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Nineteenth Legislative Day

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

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT – 36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Crowley, and Picard.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Joe “Tiger” Patrick, of Wakefield, Rhode Island, Commander of VEW 916.

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

Sincerely, March 4, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-15-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Public Defender:

Lara Montecalvo

Vice
Mary McElroy

For a term expiring June 11, 2026.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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

June 3, 2020

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley
Senate District 16

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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

March 4, 2020

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday and Thursday, March 4 and 5, 2020.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Roger A. Picard
Senate District 20

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7210

BY Solomon, Blazejewski, Jackson, Phillips, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (Prohibits any development of land contiguous to the State House unless approved by the general assembly.)
{LC3508/1}

From the House to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7962**BY** Ruggiero, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Austin Murphy to join Sabrina R. Araujo and James A. Chamberlain in marriage on or about March 23, 2020, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC5209/1}

From the House to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7123 SUB A**BY** Bennett, Solomon, Canario, Jackson, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Allows students in public schools to possess and use a topical sunscreen product.)
{LC3070/A/1}

From the House to the Senate Committee on Education.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2726****BY** Lawson, Conley, Coyne**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM STRINGFELLOW
{LC5200/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2727**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Adam J. Satchell to join Casey Lynn O'Malley and Daniel Michael Nuebler in marriage on or about April 25, 2020, within the Town of East Greenwich, Rhode Island.)
{LC5194/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Lombardo, Lombardi, Sheehan, Quezada, Bell, Archambault, Valverde, Murray, and Morgan.

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

NAYS - 0

Senate Resolution No. 2728

BY Satchell, Gallo, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Felag

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PENELOPE D. QUINN
{LC5189/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Satchell requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2729

BY Morgan

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH TO BE "MAPLE SYRUP MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC4057/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2730

(Executive Office of Commerce)

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES-- SMALL BUSINESS--OMNIBUS (Omnibus act regarding caterers, hide and leather inspection, constables, sterilization of bedding, mixed-martial arts and pool halls.)
{LC4571/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2731**BY** Sosnowski, Lawson, DiPalma, Goldin, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GENDER-BASED PRICE DISCRIMINATION (Bans gender-based price discrimination on hygiene products by retail establishments with a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for a first violation and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each subsequent violation.)

{LC4988/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2732**BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Provides that public utilities which post any rate or condition change for retail service shall send electronic notice the same day to the PUC and administrator.)

{LC5204/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2733**BY** Cano, Lawson, Metts, Quezada, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE COLLEGE CRUSADE SCHOLARSHIP (Provides that scholarships received directly from the College Crusade Scholarship Program would not be considered financial aid pursuant to the Rhode Island Promise Scholarships and provides the program with access to certain student data.)

{LC4962/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2734**BY** Cano, Quezada, Crowley, Metts, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Allows principals to issue out-of-school suspension for students in grades 6 and above, students in grade 5 and below may only be issued out-of-school suspension under stringent circumstances.)

{LC4776/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2735**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Directs the DOE and sec. ed. to promulgate rules/regulations/establish minimum accountability standards/school districts would be required to meet in order to be in compliance with an individualized education program for students with disabilities.)

{LC5027/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2736**BY** Murray, Cano, Lawson, Valverde, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PAUL W. CROWLEY STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Restructures professional development investment fund to assume duties of dissemination of curriculum materials/frameworks/assessments/development plans with annual allocation of \$200 per student.)
{LC4817/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2737**BY** de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE
{LC5165/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2738**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS – EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ON STATE CONTRACTS (Requires any company that is issued a contract for services in the state of Rhode Island, or any political subdivision therein, to employ a certain percentage of individuals with disabilities.)
{LC5185/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2739**BY** Bell, Ciccone, Euer, Quezada, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Creates an agreement to limit corporate incentives.)
{LC4680/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2740**BY** Gallo, Goodwin, McCaffrey, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- OFFICE OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES (Amends various sections relating to libraries to delete outdated provisions, updates language to reflect current practices affecting library technology and increases from 2 years to 5 years the award of the statewide reference resource center contract.)
{LC5210/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2741**BY** Bell, Quezada, Crowley, Ciccone, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS -- STATEWIDE REFERENDUM (Provides for \$1,000,000 in bonds to improve local roadways, pedestrian spaces, bikeway paths and municipal parks.)
{LC4527/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2742

(University of Rhode Island)

BY Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Amends definition of "state agency" for purposes of the chapter on "state purchases" to provide for an exemption for the URI board of trustees when making purchases funded by restricted, sponsored, or auxiliary monies, from the provisions of the chapter.)
{LC5047/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2743**BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A REFERENDUM TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION FOR BLANKET AUTHORITY FOR THE GENERAL TREASURER TO REFINANCE BONDS (Joint resolution authorizing treasurer to refinance bonds.)
{LC4679/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2744

(Office of Healthy Aging)

BY Satchell, Goldin, Coyne, Valverde, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSPERSON ACT OF 1995 (Requires informed consent of the elderly for referral of investigations to be made by other state agencies by the long-term care ombudsperson (LTCO).)
{LC4554/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2745

(by request)

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -- ADULT DAY CARE PROGRAM LICENSURE (Prevents promulgating any regulation discriminating against/giving preference to the number/percentage of participants receiving adult day care services based upon their age/age group.)
{LC4895/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2746**BY** Crowley, Metts, Sheehan, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NURSING HOME STAFFING (Mandates minimum staffing levels and standards for quality care for nursing homes and their residents.)
{LC4438/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2747

(University of Rhode Island)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- EMERGENCY POLICE POWER (Permits all Rhode Island police departments including police departments of higher education institutions to enter into non-emergency mutual aid agreements regardless of any geographical boundary.)
{LC5045/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2748**BY** de la Cruz, Crowley, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULTS (Provides that a school teacher or employee that engages in sexual penetration of a student over fourteen (14) and less than eighteen (18) would be guilty of third degree sexual assault.)
{LC3849/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2749**BY** de la Cruz, Morgan, Raptakis, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- YEARLY INSPECTIONS OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires healthcare facilities that perform abortions to meet the license requirements of similar healthcare facilities.)
{LC4004/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2750**BY** Cano, Crowley, Quezada, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE – PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Creates “The Stop Guilt by Accusation Act” which would preclude the media from engaging in defamation in-kind through selective reporting on cases and controversies that cultivate false narratives so that it unduly injures the accused.)
{LC5015/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2751**BY** Lombardo, Miller, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Permits medical marijuana for animals.)
{LC5214/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2752**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Makes explicit that parents and guardians of children with disabilities in private school have the same rights and remedies as parents of children in public school. It also provides a procedure in superior court to enforce these rights and remedies.)
{LC4660/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2753**BY** de la Cruz, Morgan, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, prohibiting the performance or induction of an abortion of an unborn child capable of feeling pain, unless necessary to prevent serious health risk to the unborn child’s mother.)
{LC4385/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2754**BY** Metts, Cano, Crowley, Quezada, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ASSET FORFEITURE (Creates a new chapter to standardize procedures for asset forfeitures for all crimes.)
{LC5216/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2755**BY** Euer, Murray, Crowley, Cano, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Amends the "residential landlord and tenant act" to allow a landlord prior to any residential rental agreement shall deliver to prospective tenant a valid certificate of rental suitability as defined in § 34-18-22.4.)
{LC4601/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2756

(by request)

BY Sosnowski, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM (Provides that no person be prosecuted for fishing, gathering seaweed, swimming or passage along the sandy or rocky shoreline within ten feet (10') of the most recent high tide line.)
{LC5201/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2757

(by request)

BY Algieri, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY PUBLIC ACCESS TO RHODE ISLAND'S SHORELINE (Creates a 9 member commission to study and make recommendations to update regulations and definitions relating to public access to Rhode Island's shoreline, and would report back to the General Assembly by February 9, 2021, and expire on April 9, 2021.)
{LC3457/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2758

(University of Rhode Island)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS (Provides for a limited electrician license to be issued to institutions of higher learning to allow for Class B journeyman electricians to perform minor repair and wiring.)
{LC5046/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2759**BY** Cano, Quezada, Nesselbush, Metts, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
{LC4766/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2760**BY** Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - HEALTHY AND SAFE FAMILIES AND WORKPLACES ACT (Allows construction employees with multi-employer bargaining agreements to be governed by agreement language for sick time/safe leave benefits and administered by ERISA trust fund.)
{LC5202/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2761

(by request)

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- LENDING OR BORROWING MONEY OR RECEIPT OF CREDIT BY LICENSEES (Prohibits the lending or borrowing of money or receipt of credit by delinquent licensees among manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages as regulated by the department of business regulation (DBR).)
{LC4909/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

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

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

YEAS – 36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0

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.

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

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, upon a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative, and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Cano, Conley, Coyne, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 4: Senators Bell, Ciccone, de la Cruz, and Morgan.

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.

Senator Gallo moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Sheehan, Lawson, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Miller, Quezada, Pearson, Metts, Satchell, Cano, Coyne, Goldin, and Bell.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 3 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 3: Senators de la Cruz, Morgan, Rogers.

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.

Senator Gallo moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Goodwin, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Lombardo, Sosnowski, Lawson, Metts, Seveney, Coyne, Miller, Valverde, McKenney, and Archambault.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative, 2 Senators voting in the negative, and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

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

NAYS – 2: Senators Bell, and Morgan.

RECUSED – 1: Senator Satchell.

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.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Archambault, Metts, Lombardi, Gallo, Felag, Algieri, Cano, Valverde, and Murray.

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

YEAS – 36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS - 0

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.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Felag, Algieri, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Gallo, Ciccone, Lombardo, Pearson, Morgan, Rogers, Valverde, Raptakis, and DiPalma.

Senator Sosnowski, seconded by Senators Felag, Algieri, Archambault, de la Cruz, Lawson, and Seveney, offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

2020-S 2344

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

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2020 -- S 2344, entitled “AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING NEW BUILDINGS”, as follows:

1. On page 1, line 4, by deleting the language "The Purple Heart Memorial Highway", and by inserting in place thereof the language "The Rhode Island Purple Heart Trail".

2. On page 1, line 7, by deleting the language "Purple Heart Memorial Highway", and by inserting in place thereof the language "Rhode Island Purple Heart Trail".

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR SOSNOWSKI

LC004463/2

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS - 0

Senator moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Felag, and DiPalma.

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

YEAS – 36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS - 0

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.

Senator Lynch Prata moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Felag, Lombardi, Sheehan, Nesselbush, Metts, Cano, Valverde, Euer, and Seveney.

Senator Raptakis discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 6 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

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

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to her Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State, and to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Senator Metts announces that the Joint Committee on Education and Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House following the Committee on Education.

Senator Sheehan announces that the Committee on Rules, Government Ethics, and Oversight will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Cano announces that the Pawtucket Women's History Day will take place on Friday at the State House.

Senator Nesselbush announces that International Women's Day will take place tomorrow, at 3:00 PM in the State Room of the State House.

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

Senator McCaffrey announces that Senator Gallo received the Paul Crowley Award.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Satchell seconded by Senator Goodwin, and upon the suggestion of Senator Satchell the Senate adjourns at 4:40 o'clock P.M, in memory of *Penelope D. Quinn*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR RYAN WILLIAM PEARSON

Open our minds, Lord, to the wisdom in others. Help us to work in a unified effort towards harmony and peace for all the people of our State. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020:

1. 2020-S 2726

BY Lawson

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM STRINGFELLOW

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2020-S 2729

BY Morgan

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH TO BE "MAPLE SYRUP MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020:

1. **2020-S 2074**
 BY Seveney
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS
 -- PRUDENCE ISLAND SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

2. **2020-S 2332**
 BY Ruggerio
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH
 PROVIDENCE

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020:

1. 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

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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}

Transmitted to Governor.