Gallo moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded By The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Archambault, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

Senators Sheehan, Cano, and Pearson discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given to this appointment, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 36: 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate welcomes to the Chamber the newly appointed Matthew Lenz, Esq., Maria Lenz, his wife; Alexander Lenz, his son; Angelina Lenz, his daughter; Linda Lenz, his mother; Bob Streeton, his step-father; and Representative Arthur Corvese, his father-in-law.

3. *The Appointment of Roby Luna to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2022.*

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

Senator Gallo moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Felag, Lombardo, Sosnowski, Lawson, Archambault, Cano, Seveney, and DiPalma.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given to this appointment, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 36: 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

4. *The Appointment of Michael McNally to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2023.*

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

Senator Gallo moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators DiPalma, Sosnowski, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Felag, Lombardo, Sheehan, Cano, Pearson, and Seveney.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given to this appointment, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 36: 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

5. *The Appointment of Vahid Ownjazayeri to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2023.*

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

Senator Gallo moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Sosnowski, Lynch Prata, Felag, Goodwin, Archambault, Sheehan, Seveney, Euer, and DiPalma.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given to this appointment, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 36: 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

6. *The Appointment of Yahaira Placencia to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2022.*

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

Senator Gallo moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Metts, Lynch Prata, Felag, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Goodwin, Conley, Lombardo, Sheehan, Cano, Valverde, Euer, and DiPalma.

Senator Cano discusses the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given to this appointment, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 36: 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

7. *The Appointment of Armand E. Sabitoni to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2023.*

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

Senator Gallo moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by McKenney, Lynch Prata, Conley, Felag, Lombardo, Lombardi, Sheehan, Picard, Algieri, Valverde, Raptakis, Coyne, Nesselbush, and DiPalma.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, on a roll call vote, 35 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 1: Senator Bell.

8. 2020-S 2147 SUB A**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
MINIMUM WAGES

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

Senator Lynch Prata moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Felag, Lombardi, Crowley, Lawson, Cano, Coyne, Murray, Seveney, and DiPalma.

Senators Raptakis and Miller discuss the act.

Senator Morgan, seconded by Senators de la Cruz, Rogers, and Raptakis, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT**TO****2020 -- S 2147 SUBSTITUTE A****AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES**

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2020 -- S 2147 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 4, by deleting the following language "October 1, 2020" and inserting in place thereof the following language "January 1, 2021".

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR MORGAN

LC003644/6

Senators Bell, Lynch Prata, Goldin, and Raptakis discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails upon a roll call vote with 6 members voting in the affirmative and 30 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 6: Senators Algiere, de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis, and Rogers.

NAYS – 30: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Archambault, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

Senator Morgan, seconded by Senators de la Cruz, and Rogers, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2020 -- S 2147 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2020 -- S 2147 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled “AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES”, as follows:

1. On page 2, line 5, after the word "hour", by inserting the language "only for workers of employers that have fifty (50) employees or more".

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR MORGAN

LC003644/5

Senators Bell, Lynch Prata, Goldin, and Raptakis speak on the amendment.

The motion to amend fails upon a roll call vote with 6 members voting in the affirmative and 30 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 6: Senators Algiere, de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis, and Rogers.

NAYS – 30: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Archambault, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

Senators Crowley, Metts, DiPalma, McKenney, Sheehan, Bell, Raptakis, Goldin, Morgan, and Lynch Prata discuss the act.

The act is read and passed upon a roll call vote with 30 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Archambault, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 6: Senators Algiere, de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis, and Rogers.

9. 2020-S 2095

BY Algiere

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOL BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Algiere moves passage, seconded by Senators Felag, Lombardi, Ciccone, Sheehan, Archambault, Valverde, de la Cruz, and Morgan.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 36: 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

10. 2020-S 2096**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Ciccone moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Lombardo, Archambault, Sheehan, and Felag.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 36: 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Ciccone, seconded by Senator Goodwin, and upon the suggestion of Senator Ciccone the Senate adjourns at 5:46 o'clock P.M, *in memory of A. Vincent Iglizzi*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR DE LA CRUZ**

God in Heaven we thank you for the privilege that is to serve in this great chamber and with so many distinguished people. You were the first law giver and I pray that our business and our lawmaking today reflects your own wisdom, compassion and justice. We pray for your guidance and for your help as we do our best to serve you and the people of Rhode Island. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020:

- 1. 2020-S 2159**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 2. 2020-S 2160**
BY Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 3. 2020-S 2161**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020:**

1. **2020-S 2066**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
 PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

 Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
2. **2020-S 2067**
 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.
3. **2020-S 2091**
 BY Felag
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
 OPEN MEETINGS

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4. **2020-S 2129**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020:**

1. **2020-S 2125**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
 INSURANCE POLICIES

 Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
2. **2020-S 2087**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -
 NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENTS - BROADCAST EMPLOYEES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3. **2020-S 2005**
 BY Ruggerio
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
 DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4. **2020-S 2090**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING
 FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
5. **2020-S 2134**
 BY Metts
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
6. **2020-S 2136 SUB A**
 BY Lynch Prata
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND
 PARENTAGE ACT

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

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

House Bill No. 7279

BY Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF VJA REALTY, LLC
{LC3951/1}

Transmitted to Governor.