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Seventeenth 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 33 Senators present and 5 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano Ciccone, Conley, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 5: Senators Coyne, Euer, Miller, Pearson, and Sheehan.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Goldin and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Kavya Gopinath, a student from Brown University; Dylan Moore, a student from Brown University; Mia Stone-Molloy, a student from Brown University; and Victoria Yin, a student from Brown University.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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

February 27, 2020

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

Dear Mr. President,

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend the Senate Session today, Thursday, February 27, 2020 due to personal business.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

James C. Sheehan
Senator – District 36

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



Senate Chamber

February 27, 2020

The Honorable Dominick 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 today, February 27, 2020, as I will be out of state.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Cynthia A. Coyne
Senator, District 32

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



Senate Chamber

February 27, 2020

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber today, Thursday, February 27, 2020 due to illness.

Please record my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Euer
Senator – District 13

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication from Her Excellency, The Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:

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

February 25, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-17.7-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Chief Hearing Officer in the Division of Administrative Adjudication in the State Department of Environmental Management:

Thomas A. DiLuglio

Vice
David Kerins

For a term expiring March 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Chairwoman Gallo, from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Appointment of Christine Heenan to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2022.

From the Senate Committee on Education to the Calendar.

The Appointment of David Martirano to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2023.

From the Senate Committee on Education to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2179

BY Gallo, Cano, Metts, Sheehan, Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHING A CLASS SIZE MAXIMUM FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWO (2) {LC4078/1} (Mandates public school classroom size be limited to twenty (20) students for kindergarten through grade two (2).)

From the Senate Committee on Education to the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Chairman Ciccone, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 2300

BY Gallo, Ciccone, Lawson, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN (Requires children who seek a special limited work permit to successfully complete a worker rights' training program established and funded by the department of labor and training.)
{LC4091/1}

From the Senate Committee on Labor to the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Chairman Felag, from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2343

BY Sosnowski, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOLLEY LANDING
(Renames the landing in South Kingstown known as Wordens Pond Landing to Holley Landing.)
{LC4467/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2344

BY Sosnowski, Algieri, Lynch Prata, Sheehan, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE ON
NAMING NEW BUILDINGS (Names Route 4 and Route 1 from Warwick to Westerly The
Purple Heart Memorial Highway.)
{LC4463/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2616**

BY Quezada, Ruggerio, Metts, Goodwin, Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 176TH ANNIVERSARY
OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2020
{LC4887/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Quezada requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Quezada moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senators Quezada, Nesselbush, Cano, and Metts speak on the Resolution.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Quezada and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Isidro Deleon, President of Dominican Republic Independence Day.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2617**

BY Conley, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Crowley, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARIE MELLO
{LC3845/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Conley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Conley moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senators Conley, Crowley, Goodwin, McKenney, Sosnowski speak on the Resolution.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Conley and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Barbara Mello, daughter of Marie; Helen Di Biase, daughter of Marie; Raegan Di Biase, granddaughter; Sarah Olson, great-granddaughter; Sophia Olson, great-granddaughter; and John Bryda, a friend of the family.

Upon the suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Tyler Young. from Young Family Farms in Little Compton; and Jason Pete Peckham, Owner and President of Ferollink Farms.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Seveney and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Stephen DeCastro, from DeCastro Farms in Portsmouth; and David Cuttle, from Quansett View Farms in Portsmouth.

Upon the suggestion of Senators Morgan and Sosnowski and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Heidi Quinn, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Farm Bureau; and William Stamp, a Rhode Island farmer.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 2618

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE DATA SECURITY ACT (Adopts NAIC Cybersecurity Act which establishes the current standard for insurers doing business in the state.)

{LC4579/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2619

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (Brings the Rhode Island Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Fund statute into conformance with the latest version of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model Act.)

{LC4582/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2620

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- RISK-BASED CAPITAL (RBC) FOR INSURERS ACT (This act would update the Life Risk Based Capital statutes to the current National Association of Insurance Commissioners standard.)

{LC4570/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2621

BY Euer, DiPalma, Seveney, Coyne, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Creates the uniform natural gas leaks classification act which classifies gas leaks into different grades and identifies the steps and procedures to be taken and provides a reporting requirement for a gas company subsequent to a leak.)

{LC5009/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2622**BY** Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (This act would change the continuing education requirements of registered contractors to ten (10) hours every two (2) years.)

{LC4800/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2623

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Valverde, Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE (This act would update the long-term care insurance statute into conformance with the latest version of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners model.)

{LC4572/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2624**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE INSURANCE (Provides for the sale of self-service storage insurance in this state.)

{LC4796/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2625**BY** Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE ACT (This act would incorporate provisions of the National Association of Insurance Commissioner standards into chapter 1.1 of title 27, the "credit for reinsurance act".)

{LC4927/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Resolution No. 2626**BY** Lawson, Euer, Sosnowski, Valverde, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DEVELOP A SET OF KEY ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS TO BE INFUSED IN ALL SUBJECTS FOR K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

{LC4003/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2627**BY** Gallo, Lombardo, Conley, Goodwin, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Provides for school construction projects approved after July 1, 2020, that Rhode Island based architectural businesses be used or the project is only eligible to receive five (5) incentive points.)

{LC3792/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2628**BY** Bell, Satchell, Lawson, Crowley, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS -- TRAUMA INFORMED SCHOOLS ACT

{LC4959/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2629**BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSURANCE (Eliminates the notarization requirement for a certificate of title or salvage certificate of title to be filed by insurance companies when the damage to the vehicle results in a total loss.)

{LC5028/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2630**BY** Cano, Metts, Crowley, Quezada, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN (Develops and implements strategies to improve the compensation of early educators so programs can attract, develop, and retain effective staff to care for and educate young children and provide family-focuses services.)

{LC4888/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2631**BY** Gallo, Metts, DiPalma, Seveney, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL-TO-CAREER TRANSITION ACT OF 1996 (Implements an individual career and academic plan graduation requirement for each student enrolled in public schools in the sixth through twelfth grade, starting with students entering the sixth grade in the 2023-2024 school year.)

{LC4999/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2632**BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION ACCOUTABILITY ACT

{LC4885/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2633**BY** Paolino, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL (Requires any food service establishment must contract with a licensed and registered pest control business with employees that are commercially certified or licensed pesticide applicators.)

{LC5111/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2634**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING (Prohibits littering upon private property owned by another person.)

{LC4472/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2635

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Euer, Murray, Metts, Quezada, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - HEALTH AND SAFETY (Updates and modernize the Department of Environmental Management's ability to enforce environmental laws.)

{LC4548/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2636**BY** Miller, Sosnowski, Conley, Euer, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS (Prohibits a covered establishment from preparing, selling, processing or providing food or beverages in or on a disposable food service container that is composed in whole or in part of polystyrene foam.)

{LC4621/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2637**BY** Sosnowski, Felag, McKenney, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Authorizes the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, to appoint an executive director of coastal resources management to act as a liaison to the director of the department of environmental management to plan and manage coastal resources.)

{LC4894/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2638**BY** Valverde, Euer, Miller, Murray, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Requires the state, including all its agencies and departments, to purchase one hundred percent (100%) of their energy needs from renewable sources by January 1, 2031.)

{LC3882/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Resolution No. 2639**BY** Euer, Sosnowski, Murray, Conley, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO AID IN PROTECTING CONSUMERS OF PESTICIDES

{LC5103/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2640**BY** Sosnowski, Coyne, Ruggerio, Conley, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION (Creates the Rhode Island Water Authority as a quasi-public corporation.)

{LC4839/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2641**BY** McKenney, Sheehan, Rogers, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (This act would phase-out the taxation of pensions and annuities over a five (5) year period beginning on January 1, 2021.)

{LC4764/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2642**BY** McKenney, Euer, Murray, Lombardi, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Provides that a tax payment shall be paid by midnight on the date in which the tax becomes due and payable, and reduces the amount of penalty for taxes unpaid from a maximum of twenty-one percent (21%) to ten percent (10%).)

{LC5010/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2643**BY** McKenney, Lombardi, Ciccone, Lombardo, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE FUNDS

{LC4611/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2644

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Murray, DiPalma, Seveney, Felag, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS (Allows state employees the ability to make an after tax contribution to a qualified Roth contribution program as a part of a deferred compensation plan.)

{LC4649/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2645**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BEER AND MALT BEVERAGE EXEMPTION (Exempts beer and malt beverage from sales tax.)

{LC4970/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2646**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Coyne, Euer, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires the department of human services and/or the department of administration to pilot at least one contract using verification software for billable hours and for professional or technical services in excess of one million dollars.)

{LC4790/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2647**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Coyne, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION -- PAYMENT OF STATUTORY FEES (Facilitates state departments/agencies to implement electronic filing of applications for licenses/permits/ registrations/certificates by allowing state vendor to withhold commission for developing and implementing electronic filing web-based system.)

{LC4643/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2648**BY** Sosnowski, Euer, Conley, Miller, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- HEMP GROWTH ACT (Eliminates the two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) hemp licensing fee and would reduce the hemp licensing application fee from two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to one hundred dollars (\$100).)

{LC4641/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2649

(by request)

BY Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PRECEPTORS TAX CREDIT ACT (Allows for a tax credit of five hundred dollars (\$500) for any nurse practitioner or physician who provide on-site clinical education as a preceptor clinician to nurse practitioner graduate students, enrolled in the graduate nursing program.)

{LC4756/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2650

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Seveney, DiPalma, Coyne, Valverde, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Expands the definition of sales to include any license, lease, or rental of prewritten or vendor-hosted computer software and specified digital products. This act would also define "end-user" for specified digital products.)

{LC4549/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2651**BY** Metts, Morgan, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- "THE RHODE ISLAND INFORMED CONSENT PROTECTION ACT" (Requires written consent by recipient or parent before vaccine and prohibits discrimination against those who don't vaccinate and fines up to \$25,000 for violation. Also prohibits DCYF from investigating for failure to vaccinate.)

{LC4286/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2652**BY** Metts, Morgan, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Amends the general laws relating to vaccines by allowing adults, parents, guardians, or persons in custody of a child to opt out of vaccines for non-casual contact diseases.)

{LC4285/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2653**BY** Valverde, Miller, Goldin, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Adds medical directors or their designees to those individuals to whom disclosure of information contained in any prescription-drug-database is allowed.)

{LC4748/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2654

(by request)

BY Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (Regulates personnel at medical spas and would provide notice to person before procedures.)

{LC5141/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2655**BY** DiPalma, Miller, Satchell, Conley, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (Provides that home and community based services for developmentally disabled persons would be person-centered and support services consistent with their plan of care)

{LC4889/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2656**BY** Sosnowski, Felag, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS (Defines what constitutes a multi-use food and beverage storage container and provides for sanitary use of said containers.)

{LC4758/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2657**BY** Satchell, Goldin, Valverde, Euer, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSENT TO MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CARE (Prohibits a pelvic, rectal, or breast examination on an unconscious or anesthetized patient unless the patient gives informed consent, the exam is within the scope of care or the examination is required for diagnostic purposes.)

{LC3980/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2658**BY** Miller, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE (Requires individual health insurers, large group health insurers and small employer health insurers to provide coverage for ten (10) categories of essential health benefits listed in the act.)

{LC4666/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2659**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurance coverage for health care services provided by a naturopathic doctor licensed in this state.)

{LC4826/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2660

(OHIC)

BY Sheehan, Miller, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OVERSIGHT OF RISK-BEARING PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS (Provides the office of the health insurance commissioner (OHIC) with oversight of risk-bearing provider organizations and health care risk contracts.) {LC4646/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2661**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSE OF NATUROPATHY ACT (Changes the name of doctor or naturopathy to naturopathic doctor and permit them to administer IVs perform phlebotomy, and consult, but not change, patient's prescription medication.) {LC4822/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2662**BY** Valverde, Miller, Goldin, Paolino, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES (Authorizes a licensed pharmacist, who successfully completes a course on tobacco cessation therapy, to prescribe and dispense tobacco cessation drug products to a qualified patient pursuant to rules adopted by the board of pharmacy.) {LC4745/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2663**BY** Crowley, Metts, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE (Prohibits more than two (2) communities from combining to appoint a shared building official.) {LC4983/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2664

(Department of Transportation)

BY Crowley, Quezada, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS (Authorizes the department of transportation to impose a weight restriction or close any state, local or privately-owned bridge, in the interest of public safety.) {LC4550/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2665

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Euer, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FORT ADAMS FOUNDATION (Allows the director to appoint a representative of the division of parks and recreation to the Fort Adams Foundation.) {LC4648/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2666**BY** Metts, Quezada, Goldin, Goodwin, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Increases the number of members of the transit authority from eight to nine and makes the mayor of Providence or designee an ex officio member with voting privileges.)

{LC4902/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2667**BY** Cano, McKenney, Paolino, Euer, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- COUNCILS AND GOVERNING BODIES (Requires the city or town council or local licensing authority to provide notice to all licensed businesses within five hundred feet (500') of the proposed location of the new business license to be heard)

{LC5026/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2668**BY** Bell, Quezada, Murray, Nesselbush, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES- NEIGHBORHOOD (Amends several sections of the Rhode Island Zoning Enabling Act of 1991 with the intent of preserving neighborhood character and promoting smart growth.)

{LC3286/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2669

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Lombardo, Lombardi, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Transfers all responsibility for oversize/overweight permitting to the department of transportation and amends and increases fines for all oversize and overweight infractions.)

{LC4555/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2670**BY** Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING (When calculating its number of low- & moderate-income housing units to not consider certain residential units constructed/to be constructed on certain identified assessor's lots located at the Boulder Hills Preserve as yr-round housing units in Richmond.)

{LC5138/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2671**BY** Lombardo, Ciccone, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES (Requires any public utility or its contractor to reimburse an excavator for lost time expense incurred, including manpower and equipment from the utility's incorrect marking of underground utilities.)

{LC4780/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2672**BY** Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows local tax assessors to assess valuations on a yearly basis pursuant to chapter 4 of title 44, section one, and to adjust the valuation of assessed properties on a yearly basis pursuant thereto.)

{LC4882/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2673**BY** Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NEW HOME BUYERS FIRE PROTECTION ACT (Mandates that builders of new 1 or 2 family residential dwellings provide the home buyer with written information regarding the installation of an automatic fire sprinkler system subject to civil penalties enforced by the atty gen or state fire marshal.)

{LC4607/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Resolution No. 2674**BY** Coyne, Goldin, Seveney, DiPalma, Murray**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE LICENSING OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (Creates a 13 member commission to study and provide recommendations regarding the licensing of residential builders and contractors, and who would report back no later than February 7, 2021, and whose life would expire on April 7, 2021.)

{LC4954/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2675**BY** McKenney, Murray, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS (Amends certain election statutes to require ballot questions be written in plain language.)

{LC5019/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2676**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CLAIM ADJUSTERS (Exempts a person from examination who hold a national or state-base claims certification that requires a minimum of 40 hours pre-exam casework, a competency examination and 24 hours of continuing education required for certification renewals.)

{LC4795/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2677**BY** Felag, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SOCIAL HOST REGULATIONS (Authorizes the imposition of civil and criminal penalties against any person(s) who purchase, furnish, procure marijuana or permit marijuana to be used by others.)

{LC4500/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2678**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - WRITS, SUMMONS AND PROCESS (Provides for minimum qualifications for court constable to include education, military, or law enforcement experience and drug and psychological screening.)

{LC5135/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2679**BY** Sosnowski, Rogers, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Exempts from Schedule III (d)(1) chorionic gonadotropin when used for injection in cattle or any non-human species when that use is approved by the Food and Drug Administration.)

{LC4742/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2680**BY** DiPalma, Euer, Archambault, Lynch Prata, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS (Requires that motor vehicle accident reports be transmitted by the law enforcement agency or their contract agent within 14 days of preparing the report and may maintain a copy locally.)

{LC4625/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2681

(Rhode Island State Police)

BY Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Makes it a misdemeanor to possess, transfer and/or produce child erotica for the specific purpose of sexual gratification or arousal, punishable by confinement in jail for not more than one year, or fine of not more (\$1,000), or both.)

{LC4651/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2682**BY** McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE - MANDATORY ARBITRATION PROVISION (Allows a party subjected to the mandatory arbitration provision pursuant to motor vehicle insurance may provide notice of his or her reservation of rights to a jury trial by email, delivery receipt requested requested.)
{LC4877/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2683**BY** Nesselbush, Lombardi, Valverde, Lawson, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- INHERITANCE FROM CHILD BY NON-SUPPORTING PARENT (Authorizes the probate court to deny a parent of a child who dies intestate from inheriting a share of the decedent's estate if that parent did not contribute to the child's support.)
{LC4951/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2684**BY** Bell, Quezada, Nesselbush, Crowley, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION (Provides for a reduced penalty for the offense of larceny, and a tiered penalty system for the offense of shoplifting.)
{LC4188/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2685**BY** Nesselbush, Valverde, Lawson, Quezada, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Allows state police to maintain registry of firearms sold, requires firearms dealer, person or other entity, to submit monthly reports to superintendent of state police, including manufacturer, importer, model, serial number, type of firearm and caliber.)
{LC4952/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2686**BY** Metts, Quezada, Crowley, Nesselbush, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Requires municipalities/state departments/agencies to submit annual report relating to enforcement of disability parking program.)
{LC5127/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2687**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (Regulates the distribution of food products containing the drug kratom, a drug of concern for its stimulant and sedative effects, to consumers by the department of health.)

{LC4898/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2688**BY** Archambault, Lynch Prata, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- UNIFORM DIRECTED TRUST ACT

{LC4919/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2689

(Rhode Island State Police)

BY Lombardo, Archambault, Lombardi, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - RIGHT-OF-WAY (Makes it a traffic offense for a motorist to fail to yield the right-of-way when leaving a public roadway to enter or cross a private road or driveway.)

{LC4552/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2690**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, Lombardi, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - CAUSES OF ACTION (Provides a cause of action for compensable damages, resulting from the prohibition of legally possessing firearms on real property, except residences.)

{LC4380/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2691**BY** Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - ARTIFICIAL PROPAGATION OF GAME (Prohibits captive hunting/possession, sale, breeding, importation of any mammal for purpose of captive hunting.)

{LC5032/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2692**BY** Goldin, Goodwin, Miller, Euer, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Amends the age and process in which people who are adopted in the state of Rhode Island would have access to their original birth certificates.)

{LC4913/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2693

(Governor)

BY Lynch Prata, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CAMPAIGN FINANCE -- FORFEITURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS (Creates a statutory scheme to better enforce campaign finance reporting laws for criminal convictions for campaign contributions embezzlement or violations.)

{LC4577/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2694**BY** Lawson, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- IMPLANTATION DEVICES AS CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT (This act would prohibit an employer from subjecting its employees or prospective employees to the implantation of an implantation device. It would create criminal penalties as well as civil damages, that may be assessed against violating employers.)

{LC4982/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2695**BY** Lynch Prata**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 a period of not less than twenty (20) years. Penalty for violation one thousand dollars (\$1000) and forfeiture of animal.)

{LC4916/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2696**BY** Metts, Cano, Quezada, Crowley, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- EMPLOYEE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK (Requires all applicants for employment with the department of BHDDH or any of its licensed facilities or programs to have the attorney general's office conduct their mandated nationwide criminal records check.)

{LC5008/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2697**BY** Coyne, Goldin, Seveney, DiPalma, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS (Increases the maximum amount to be recovered in civil court action as a small claims from two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to seven thousand dollars (\$7,000).)

{LC4938/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2698

(by request)

BY Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY (Authorizes the potential appointment of pro bono attorneys, supervised law students and from a list maintained by the DEM to act as animal advocates in animal cruelty and abuse cases, at the court's discretion, to serve the interests of justice.)

{LC4684/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2699**BY** Sheehan, Crowley, Quezada, Picard, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REGULATORY (Expands the availability of public funds to candidates for the general assembly while also increasing the maximum amount of funds available for general office candidates.)

{LC4921/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2700**BY** Valverde, Sosnowski, Coyne, Seveney, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPECIAL LICENSE FOR MOTORCYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS, AND OTHER MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLES -- HELMETS (Requires all motorcycle operators to wear a helmet of a type approved by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles.)

{LC4624/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2701**BY** Sheehan**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EVALUATE AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE MERITS OF ESTABLISHING A "TOP TWO OPEN PRIMARY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (Create an 11 member commission to study, evaluate, and provide recommendations for establishing a "top two open primary," and who would report back to the General Assembly by February 9, 2021, and expire on April 9, 2021.)

{LC4922/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2702**BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (Proposal for constitutional amendment for voter approval for appropriations for less the ARC to pension fund or for bond payments.)

{LC4681/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2703**BY** Gallo, Lombardo, Metts, DiPalma, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS TO EARNING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE ACT (Creates the Apprenticeship Pathways to Earning a Bachelor's Degree Act, to enable an individual to earn a bachelor's degree at public higher education institutions throughout the state by earning credits through apprenticeships.)

{LC4992/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2704**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, Nesselbush, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HOISTING ENGINEERS (Requires hoisting engineer applicants to possess a certificate of registration as an apprentice hoisting engineer.)

{LC5080/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2705**BY** Lawson, Ciccone, Lombardi, Lombardo, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- ESTABLISHING THE "COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS ACT" (This act would establish the commuter transportation benefit act. Employers with five hundred (500) or more employees would provide a pre-tax transportation fringe benefit program or provide transportation to the employees.)

{LC4751/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2706**BY** de la Cruz, DiPalma, Felag, Conley, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FREEDOM TO TRAVEL AND WORK ACT (Establishes an occupational regulatory framework by authorizing the issuance of occupational licenses and government certifications by recognition for qualified worker applicants from other states.)

{LC4593/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2707**BY** DiPalma, Satchell, Conley, Goldin, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MINIMUM WAGES (Requires employers with 5 or more persons with developmental disabilities to pay employees no less than \$15.00/hr and to have state and general revenue/federal funds appropriated to BHDDH programs to adjust minimum wage increase.)

{LC4890/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2708**BY** Goldin, Cano, Miller, Lawson, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE--GENERAL PROVISIONS (Increases taxable wage base for TDI/TCI contributions/coverage/maximum weeks for TC leave/provides fines/penalties for non-reinstatement of employee/creates tax credit for low wage employees.)

{LC4644/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2709**BY** Sheehan, Raptakis, McKenney, Satchell, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to prevent and detect fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.)

{LC4928/1}

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

Senate Resolution No. 2710**BY** Sheehan, Raptakis, DiPalma, Seveney, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (This proposed constitution amendment, if adopted, would give the governor a line item veto in any bill appropriating money.)

{LC4918/1}

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

Senate Resolution No. 2711**BY** Metts, Picard, Quezada, DiPalma, Seveney**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- RIGHT TO ADEQUATE EDUCATION (Adds two sections to the constitution/guarantees residents adequate education permitting learning at high levels, become lifelong learners, productive workers and responsible citizens/makes rights guaranteed under the constitution judicially enforceable.)

{LC4525/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2712**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Permits certain volunteer firefighters to purchase motor vehicles by utilizing state purchasing provisions.)

{LC4788/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2713**BY** Bell, Lombardi, Crowley, Gallo, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - PUBLIC BUILDINGS (This act allows the secretary of state to commission portraits of senate president upon leaving office and would require that the portraits be paid for by the joint committee on legislative services.)

{LC3285/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2714**BY** McKenney, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (Creates the Rhode Island military and veterans affairs oversight commission to oversee all operations of the Rhode Island office of veterans affairs.)

{LC5012/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2715**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Allows brewpub manufacturer's to sell malt beverages and distilled spirits produced on the premises to consumers for off premises consumption, in different quantities.)

{LC5112/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2716**BY** de la Cruz, Lombardi, Ciccone, Lombardo, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES (Amends the composition of the joint committee on legislative services by adding the senate majority leader to the committee.)

{LC4770/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2717**BY** Gallo, Conley, Sosnowski, Lombardo, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- HEALTHY BEVERAGE ACT

(Creates the "Healthy Beverage Act" which requires that children's meals offered by restaurants include certain healthy beverage options if beverage is automatically included in the meal.)

{LC4772/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 2718**BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING EMILY MYERS ON BEING SELECTED AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2020 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

{LC5095/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2719**BY** Crowley, Picard, Nesselbush, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, SUPPORTING THE ENHANCEMENT OF BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

{LC4849/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2720**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JAMES F. DEAN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY AFTER FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEVOTED AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC4616/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2721

(Dept. of Health)

BY Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Removes the sunset date of December 31, 2020, for the multidisciplinary team review of drug-related overdose deaths.)

{LC4650/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2722**BY** Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Includes the chief inspector and inspector as those exempt from carrying a firearm without a permit and defines them as peace officers.)

{LC4647/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7157 SUB A**BY** Bennett, Lima, Canario, Jackson, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Raises the minimum wage to eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) as of October 1, 2020.) {LC3138/A/1}Placed on the Bottom of the Calendar for Wednesday, March 4th.**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020:**1. 2020-S 2615****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF EUGENIO DUARTE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

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

YEAS – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, 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 Crowley announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

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

Leader McCaffrey wishes a Happy Birthday to Senator Picard and Senator Felag.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Conley seconded by Senator Goodwin, and upon the suggestion of Senator Conley the Senate adjourns at 4:43 o'clock P.M., *in memory of Marie Mello*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR HAROLD M. METTS**

Dear God,

Representing you, your prophet, Isaiah, in chapter 5: 20 gave a warning to those "...that call evil good, and good evil; and put darkness for light, and light for darkness..."

In a culture that seemingly is moving further away from you, help us to remember Romans 12: 1, 2 that instructs us to present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy, acceptable to God; our reasonable service. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good acceptable, and perfect will of God."

Father give us the wisdom to balance biblical truths with compassion that leads to righteous actions, as we endeavor to serve others by doing your will, your way, according to your word, In Jesus name!

Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020:****1. 2020-S 2718****BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING EMILY MYERS ON BEING SELECTED AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2020 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2020-S 2719**BY** Crowley**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, SUPPORTING THE ENHANCEMENT OF BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. 2020-S 2720**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JAMES F. DEAN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY AFTER FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEVOTED AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

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.

2. 2020-S 2326 SUB A**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS

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

3. 2020-S 2154 SUB A**BY** Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS--THE JULIE LYNN CARDINAL ACT

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

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020:

1. ***The Appointment of Christine Heenan 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.

2. ***The Appointment of David Martirano 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.

3. **2020-S 2179**

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHING A CLASS SIZE MAXIMUM FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWO (2)

Committee on Education recommends passage.

4. **2020-S 2300**

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

5. **2020-S 2343**

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOLLEY LANDING

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

6. **2020-S 2344**

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING NEW BUILDINGS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

7. **2020-H 7157 SUB A**
 BY Bennett
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS –
 MINIMUM WAGES

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