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Thirteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:15 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, 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.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Archambault and Morgan.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication:

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

February 12, 2020

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, due to illness. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine J. Morgan
SENATE MINORITY WHIP

Read and ordered to be placed on file

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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

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}

From the Committee on Health and Human Services to the Calendar.

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}

From the Committee on Health and Human Services to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2224

BY Pearson, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - SEPSIS PROTOCOLS (Requires hospitals to adopt protocols for the early detection and treatment of patients with sepsis.)

{LC3926/1}

From the Committee on Health and Human Services to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2231

BY Satchell, Miller, Valverde, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT -- NON-OPIATE DIRECTIVE (Directs filing non-opiate directives with

the DOA and deletes requirements for recording in electronic health record and verification by a registered practitioner. Replaces medical disciplinary board with the dept of health for compliance violations.)

{LC3650/1}

From the Committee on Health and Human Services to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2232

BY Miller, Lawson, Goldin, Valverde, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HEALING ART OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (Changes the title of chapter 37.2 of title 5 and throughout, replacing "Oriental medicine" with "Chinese medicine" and allows certified individuals to practice acupuncture and Chinese medicine using Chinese medical diagnostic methods.)

{LC3447/1}

From the Committee on Health and Human Services to the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

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}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2331

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christopher John Marsella to join Alicia Lorraine Anthony and Xaykham Rexford Khamsyvoravong in marriage on or about June 2, 2020, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC4353/1}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Consent Calendar.

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}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2266**BY** Crowley, Quezada, Nesselbush, Conley, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Raises juror's fees for each day's attendance on the superior court from \$15.00 per day to \$25.00 per day commencing July 1, 2020, and increases to \$35.00 per day commencing July 1, 2021 and thereafter.)

{LC3113/1}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2267**BY** Crowley, Quezada, Nesselbush, Metts, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Allows jurors to donate their juror fees to the state into the general fund.)

{LC3116/1}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2270**BY** Lynch Prata, Miller, Conley, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER (Creates joint committee to compile suggestions for repeal of statutes, regulations, and executive orders.)

{LC3745/1}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2273

BY Goldin, Cano, Valverde, Satchell, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Permits campaign funds to be used to pay all childcare expenses that are incurred as a direct result of campaign activity.)

{LC3859/1}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2338**

BY Lawson, Conley, Coyne

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING JOSEPH CONNORS ON HIS RETIREMENT AS AN EAST PROVIDENCE CITY SERGEANT

{LC4588/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Lawson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lawson moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, 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 Senators Lawson and Conley and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Barbara Connors, City Committee Member; Joey Connors, a constituent; and Pat Conaty, a constituent.

Senate Resolution No. 2339

BY Nesselbush

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY, 2020, AS "NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH" IN RHODE ISLAND

{LC4140/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Nesselbush requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Nesselbush moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, 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, 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 Nesselbush and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Dr. John Kian, Vice President of the Rhode Island Dental Association; Christy Durant, Esq., General Counsel for the Rhode Island Dental Association; Dr. Robert Bartro, Board Administrator; Sadi DeCourcy, Oral Health Manager for the Rhode Island Department of Health; Katie Drona, Policy Analyst for Rhode Island Kids Count; Virginia Ciarrao, President Elect of the Rhode Island Dental Assistants Association; Marty Dellapenna, Co-Chair of the Rhode Island Oral Health Commission; Marie Jones-Bridges, Public Health Dental Hygienist; Jordyn Learman, from the Oral Health Program of the Rhode Island Department of Health; and Veronica Rosa-Dafonseca, from the Oral Health Program of the Rhode Island Department of Health.

Senate Resolution No. 2340

BY McCaffrey, McKenney, Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PAUL J. SHANLEY

{LC3409/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Lynch Prata requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lynch Prata moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts,

Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

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 Lombardi announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Metts announces that the Committee on Education will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Raptakis announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Lynch Prata seconded by Senator Goodwin, and upon the suggestion of Senator Lynch Prata the Senate adjourns at 4:39 o'clock P.M, in memory of *Paul T. Shanley*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR FRANK S. LOMBARDI**

Lord, as we continue your work here in this chamber, let us be reminded of the words spoken long ago by Abraham Lincoln that still ring true today. "Determine the thing that can be done and shall be done, and then we shall find a way." Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020:

- 1. 2020-S 2325**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 2. 2020-S 2331**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020:

1. **2020-S 2162**
 BY Lynch Prata
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS -- BOARD
 OF ELECTIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020:**

1. **2020-S 2123**
 BY Miller
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOODS AND DRUGS -- THE UNIFORMED
 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

 Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
2. **2020-S 2126**
 BY Archambault
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROL
 SUBSTANCES ACT

 Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
3. **2020-S 2224**
 BY Pearson
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - SEPSIS
 PROTOCOLS

 Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
4. **2020-S 2231**
 BY Satchell
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM
 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT -- NON-OPIATE DIRECTIVE

 Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
5. **2020-S 2232**
 BY Miller
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE
 HEALING ART OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE

 Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
6. **2020-S 2139**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
 PRESERVATION OF FAMILIES WITH DISABLED PARENT ACT

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. **2020-S 2266**
 BY Crowley
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--
 PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES
- Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
8. **2020-S 2267**
 BY Crowley
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
 PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES
- Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
9. **2020-S 2270**
 BY Lynch Prata
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT
 COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER
- Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
10. **2020-S 2273**
 BY Goldin
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN
 CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING
- Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Robert L. Ricci
Secretary of the Senate