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Twenty-First Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 38: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2768**

BY Paolino, de la Cruz, Murray, Ruggerio, Satchell

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THEODORE A. SOLY

{LC4768/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Paolino requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senator Paolino speaks on the Resolution.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Senator Algiere moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Gallo, Sheehan, Lawson, Metts, Satchell, Murray, DiPalma, and Coyne.

Senator Algiere, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Sheehan, Felag, and DiPalma, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2020 -- S 2154 SUBSTITUTE A

**AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS--THE JULIE LYNN CARDINAL
ACT**

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2020 -- S 2154 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled “AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS--THE JULIE LYNN CARDINAL ACT”, as follows:

1. On page 3, lines 11 and 12, by deleting the following language “the superintendent of the Rhode Island state police ~~or~~ [and](#)”.
2. On page 6, lines 23 and 24, by deleting the following language “the superintendent of the Rhode Island state police ~~or~~ [and](#)”.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR ALGIERE

LC003801/2

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative, 0 Senators voting in the negative, and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS - 0

RECUSED – 1: Senator Ciccone.

Senator Algiere moves passage of the act, marked Substitute “A” as amended, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Conley, Seveney, and Murray.

Senator Rogers discusses the act.

The act is read and passed, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative, 5 Senators voting in the negative, and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

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

NAYS –5: Senators de la Cruz, Lombardo, Morgan, Raptakis, and Rogers.

RECUSED – 1: Senator Ciccone

2. 2020-H 7103 SUB B

BY McKiernan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS--THE JULIE LYNN CARDINAL ACT

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

Senator Algiere moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Conley, Felag, Metts, Valverde, Seveney, Nesselbush, Quezada, and Coyne.

Senator Algiere, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Quezada, Coyne, Seveney, and DiPalma, offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT**TO****2020 -- H 7103 SUBSTITUTE B**

AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS--THE JULIE LYNN CARDINAL
ACT

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2020 -- H 7103 SUBSTITUTE B, entitled “AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS--THE JULIE LYNN CARDINAL ACT”, as follows:

1. On page 3, lines 11 and 12, by deleting the following language “the superintendent of the Rhode Island state police ~~or~~ [and](#)”.
2. On page 6, lines 23 and 24, by deleting the following language “the superintendent of the Rhode Island state police ~~or~~ [and](#)”.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR ALGIERE

LC003663/3

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative, 0 Senators voting in the negative, and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

RECUSED – 1: Senator Ciccone.

Senator Algiere moves passage of the act, marked Substitute “B” as amended, seconded by Senators Sosnowski, Sheehan, and Quezada.

The act is read and passed, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative, 5 Senators voting in the negative, and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

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

NAYS – 5: Senators de la Cruz, Lombardo, Morgan, Raptakis, and Rogers.

RECUSED – 1: Senator Ciccone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2767

BY Nesselbush, Ruggerio, Satchell, Lombardi, Morgan

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 9TH THROUGH 15TH OF 2020 TO BE "BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC4930/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Nesselbush requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Nesselbush moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, 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, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Executive Director Debra Sharpe, Neil Sharpe, Paul Lotito, Maurice Lee, Richard Muto, and Cynthia Andreola.

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 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 Quezada announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 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 Lombardi announces that the Committee on Labor will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 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 313 of the State House.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Paolino seconded by Senator Goodwin, and upon the suggestion of Senator Paolino, the Senate recesses at 4:38 o'clock P.M, in memory of *Theodore A. Soly*.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chairman Conley, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

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}

From the Committee on Finance to the Calendar

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, on Wednesday, March 11th at 4:13 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:14 o'clock P.M.

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ROGER A. PICARD

Dear God, please grant us the wisdom to be aware of the vital needs of the people we are here to serve. Please grant us the courage to meet those needs to the fullest extent of our ability. Amen.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020:**

1. ***The Appointment of Karina Montilla Edmonds 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.

2. **2020-H 7011**
BY Mattiello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

3. **2020-H 7282**
BY Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

4. **2020-H 7102 SUB A as amended**
BY Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

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

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020:

1. 2020-H 7247 SUB A

BY Abney

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 in concurrence.