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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, February 25th at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 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, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Pearson.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

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 25, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 31-13-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the State Traffic Commission:

Chief William Nebus

(RI Police Chiefs Association)

VICE

Colonel David P. Tikoian

To serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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

February 24, 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 Tuesday, February 25th – Thursday, February 27th, 2020, as I will be traveling out of town.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ryan W. Pearson
Senator – District 19

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



Senate Chamber

February 25, 2020

Mr. Bob Ricci
Secretary of the Senate
145 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Ricci:

I would like to respectfully request the withdrawal of Senate bill S- 2284 an act relating to Criminal Offenses--Weapons. I am the prime sponsor of this bill. S- 2284 has been assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation of this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Jessica de la Cruz
Senator, District 23

Read and ordered to be placed on file

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

February 10, 2020

Mr. Robert L. Ricci
Secretary of the Senate
220 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Secretary Ricci:

I am writing to you pursuant to Rule 6.5 to request a hearing on all of my bills. I am happy to work with committee chairs to arrange a convenient hearing time beyond the eight legislative day timeline. I believe in encouraging convenient and optimal scheduling, and I do not wish the committee chairs to incur any inconvenience on my behalf because of the eight day limit.

Because of the delays in processing bill requests in Legislative Council, many of these bills have yet to be returned, signed, and submitted, but I am making this request for all my bills for which I have currently issued requests for drafting.

Thank you so much for your help and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Samuel W. Bell
Senator - District 5

Read and ordered to be placed on file

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2491****BY** Lawson, Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2020, TO BE "PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IN RHODE ISLAND"

{LC3252/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Lawson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator 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, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, 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 Lawson and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Mrs. Mary Jo Pouliot, an ELA teacher for 35 years in Smithfield, as well as a friend and educator; and Mr. Ray Pouliot, a Social Studies teacher for 35 years in East Greenwich, husband to Mary Jo, and the Vice President of the Learning First Alliance.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Gallo and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Stephanie Manderville from the NEA.

Senate Resolution No. 2492

BY Metts, Quezada, Cano, Ruggerio, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC4595/1}

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 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, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, 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 Metts and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber James Vincent, President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Providence Branch; Muraina Akinfolarin, Director of OASIS International.

Senate Resolution No. 2493

BY Cano

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RAYMOND J. SPOONER

{LC3697/1}

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 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, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Bill No. 2494

BY Pearson, Conley, DiPalma, Seveney, Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Creates a new income tax bracket of 6.99% on taxable income over five hundred thousand dollars. Any tax collected on this income deposited into restricted receipt account and expended on education for grades kindergarten through twelfth grade.)

{LC4139/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Resolution No. 2495

BY Lombardo, Nesselbush, Archambault

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF TALIA DELMONICO

{LC4460/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Senate Resolution No. 2496

BY Raptakis, Rogers

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF JOHN S. MACDONALD ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE COVENTRY POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

{LC5025/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Senate Bill No. 2497

(by request)

BY Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - INDECENT DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provides Internet devices and have obscene material filters. Creates grant fund for survivors of sex-related offenses.)

{LC4851/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

Senate Bill No. 2498

BY Euer, Quezada, DiPalma, Goodwin, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES - TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SERVICES - WHEELCHAIR LIFT EQUIPMENT VEHICLES

{LC4724/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

Senate Bill No. 2499

BY Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Extends the co-operation requirement public utilities have by law with contractors involved in state construction projects to municipal, political subdivisions and other quasi-governmental agencies.)

{LC4940/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

Senate Bill No. 2500

BY Sosnowski, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SERVICES - TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM (Provides New Shoreham has the exclusive authority to prescribe rules and regulations

pertaining to the operation, licensing, and regulation of transportation network service companies and their services when TNCs are operating in the town of New Shoreham.)

{LC4755/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

Senate Bill No. 2501

(by request)

BY Morgan, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - INTERNET FILTERING IN SCHOOLS (School Internet filtering policy prohibits pornography.)

{LC4873/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education

Senate Bill No. 2502

BY Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY--SCHOOL SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (Requires the department of public safety to procure, subject to appropriation, an interoperable school safety emergency communications system that facilitates emergency response activities in the state.)

{LC4971/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education

Senate Bill No. 2503

BY Gallo, Conley, Lombardo, Picard, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Establishes courses that include instruction in career and technical education programs.)

{LC5022/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education

Senate Bill No. 2504**BY** Sosnowski, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Amends the maximum allowable capacity for net metering systems in the Block Island Utility District and Pascoag Utility District.)

{LC4936/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

Senate Bill No. 2505**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Gallo, Lombardi, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFIED NURSE-TEACHER (Requires that only certified nurse-teachers may be employed as school nurses in elementary and secondary schools.)

{LC5113/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education

Senate Bill No. 2506**BY** Satchell, Sheehan, Seveney, Lawson, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Provides for the creation of a database of instructional intervention strategies used by individual schools and local educational agencies.)

{LC4886/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education

Senate Bill No. 2507**BY** Cano, Quezada, Metts, Crowley, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID

{LC4915/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education

Senate Bill No. 2508

BY Seveney, Euer, DiPalma, Coyne, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SUICIDE PREVENTION--THE NATHAN BRUNO AND JASON FLATT ACT (Creates the "Nathan Bruno and Jason Flatt Act" which would require training of teachers and school personnel regarding suicide awareness and prevention and establishment of a conflict resolution process between teachers or school personnel and students.)

{LC4682/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education

Senate Bill No. 2509

BY Cano, Metts, Quezada, Crowley, Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - EDUCATION EQUALITY - COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ACT (This act would furnish financial support for the planning and implementation of effective community schools that would provide students with equitable access to a high-quality education.)

{LC4907/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education

Senate Bill No. 2510

BY Ciccone, Lombardi, Lombardo, Archambault, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MECHANICAL TRADES -- PURCHASE AND SALE RESTRICTION OF REFRIGERANT (Requires compliance with 40 C.F.R § 82.150 – 161 that prevents the sale, distribution or purchase of ozone depleting substances and authorizes director of labor and training to enforce provisions.)

{LC4893/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

Senate Bill No. 2511**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET-METERING (Replaces term multi-municipal with multi-party and defines it as combination of 2 or more eligible parties that enter into agreement for purpose of co-owning one or more eligible net-metering resources or entering into financing arrangement(s).)

{LC5087/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

Senate Bill No. 2512**BY** Euer, Sosnowski, Murray, Conley, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL (Requires any person, business or establishment that provides or sells pesticides for home use to post the pesticide consumer protection warning or notice produced by the department of environmental management in a prominent place to protect consumers.)

{LC5108/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

Senate Bill No. 2513**BY** McKenney, Sheehan, Cano, Valverde, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT RECYCLING ACT OF 2020 (Creates a refundable five cent (\$0.05) deposit for non-reusable beverage containers. A one cent (\$0.01) handling fee would be paid by distributors.)

{LC4837/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

Senate Bill No. 2514**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Allows for deductions from the salary of any state or municipal employee for insurance or employee benefits.)

{LC4997/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 2515**BY** Lombardi, Ciccone, Lombardo, Gallo, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PROMPT PAYMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Amends the provisions for prompt payment of monies owed by the department of administration to their contractors or subcontractors.)

{LC4778/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 2516**BY** Satchell, Seveney, Bell, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Creates three new categories of taxable income for income above \$232,000.)

{LC4740/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 2517**BY** Raptakis, Murray, Rogers, McKenney, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--
LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks under eight thousand one hundred pounds (8,100 lbs.) gross weight, used exclusively for personal use, from sales tax.)

{LC4716/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 2518**BY** Raptakis, Murray, McKenney, Paolino, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--
LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks under six thousand pounds (6,000 lbs.) gross weight, used exclusively for personal use, from sales tax.)

{LC4717/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 2519**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NURSING HOME
STAFFING AND QUALITY CARE ACT (Mandates minimum staffing levels/standards for
quality care for nursing homes with penalties for violations/grants for enhanced training/wages
adjusted for inflation.)

{LC4596/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2520**BY** Goldin, Valverde, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN
AND PREGNANT WOMEN (This act would allow pregnant women with an annual family

income above the applicable Medicaid income limit to be eligible to purchase health insurance through one of the Medicaid managed care plans.)

{LC4480/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2521

BY Coyne, Valverde, Goldin, Murray, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE BREAST CANCER ACT (Amends the current law so that digital breast tomosynthesis (dbt) screenings are available wherever mammograms are conducted and provides insurance coverage for such screenings.)

{LC4934/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2522

BY Euer, Goldin, Miller, Crowley, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LABORATORIES (Creates a comprehensive system to promote and regulate the effective and competent administration of medical laboratories by focusing on the training, qualifications and licensure of their practitioners.)

{LC4626/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2523

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (This act would increase the membership of the governor's council on behavioral health from thirty-one (31) to thirty-two (32) members by adding the president of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island or a designee.)

{LC4874/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2524**BY** Goodwin, Miller, McCaffrey, Goldin, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFETIME LIMITS (Revokes the authority of the health insurance commissioner's ability to enforce a ruling of the federal government or federal court that revokes the prohibition on limits on health insurance.)

{LC4665/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2525**BY** Miller, Goldin, Valverde, Satchell, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004--HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (This act would have the health insurance commissioner adopt a uniform set of medical criteria for prior authorization and create required form to be used by a health insurer.)

{LC4557/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2526**BY** Miller, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS (Requires drug manufactures to establish fund and manage state approved drug take back programs, free of charge to the consumer and pharmacy.)

{LC4431/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2527**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, Lawson, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (Allows the executive office of health and human services to use appropriated funds to support graduate medical education programs and research. At the same time implementing the appropriate payment mechanism in order to make the payments annually.)

{LC5017/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2528

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Establishes a program related to the disposal of extremely hazardous wastes generated by the use of toxic chemotherapy drugs to be implemented by pharmacists/physicians/health care providers/insurers in this state.)

{LC4765/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2529

BY Lynch Prata, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ALCOHOLISM (Requires the dept of behavioral healthcare/developmental disabilities/hospitals to coordinate with the DOH to propose revisions to chapter 1.10 and 10.1 of title 23, including updates and revisions of statutory language and evidence-based best practices.)

{LC4609/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2530

BY Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AIR QUALITY IN SCHOOLS (Requires the department of health, in conjunction with the department of environmental management, to conduct indoor and outdoor air quality tests in all public and private schools throughout the state on an annual basis.)

{LC4990/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2531**BY** Sheehan, Crowley, Picard, Metts, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

{LC4652/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2532**BY** Goldin, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT (Requires health insurers to accommodate the request for communication in the form and format requested by the insured.)

{LC4880/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2533**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, Lawson, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - - STATE BUILDING CODE (Requires enclosure of fuel supply and fuel return lines.)

{LC4985/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

Senate Bill No. 2534**BY** Lombardo, Ciccone, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND LOCAL ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Applies a tax to moderate-income housing equal to eight percent (8%) of the property's previous year's gross scheduled rental income as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Handbook 4461.1, Chapter 4, Section 2.)

{LC4782/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

Senate Bill No. 2535

BY Lombardi, Ciccone, Archambault, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- FREEWAYS (Exempts the operation of construction vehicles performing authorized public works functions from the prohibition on operating their vehicle in reverse on roadways.)

{LC4981/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

Senate Bill No. 2536

BY Bell, Quezada, Cano, Crowley, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND SANCTUARY STATE ACT (Designates schools, places of worship and courts as sensitive locations and require judicial warrant be obtained before enforcement of immigration laws. Prohibits local law enforcement enforcing federal immigration laws or providing personal information.)

{LC4526/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2537

BY Coyne, Ruggerio, Lombardo, Gallo, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Raises the legal age for persons to purchase or be sold or delivered certain tobacco products, electronic nicotine- delivery systems and liquid nicotine containers from eighteen (18) years of age to twenty-one (21) years of age.)

{LC4488/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2538

BY Morgan, de la Cruz, Ciccone, Lombardo, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS FINES COLLECTED (Prohibits the state, municipalities, or courts from attempting to collect any motor vehicle violation fines or costs, after more than seven (7) years of the fine becoming final.)

{LC5106/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2539

BY Euer, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS (Prohibits the sale of fur products in the state of Rhode Island.)

{LC5033/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2540

BY Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Prohibits person convicted of unnecessary cruelty to animals from owning or exercising control of an animal for life. Penalty for violation one thousand dollars (\$1000) and forfeiture of animal.)

{LC4917/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2541

BY de la Cruz, Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Amends the definition of firearms to include taser. Permits any person over the age of eighteen (18) to possess a stun gun. Enacts the review and appeal process of applying for a license to carry with the licensing authority or attorney general.)

{LC4879/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2542

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT (Extends the penalty provisions for failure to comply with the financial responsibility provisions of the motor vehicle reparations act to persons operating motor vehicles required to be registered in this state.)

{LC4661/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2543

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Allows persons with out-of-state licensed marijuana business to own interest in Rhode Island-licensed marijuana business.)

{LC4830/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2544

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Creates hardship designation for patients on SSDI, Medicaid, establishes discount medicine program, eliminates plant tagging, allows unlimited compassion center licenses, redefines debilitating condition, reduces compassion center license fee to \$5000.)

{LC4615/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2545

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Miller, Goodwin, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Reclassifies certain simple possession of drugs as misdemeanor instead of a felony.)

{LC4831/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2546

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MECHANICS' LIENS (Provides for the release of unperfected mechanics' liens by the filing of an affidavit.)

{LC4908/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor

Senate Bill No. 2547

BY Sosnowski, McCaffrey, DiPalma, Seveney, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS -- AIRPORT ZONING (Adds the terms "approach" and "approach zones" to mean airport land and airspace as defined by the FAA.)

{LC4935/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2548

BY McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the governor to designate any person to solemnize a marriage within the state of Rhode Island on a particular day and within a particular city or town.)

{LC4901/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2549**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING AND PLANNING BOARDS (This act would amend the voting requirements of planning and zoning boards.)

{LC4699/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2550**BY** Goodwin, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Terminates all parental rights of any person convicted of sexual assault which results in the birth of a child from that assault.)

{LC5081/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2551**BY** McKenney, Sheehan, Valverde, Euer, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS-CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS-PRIVATELY OWNED AND OPERATED DETENTION FACILITIES (Prohibits the operation of privately run detention facilities. Those currently in operation may continue to do so until January 1, 2028.)

{LC5021/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2552**BY** Cano, Metts, Quezada, Crowley, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE

{LC4906/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2553**BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION (Allows any proper local appointing authority of any city or town to appoint alternate members to their planning board.)

{LC4987/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2554**BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS--JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY (This act would limit liability of a tortfeasor for damages to several only and not joint, if it is found that the defendant's act or omission caused no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the damages sustained by the plaintiff.)

{LC4875/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2555**BY** Lombardi, Lombardo, Ciccone, Archambault, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION—SURETY BOND FOR TAX CREDITS (Requires an individual seeking a tax credit on property with a value greater than five million dollars must submit affidavit stating there are no outstanding liens.)

{LC5013/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2556**BY** Lombardo, Ciccone, Gallo, Picard, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- THREE WHEEL VEHICLES (Provides that three (3)-wheeled motorcycles be included under the licensing requirements of the department of motor vehicles.)

{LC4760/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

Senate Bill No. 2557**BY** Murray, Euer, Bell, Nesselbush, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE (Makes any single-user toilet facility in a public building or place of public accommodation available for use by persons of any gender.)

{LC5020/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2558**BY** Sheehan, Satchell, Crowley, Nesselbush, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS (Places limits on the terms that can be included in an agreement that settles a claim of sexual harassment, retaliation for reporting sexual harassment and stalking.)

{LC4883/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2559**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - CONSTRUCTION INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS (Adds a parking lot as a requirement to a contractor agreement to a construction indemnity agreement.)

{LC4279/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2560**BY** Ruggerio, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HOSPITAL-- WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT (Establishes procedures for employees to file complaints with hospital or director of department of health, for assaultive behavior or other

violation of law occurring on hospital grounds and require hospitals to institute safety training for employees.)

{LC4696/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2561

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE GENERALLY (This act would reduce the statutory interest on judgments for money in civil actions from twelve percent (12%) to six percent (6%).)

{LC4876/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2562

BY Quezada, Lawson, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - PREVENTING DISCRIMINATION
ON THE BASIS OF RACE (Protects hairstyle discrimination by expanding the definition of race to include traits historically associated with the race, including but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles.)

{LC4218/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2563

BY Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (Definef nondisclosure agreement and identifies mandatory and permissible nondisclosure agreements' language.)

{LC4591/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2564**BY** Seveney, DiPalma, Coyne, Miller, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Imposes a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250) substance abuse education assessment for any conviction of driving under the influence or a violation for refusal to submit to a breathalyzer.)

{LC4933/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2565**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Modifies the summons for eviction for reasons other than nonpayment of rent with the district court, to add a certificate of service section, and provide the options to post the summons and complaint conspicuously on the door of the defendant's dwelling.)

{LC4964/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2566**BY** Archambault, McCaffrey, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PUBLIC SAFETY AND PEER SUPPORT MEMBERS (Requires emergency service providers providing counseling to other providers to be certified by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, Inc. and requires the counselors to keep privileged the information received, with several exceptions.)

{LC5121/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2567

BY Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST (Adds Rhode Island certified state constables to the definition of peace officer.)

{LC4969/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2568

BY McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES --ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Requires the department of children, youth and families to report all suspected cases of child sexual abuse to the children's advocacy center.)

{LC5083/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2569

BY Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- THE JOINT TORTFEASOR ACT (This act would allow a release by the injured person of one joint tortfeasor to relieve that tortfeasor from liability to make contribution to another joint tortfeasor.)

{LC5093/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2570

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Lombardo, Ciccone, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (Requires attorney general to issue report of all charges involving a firearm, and if said charges were disposed for that calendar year. Included in report details of firearm.)

{LC4829/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2571

BY Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Establishes portability of unused estate tax credit of predeceasing spouse by surviving spouse for decedents dying after 12/31/19.)

{LC5014/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2572

(Attorney General)

BY Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Archambault, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT (Amends the Hospital Conversion Act to add the transaction's compliance with the Rhode Island Antitrust Act to the list of criteria for review by the Attorney General.)

{LC5057/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2573

(by request)

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Raises appraisal threshold amount for unfair practices re: auto insurance from \$2500 \$5000, requires insurance company to complete appraisal within four days, redefines fair market value to include compilations commonly used by the insurance industry.)

{LC5117/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2574**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Allows an employee in a class advanced from one pay range to another, to maintain the same step in the new pay range, as well as the same civil service status and their currently earned salary set consideration date.)

{LC4749/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor

Senate Bill No. 2575**BY** Cano, Goldin, Euer, Murray, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES -- SEXUAL HARASSMENT

{LC4914/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor

Senate Bill No. 2576**BY** Quezada, Metts, Crowley, Cano, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (For proposed wages, workers' compensation, temporary disability and unemployment benefits this act creates a new definition for "employee".)

{LC4191/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor

Senate Bill No. 2577**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Allows an employee in a class advanced from one pay range to another, to maintain the same step in the new pay range, as well as the same civil service status and their currently earned salary set consideration date.)

{LC4750/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor

Senate Bill No. 2578**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY AND WORKS - LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Requires bidders for any school construction contract of \$5,000,000 or more to have apprenticeship programs. Effective July 1, 2021.)

{LC4824/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor

Senate Bill No. 2579**BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS-LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS

{LC4897/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor

Senate Bill No. 2580**BY** Lombardi, Ciccone, Lombardo, Gallo, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MECHANICAL TRADES (Allows the holder of a valid master mechanical trade license to perform repair or renovation work on certain large air conditioning equipment but must subcontract the work if it includes new construction.)

{LC4777/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor

Senate Bill No. 2581**BY** Cano, Goodwin, Ciccone, Lombardi, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- APPRENTICESHIPS (This act would comprehensively amend the state's apprenticeship statutes to make them more consistent with applicable federal regulations and to make them easier to understand and more consistent with each other.)

{LC4803/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor

Senate Bill No. 2582**BY** Cano, Valverde, Conley, Goldin, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (Increases the amount of parental or family leave available to an employee from thirteen (13) weeks to twenty-six (26) weeks in any two (2) calendar years.)

{LC4739/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor

Senate Bill No. 2583**BY** McCaffrey, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- ORGANIZATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES (Requires that if state employee unions are engaged in contract negotiations and/or utilizing the dispute resolution process, all terms and conditions in the collective bargaining agreement shall continue to remain in effect.)

{LC4410/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor

Senate Bill No. 2584**BY** McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES-MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Requires manufacturers with on premises sales to maintain liquor liability insurance and comply with server training and health regulations. Effective January 1, 2021.)

{LC4900/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

Senate Bill No. 2585

(Attorney General)

BY Metts, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Allows for a civil investigative demand in instances of perceived violations of Rhode Islanders' civil rights.)

{LC5058/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2586

(Attorney General)

BY Metts, McCaffrey, Euer, Quezada, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Allows for the sealing of records pertaining to cases for which a person is acquitted or otherwise exonerated from a charged offense and eliminates the one hundred dollar (\$100) fee for the expungement of a criminal record)

{LC5055/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2587

(Attorney General)

BY Lynch Prata, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION -- HATE CRIMES SENTENCING ACT (Amends the definition of hate crime in various portions of the criminal law and provides that perpetrators may be prosecuted for hate crimes when they are motivated in part by perceptions or beliefs regarding those in protected groups.)

{LC5056/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2588

(Attorney General)

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Increases the criminal penalties for wage theft and employee misclassification.)

{LC5053/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2589

(Attorney General)

BY Lynch Prata, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Provides for criminal penalties for permitting commercial sexual activity and allows for the use of wire taps in instances of human trafficking and where commercial sexual activity is permitted on a premises.)

{LC5054/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2590

(Governor)

BY McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAROLE (Provides that for parole violations that don't involve a new criminal offense, the right to a final parole revocation hearing not involving new criminal offenses may be waived if the violator admits to the violation and accepts the sanctions imposed.)

{LC5094/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2591

(Governor)

BY Metts, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Provides that the public schools shall be responsible for attendance data monitoring and detection of emergent truant behavior.)

{LC5092/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2592

(Governor/Attorney General)

BY Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits the possession of firearms on school grounds except for peace officers, retired law enforcement officers, persons under contract to provide school security services, and unloaded firearms in locked containers or a locked rack on motor vehicles.)

{LC4695/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2593

(Governor/Attorney General)

BY Seveney, Coyne, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires firearms to be stored securely when not in use and enhances penalties for failure to store firearms in a secure manner.)

{LC4697/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2594

(Attorney General)

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Defines electric arm as a firearm and subjects it to various regulations under chapter 47 of title 11 and removes stun gun from the list of prohibited weapons.)

{LC4804/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2595

(Governor/Attorney General)

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits obtaining a firearm on behalf of another person if that person is prohibited from possessing a firearm, and would increase the penalties for a second and subsequent purchase of firearms by use of false information.)

{LC4698/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2596

(Governor/Attorney General)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Defines rifle and shotgun and makes it unlawful to possess a loaded rifle or shotgun in public subject to various exceptions.)

{LC4694/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2597

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS (Permits the use of e-pollbooks of this list of qualified voters at each polling place.)

{LC5037/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2598

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Requires that electors that cast emergency ballots in the 12 day period prior to any election day sign an electronic pollbook giving a reason why they cannot get to the polls and vote be cast immediately into a voting machine.)

{LC5043/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2599

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION S-- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Makes the chairperson of a political action committee or political party committee responsible for fines levied by the board of elections.)

{LC5040/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2600

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Requires candidates seeking to be elected by write-in ballot to file a declaration of intent, prior to the election, of a write-in candidacy.)

{LC5042/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2601

(Board of Elections)

BY Raptakis, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Changes the address of the board of elections to their new location in Cranston in the 'registration of voters' chapter.)

{LC5041/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2602

(Board of Elections)

BY Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS (Requires that inactive voters and mail ballot voters be indicated on the e-pollbooks.)

{LC5038/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2603

(Board of Elections)

BY Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS (Eliminates the requirement that the local board of canvassers publish in the local newspaper and allow for online publication on the official city or town website and all official city or town social media accounts.)

{LC5035/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2604

(Judiciary)

BY Lombardi, Euer, McKenney, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- FREEWAYS (Eliminates the provision a person who solicits a ride in a motor vehicle or backs up a motor vehicle on a freeway is guilty of a misdemeanor. Adds \$100 fine for advertising a motor vehicle for sale on a state highway to the schedule of violations.)

{LC4320/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2605

(Board of Elections)

BY Metts, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Modifies language to specify that election officials shall permit the voter to affix their mark at the polling place.)

{LC5039/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2606

(Board of Elections)

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS (Eliminates the requirement of a stenographic record and allow an electronic recording to be taken at the local board of canvassers proceedings.)

{LC5036/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2607

(Judiciary)

BY Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Adds the administrator of the supreme court as an individual authorized to perform marriages and would clarify that the current administrators of the superior court, family court, district court, or traffic tribunal are empowered to perform marriages.)

{LC4338/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2608

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Bans the sale of cosmetics developed/manufactured using animal testing. A violation would be a \$1,000 fine for each offense.)

{LC5072/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2609**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT
(Increases the age of children able to utilize a recorded forensic interview for cases of sexual abuse in grand jury testimony -- child assault from age fourteen (14) to age eighteen (18).)

{LC5082/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2610**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, Lawson, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER
PROTECTION IN EYE CARE ACT (Creates Consumer Protection in Eye Care Act which establishes standards for eye care.)

{LC4722/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2611**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SOLEMNIZATION OF
MARRIAGES (Prohibits the general assembly and the governor from authorizing persons, not expressly empowered to perform solemnization of marriage, to perform marriages.)

{LC4871/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2612**BY** Euer, Conley, Archambault, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - HIGHWAY SAFETY ACT (Amend several chapters regarding the operation of bikes on state highways and interaction with motor vehicles, aggressive honking, regulation of E-bikes, reckless driver accountability program & speed limits in thickly settled areas/business districts.)

{LC4655/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**House Bill No. 7069 SUB A****BY** McNamara, Caldwell, Noret, Ackerman, Lyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Allows a school district to assess or request a voluntary contribution of money from a student or the student's parent or legal guardian to make a donation, in whole or in part, for the cost of district-sponsored field trips, dances, and clubs.)

{LC3008/A/2}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education

House Bill No. 7247 SUB A**BY** Abney, Mattiello, Shekarchi, Edwards, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Authorizes motion picture tax credits for a production that does not have its primary location within the state, provided a minimum of ten million dollars in state certified production costs are incurred and paid within a twelve (12) month period.)

{LC3913/A/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

House Bill No. 7058**BY** Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Andrea Lynn Bolton to join Kimberly Victoria Bolton and Seith Michael Griffin in marriage on or about May 22, 2020, within the City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.)

{LC3210/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

House Bill No. 7103 SUB A as amended**BY** McKiernan, Caldwell, Knight, McNamara, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Provides that applications to purchase firearms be sent by the seller to the police department the city or town where the purchaser lives.)

{LC3663/A/2}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

House Bill No. 7086**BY** Serpa, Amore, Ackerman, Caldwell, McKiernan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (Enables innocent persons who have been wrongfully convicted of a crime to petition the presiding justice of the superior court for an award of compensation and damages.)

{LC3211/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

House Bill No. 7076**BY** Casey, Phillips, Lyle, Mattiello, Shekarchi

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.)

{LC3491/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7074**BY** Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Marvin L. Abney to join Cheryl Amando and Kyle Kresge in marriage on or about May 24, 2020, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC3529/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

House Bill No. 7343**BY** Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Anne-Marie Nicotero to join Kelsey Buckett and Shaun Labbe in marriage on or about May 23, 2020, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC3991/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

House Bill No. 7315**BY** Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Doreen Costa to join Margaret Ann Randall and David Alan Stukus in marriage on or about October 10, 2020, within the Town of Smithfield, Rhode Island.)

{LC3876/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

House Bill No. 7284**BY** Blazejewski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Laura L. Schwall to join Margaret Elise Bouchard and Patrick Michael McHugo in marriage on or about August 29, 2020, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC3885/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

House Bill No. 7287**BY** Shekarchi, Edwards, Noret, Serodio, Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Repeals § 28-12-9 of the general laws which provides that the director of labor and training may approve of wages below the minimum wage for those persons whose earning capacity is impaired due to physical or mental disability.)

{LC3557/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor

House Bill No. 7082

(by request)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ALIDADE INCORPORATED

{LC3099/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Consent Calendar

House Bill No. 7490**BY** Jacquard, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF GENESIS SYSTEMS, INC.

{LC4439/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Consent Calendar

House Bill No. 7282**BY** Lombardi, McLaughlin, Abney, Tanzi, McKiernan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Raymond A. Hull to join Kristy Medrano and John Antonio in marriage on or about April 11, 2020, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)

{LC3869/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

House Bill No. 7011

BY Mattiello, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., to join Kara Elizabeth Paolino Marchionte and Adam Hayden in marriage on or about April 4, 2020, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC3209/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

House Bill No. 7223

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF POTTERS AVENUE REALTY, LLC

{LC3832/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Consent Calendar

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senate Majority Leader McCaffrey, seconded by Senate Minority Leader Algiere, Items 1, 2 and 3 on today's Consent Calendar are moved to the bottom of today's regular Calendar, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 5: Senators Bell, Euer, Goldin, Murray, and Nesselbush.

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020:

4. 2020-S 2348

BY Felag

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIVERTON UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar

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

YEAS – 35: 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, Murray, Nesselbush, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Felag, Satchell, Archambault, Gallo, Lombardi, Conley, Sheehan, Quezada, Metts, Sosnowski, Bell, Valverde, Euer, and Seveney.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

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.

Senator Archambault moves passage, seconded by Senator Satchell.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

3. 2020-S 2224

BY Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - SEPSIS PROTOCOLS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and without objection, item # 3 is ordered to be placed on the Calendar for next Tuesday, March 3rd.

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.

Senator Satchell moves passage, seconded by Senators Bell, Sosnowski, and Lombardi.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

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.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and without objection, item # 5 is ordered to be placed on the Calendar for tomorrow, Wednesday, February 26th.

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.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Sosnowski, Goodwin, Lombardo, Lombardi, Quezada, Metts, Bell, Raptakis, Coyne, and Murray.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

7. 2020-S 2266

BY Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Conley, Ciccone, Lombardi, Sheehan, Quezada, Metts, Algieri, Bell, Cano, Euer, and Seveney.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

8. 2020-S 2267

BY Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators Sheehan, Goodwin, Felag, Lombardi, Quezada, Lawson, Archambault, Cano, Bell, and Seveney.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

9. 2020-S 2270

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT
COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Lynch Prata moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lombardo, Lombardi,

Sosnowski, Metts, Euer, DiPlama, Bell, Rogers, Algiere, Morgan, Archambault, and Satchell.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: 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, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

10. 2020-S 2273

BY Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Goldin moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Felag, Sheehan, Nesselbush, Cano, Bell, Euer, Rogers, Algiere, Morgan, Archambault, and Satchell.

Senator Goldin, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Cano, Valverde, Goodwin, and Euer, offers the following amendment:

FLOOR AMENDMENT**TO****2020 -- S 2273****AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS
AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING**

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2020 -- S 2273, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING", as follows:

1. On page 3, line 13, after the word "activity" by inserting the following language "or officeholder's responsibilities".

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR GOLDIN

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The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: 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, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

Senator Goldin moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators Cano, Valverde, and Bell.

The act is read and passed, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator 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,

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

NAYS – 1: Senator Morgan

11. 2020-S 2325

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Gallo, Felag, Quezada, Lawson, Nesselbush, Sheehan, and Bell.

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 Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

12. 2020-S 2331

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Bell, and Murray.

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 Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

13. 2020-S 2330

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Conley, Satchell, Valverde, and Euer.

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, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Senator Quezada announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Lombardi announces that the Committee on Labor will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

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

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

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

Senator Goodwin announces that the Joint Committee on Black History Month will meet today at 5:00 o'clock P.M. in the House Lounge of the State House.

Senator Goodwin wishes Press Secretary Greg Pare a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Cano, seconded by Senator Goodwin, and upon suggestion of Senator Cano, the Senate Adjourns at 5:10 o'clock P.M., in memory of *Raymond J. Spooner*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR MARK P. MCKENNEY**

Dear Lord, as we return to this chamber, remind us that in the days ahead there will be many choices before us as we work to make our State a greater place to live. Help us to work together to reach common ground and find positive solutions for the benefit of all our constituents. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020:**

1. **2020-S 2495**
 BY Lombardo
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES
 ON THE PASSING OF TALIA DELMONICO

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar
2. **2020-S 2496**
 BY Raptakis
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF JOHN
 S. MACDONALD ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE COVENTRY POLICE
 DEPARTMENT AFTER MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF
 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar
3. **2020-H 7082**
 BY Carson
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF ALIDADE INCORPORATED

 Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
4. **2020-H 7490**
 BY Jacquard
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF GENESIS SYSTEMS, INC.

 Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
5. **2020-H 7223**
 BY Slater
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF POTTERS AVENUE REALTY, LLC

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

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020:

1. Appointment of Margo L. Cook 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.
2. Appointment of Richard Humphrey, Esq. (Selected from a list provided by the Speaker) 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.
3. Appointment of Susan Carson Petrovas 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.
4. Appointment of Cecilia Rouse 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.
5. Appointment of Tom Ryan 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.
6. Appointment of Jeffrey Bogosian VICE Heather Tow-Yick to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2024.

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

7. **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.
8. **2020-S 2327**
 BY Gallo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FUNDRAISING FOR
 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

 Committee on Education recommends passage.
9. **2020-S 2003 SUB A**
 BY Ruggerio
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PLASTIC WASTE
 REDUCTION ACT

 Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the
 original bill and passage of Substitute A.
10. **2020-S 2310**
 BY Murray
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
 LICENSES

 Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
11. **2020-S 2150**
 BY Goodwin
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT
 COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

 Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020:

1. **2020-S 2224**
 BY Pearson
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - SEPSIS
 PROTOCOLS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.