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Wednesday, March 11, 2020 and
Thursday, March 12, 2020

Twenty-Second 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 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 Quezada, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Alicia Eichinger, Vice Chair of the Rhode Island Rivers Council; Mike Zarum, Board member of the Rhode Island Rivers Council; Eugenia Marks, Board member of the Rhode Island Rivers Council; Patti McAlpine, Board member of the Rhode Island Rivers Council; and Doug Stephens, Board member of the Rhode Island Rivers Council.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

Chairman Picard, from the Committee on Commerce, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 2103

BY DiPalma, Seveney, Valverde, Conley, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS - NET NEUTRALITY (Requires Internet service providers to follow Internet service neutrality requirements.)

{LC3427/1}

From the Committee on Commerce to the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

Senate Bill No. 2124 SUB A

BY Quezada, Metts, Valverde, Goodwin, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- PERINATAL DOULA SERVICES (Provides for medical assistance health care for expectant mothers and establishes medical assistance coverage and reimbursement rates for perinatal doula services.)

{LC3744/A/1}

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

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2769****BY** Algiere, Ruggerio, Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PAULA MARIE MORRONE
{LC4863/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Algiere requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Algiere moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators 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.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Senator Gallo moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Conley, Felag, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Lombardi, Lombardo, Metts, Lawson, Crowley, Pearson, Satchell, Bell, and Valverde.

Senators Metts and DiPalma discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 38 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0

2. 2020-H 7011

BY Mattiello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Archambault, Lynch Prata, Gallo, Sheehan, and Quezada.

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

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, 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

3. 2020-H 7282

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Lynch Prata moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Archambault, Bell, and Felag.

Senator Lynch Prata, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Archambault, and Sheehan, offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT**TO****2020 -- H 7282****AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2020 -- H 7282, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 2, by inserting the word "Monk" after the word "Antonio".
2. On page 2, line 2, by inserting the word "Monk" after the word "Antonio".

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Lynch Prata

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LC003869/2
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The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, 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

Senator Lynch Prata moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Archambault, and McKenney.

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

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, 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

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.

Senator Coyne moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Gallo, Felag, Quezada, and Murray.

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT**TO****2020 -- H 7102 SUBSTITUTE A/2 AS AMENDED****AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS**

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2020 -- H 7102 SUBSTITUTE A AS AMENDED, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS", as follows:

1. On page 3, line 25, by inserting the following language after the language "479.102.":
"Provided, however, this subsection shall not apply to any firearm rendered permanently inoperable or a firearm manufactured prior to 1968."

2. On page 5, between lines 4 and 5, by inserting the following language:

"SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or applications of this act, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable."

3. On page 5, line 5, by deleting the number "3", and by inserting in place thereof the number "4".

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR COYNE

LC003660/15

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

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

NAYS – 1: Senator Morgan.

Senator Coyne moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Metts, Nesselbush, Murray, Euer, and DiPalma.

The act marked Substitute “A” is read and passed, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 4 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 4: Senators de la Cruz, Morgan, 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 Morgan welcomes the 2nd Amendment moms and 2nd Amendment Coalition to the senate gallery.

Senator Miller welcomes guests of the gun control alliance to the senate gallery.

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 Lombardi announces that the Committee on Labor 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 today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 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 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 Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Algieri seconded by Senator Goodwin, and upon the suggestion of Senator Algieri the Senate recesses at 4:37 o'clock P.M, in memory of *Paula Marie Morrone*.

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 Thursday, March 12th at 4:10 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, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Crowley and Sheehan.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-First Legislative Day of the 2020 proceedings is read in part.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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

March 12, 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, March 12, 2020 due to family illness.

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**

June 5, 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 Thursday, March 12, 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.

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 Michael Fascitelli to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2022.

From the Committee on Education to the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2770****BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algiere, Miller**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP DECLARE A NATIONAL EMERGENCY FOR THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC
{LC5308/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by 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, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2771****BY** Euer, Murray, Goodwin, Crowley, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Establishes the duty of the commission and the division of public utilities to ensure affordability and sustainability for basic care necessities.)
{LC5218/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2772**BY** DiPalma, Lombardi, Archambault, McKenney, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES (Establishes rules and regulations concerning the use and registration of personal delivery devices and mobile carrying devices.)
{LC4409/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2773**BY** McKenney, Gallo, Conley, Cano, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS (Create the electronic book licenses to libraries act which requires a publisher who offers to license electronic books and digital audiobooks to the public shall offer to license such books to libraries in the state on reasonable terms.)

{LC4613/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2774

(PUC)

BY Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TAXI CABS AND LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES (Requires national and state background checks for certain drivers transporting passengers for hire.)

{LC4551/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2775**BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Changes the tax classifications for cable television assets.)

{LC4614/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Resolution No. 2776**BY** Euer, DiPalma, Murray, McCaffrey, Conley**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DESIGNATE A STATE-WIDE BROADBAND COORDINATOR AND ESTABLISH A RHODE ISLAND BROADBAND ADVISORY COUNCIL

{LC4932/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2777**BY** de la Cruz, DiPalma, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC GROWTH BLOCKCHAIN ACT (Establishes an economic growth blockchain act, set regulations for the sale of hemp, regulate virtual and digital assets and establish depository banks for these purposes.)

{LC4667/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2778**BY** Felag, Sosnowski, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education in collaboration with the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation to make educational resources available regarding litter prevention and recycling awareness to elementary school students.)
{LC5244/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2779**BY** Seveney, Pearson, Satchell, Cano, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Requires development of benchmarks specific to each LEA and incentive fund structure for state share of LEA's non-core costs.)
{LC4995/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2780**BY** Gallo, Pearson, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION – REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 – THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Seeks to advance economic development by guaranteeing students the right to enroll in approved career technical educational programs and would allow them to enroll outside the district of residence if their district does not offer a duplicate program.)
{LC4910/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2781**BY** Archambault, Satchell, Cano, Paolino, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires that 80% of all teachers, in the next three (3) years, be trained in the basic emergency and response skills curriculum ("BEARS"), specifically, in hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Heimlich maneuver, and bleeding control.)
{LC5246/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2782**BY** Cano, Quezada, Pearson, Seveney, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM [SEE TITLE 19 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Provides for a minimum standard for the public education system.)

{LC4993/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2783**BY** Satchell, Cano, Pearson, Rogers, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Requires the general assembly to establish an education aid fund to be administered by the department of education for increases in enrollment of at least twenty five (25) students.)

{LC5000/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2784**BY** Lawson, Euer, Pearson, Satchell, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ACCESS TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (Updates Access to Advanced Placement Courses for All Students Act.)

{LC5195/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2785**BY** Rogers, Pearson, DiPalma, Satchell, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Prohibits total education paid to any local education agency from being reduced by more than one percent of the municipal education appropriation in the previous year.)

{LC5001/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2786**BY** Cano, Euer, Pearson, DiPalma, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Adds to the determination of the need to support high-need students the following factor: Whether the student is an English language learner as defined by the department of education's regulations.)

{LC5003/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2787**BY** Pearson, DiPalma, Seveney, Euer, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Amends the local share of education funding to be paid to charter public schools based on a comparison of performance data between the specific school from which the student is coming and the specific charter school that will be receiving the student.)

{LC4984/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education

Senate Bill No. 2788**BY** Pearson, DiPalma, Cano, Seveney, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Modifies the amount of education aid determined for each school district with respect to high-need students.)

{LC5007/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education

Senate Bill No. 2789**BY** Murray, Satchell, Pearson, Cano, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Requires a review by the department of the formula components used to compute the aid needed to support high need students.)

{LC4991/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2790**BY** Murray, Pearson, Rogers, Cano, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Removes funding requirement from department of elementary and secondary education.)

{LC4996/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2791**BY** Metts, Satchell, Pearson, DiPalma, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - STATE AID (Amends the computation of relative wealth of municipalities for the purpose of distributing state aid by eliminating the requirement that certain exemptions include tax treaty's that are conditioned on being in force on May 15, 2005.)

{LC4998/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2792**BY** Pearson, DiPalma, Seveney, Satchell, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Requires department of elementary and secondary education to include amount of state and local share of education funding calculated for each local agency receiving state aid, requires cities and towns to appropriate sufficient funds to meet their share)
{LC5004/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Resolution No. 2793**BY** DiPalma, Valverde, Sosnowski, Conley, Rogers**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROTECTING AND ENSURING FARMLAND PRESERVATION
{LC5284/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2794**BY** McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Miller, DiPalma, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS (Prohibits food service establishments providing single-use plastic straws unless requested or from self-service dispenser. First and second violation results in notice of violation and \$25 fine thereafter up to \$300 annually.)
{LC5273/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2795

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Pearson, DiPalma, Conley, Cano, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Requires electronic filing of returns and remittance of payments for certain larger business registrants.)
{LC4553/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2796**BY** Pearson, DiPalma, Conley, Felag, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Provides that any operational surplus of the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation shall be automatically transferred, on an annual basis, to a restricted receipt account for the sole purpose of waste management infrastructure.)
{LC4747/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2797

(by request)

BY Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--
LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from taxes school meals sold to school staff.)
{LC4627/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2798**BY** Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - MUNICIPAL INCENTIVE
AID (Authorizes the general treasurer to withhold state aid to municipalities which do not meet
certain requirements regarding locally-administered pension plans and, if applicable, funding
improvement plans.)
{LC3925/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2799**BY** Goodwin, Goldin, Ciccone, Metts, Quezada

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE
ELECTORS A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE
ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO
{LC5190/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2800**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Changes the
rate of interest for underpayments of tax to prime rate plus six percent (6%). It would also limit
the assessment of interest to four (4) calendar years.)
{LC5297/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2801**BY** Conley, Satchell, Goodwin, Metts, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Adds one
new income tax bracket for purposes of state income taxation.)
{LC5176/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2802**BY** Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Creates a seven percent (7%) minimum markup for cigarettes sold by a retailer, changes increases cost to retailers and wholesalers for cigarettes.)
{LC5245/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2803

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Conley, DiPalma, Lynch Prata, Seveney, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Increases the maximum small state purchase from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for construction projects and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for all other small purchases.)
{LC5059/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2804**BY** McCaffrey, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Amends the classification of manufacturing machinery that is eligible for a property tax exemption.)
{LC5270/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2805

(by request)

BY Pearson, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - HISTORIC RESIDENCE - TAX CREDIT (Amends the definition of "Commission" to include the Cumberland local historic district commission.)
{LC4823/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2806**BY** Lombardo, Archambault, Lombardi, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Requires municipalities to tax renewable energy resources as tangible property without affecting the real property on which it is located. Excepts farmland, which shall be reassessed at the predated farmland classification.)
{LC5281/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2807**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, Lawson, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Allows retired municipal and state employees to reenter the system for up to twenty hours per week without interrupting their pension benefits.)

{LC4994/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2808**BY** Picard, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Authorizes the city of Woonsocket to adopt by ordinance tax amnesty periods during its 2021 fiscal year.)

{LC5282/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2809**BY** Metts, Quezada**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR LEASED EXHIBITION, OFFICE AND VAULT STORAGE SPACE (This Joint Resolution would authorize a lease agreement for exhibition, office and vault storage space for the Department of State.)

{LC5299/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2810**BY** Valverde, Goldin, Coyne, Euer, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- REGULATION OF PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS (Requires the personal care product industry to more fully disclose the ingredients they use and, where applicable, identify ingredients that have been published as a chemical of concern on one or more designated list included in the act.)

{LC5250/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2811**BY** Valverde, Goldin, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OPIOID ALTERNATIVES (DOH to develop and publish opioid alternative pamphlet.)

{LC5158/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2812**BY** Raptakis, Rogers, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

(Amends the procedures for the holding the annual meeting/special meetings/the election/recall/duties of the board of directors/officers/tax assessor/district clerk/finance director-treasurer/tax collector/borrowing funds/installation/lighting repair.)

{LC5199/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2813**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF

LOCAL TAXES (Makes permanent the tax exemption for certain residential property developments which have either not been completed or, if completed, have not been sold/occupied which would have expired on December 31, 2021.)

{LC5249/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2814

(by request)

BY Pearson, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -HISTORICAL AREA

ZONING (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to establish by ordinance a list of buildings and structures with historic and architectural value and require a delay of any demolition for further evaluation.)

{LC4825/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2815**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURERS' REHABILITATION

AND LIQUIDATION ACT -- INSURANCE RECEIVERSHIP MODEL ACT (Adopts a portion

of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) model act with respect to receiverships, specifically with regards to how derivative contracts are treated in cases of insurance receiverships.)

{LC3604/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2816**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HOTELS

(Requires all hotels to make a good faith effort to post human trafficking awareness signage and provide all employees with human trafficking awareness training.)

{LC3741/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2817**BY** Archambault, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - PROBATION AND

PAROLE SUPPORT (Repeals court costs against all defendants who plead nolo contendere, guilty or are found guilty of a crime.)

{LC5148/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2818**BY** Quezada, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - COSTS (Provides that a defendant's qualification for the services of public defender constitutes prima facie evidence of indigency and limited ability to pay court costs and no costs shall be ordered unless procedures for determining ability to pay are followed.)

{LC5147/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2819**BY** Murray, Goldin, Valverde, Lawson, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - LICENSE

PROCEDURE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS (Defines the educational requirements necessary to qualify an individual as a social worker.)

{LC4937/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2820

(by request)

BY Euer, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE --

RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT (Allows an owner or owners of real property to execute a deed that names one or more beneficiaries who will obtain title to the property at the owner's death without the necessity of probate.)

{LC5236/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2821**BY** Lombardi, Morgan, Ciccone, Lombardo, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ESTABLISHING PROTECTION FROM PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION (Prohibits partial-birth abortions.)
{LC4781/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2822**BY** Archambault, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Directs the department of health to provide information regarding the passive voluntary adoption reunion registry on the department of health's website and in the division of vital records.)
{LC5219/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2823**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION FROM DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION ACT (Prohibits dismemberment abortions unless there is serious health risk to the unborn child's mother.)
{LC4753/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2824**BY** Metts, Quezada, Goldin, Euer, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS – EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION - LICENSING (Creates a new process with standards to be utilized when deciding whether an applicant's past conviction of a crime should disqualify the applicant from receiving an occupational license, permit, certificate, or registration issued by the state.)
{LC5224/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2825**BY** Metts, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - PAROLE (Grants juveniles sentenced as adults parole eligibility after completing fifteen (15) years of sentence with prospective/retroactive. Effective January 1, 1991.)
{LC5145/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2826**BY** Euer, DiPalma, McCaffrey, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Requires third-party hosting platforms to register short-term rental units with DBR, if not registered a fine would be imposed. Creates database for short-term rental units.)

{LC5237/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2827**BY** Felag, Lombardi, Lombardo, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS - ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Provides an exemption to the access to public records law for winners of lottery prizes.)

{LC5221/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2828**BY** Archambault, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Increases penalties for animal cruelty.)

{LC5222/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2829**BY** Euer, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - JAILS AND PRISONS (Credits those people detained in the adult correctional institution the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per day toward any fines or costs they owe to the court when held for lack of bail for failure to appear for a costs review hearing.)

{LC5142/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2830

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Conley, DiPalma, Lynch Prata, Seveney, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- DIVISION OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION (Makes numerous changes to the merit system.)

{LC4580/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2831**BY** Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS (Increases temporary caregiver benefits to six weeks starting January 1, 2021 and then to eight weeks starting January 1, 2022.)
{LC3645/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2832**BY** Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES -- VIOLATIONS (Increases penalties for violations of certain wage and hour laws.)
{LC3731/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2833**BY** Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING NEW BUILDINGS (Names the traffic tribunal building on New London Avenue "The Albert E. DeRobbio Traffic Tribunal.")
{LC3733/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2834**BY** Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Requires Class B licensees to offer the opportunity to purchase and consume food in conjunction with the sale of alcoholic beverages, at all times while alcohol is consumed on the premises.)
{LC4737/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2835**BY** Valverde, Satchell, Cano, Murray, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE (Requires that baby changing tables are provided in the ladies' and men's rooms of the Rhode Island State House and be included in new or substantially renovated construction of all publicly accessible buildings.)
{LC5258/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2836**BY** Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS OMBUDSPERSON ACT OF 2020 (Establishes Alzheimer's disease/related disorders ombudsperson program in DOH to advocate for/assist individuals in coordinating medical/social services care.)
{LC5289/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2837**BY** DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REGISTRATION OF NURSING ASSISTANTS (Allows for a nurse to delegate tasks to certified nursing assistants and authorizes the department of health to promulgate regulations that delineate delegable tasks.)
{LC4622/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2838

(Secretary of State)

BY Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- FILING OF ASSUMED NAME (Makes amendments necessary to use the term "trade name" rather than "assumed name", for purposes of the commercial law chapter on filing an assumed name, and provides for the administration and regulation of the use of trade names.)
{LC5052/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2839

(Secretary of State)

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS (Allows nonprofit corporations to merge pr consolidate with other business entities or to convert into an other business entity within or outside of this state. It allows other business entities to convert to domestic nonprofit corporations.)
{LC5197/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2840

(Secretary of State)

BY Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE ARCHIVES (Creates a definition for permanent records and would provide for their administration by the state archivist.)

{LC5048/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2841

(Secretary of State)

BY Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- PUBLIC RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (Establishes public records administration program for the custody/disposal of state public records assisted by an advisory commission.)

{LC5049/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2842

(Secretary of State)

BY Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS -- EARLY VOTING (Authorizes early voting for registered and eligible electors, in all elections for the twenty (20) days before an election at designated city and town locations, with advance public notice regulated by rules promulgated by the state board of elections.)

{LC5050/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2843

(Secretary of State)

BY Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS (Eliminates the requirement that to vote, a person must be registered in the city or town and voting district at least thirty (30) days next preceding any election. Effective July 1, 2020.)

{LC5051/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2844

(Secretary of State)

BY Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - SECRETARY OF STATE (Creates an election systems cybersecurity review board and a cybersecurity incident response group to establish protocols for cybersecurity threats.)

{LC5196/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2845**BY** Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$65,900,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 35% FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR STATE AID AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND (Authorizes the town of Portsmouth to issue bonds and notes to finance the construction, additions, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the town.)

{LC5293/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7991**BY** Ruggiero, Shekarchi, Filippi**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.)

{LC5298/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lynch Prata requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lynch Prata moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Bell, Euer, Lombardo, Ciccone, and Archambault.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, 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, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Senator DiPalma moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Lynch Prata, and Coney.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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 Algiere, Archambault, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 3: Senators Bell, Morgan, and Nesselbush.

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 Miller 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 Archambault announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Lombardo 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 Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT

Senator Lombardo, for the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Judiciary:

The Appointment of Chief William Nebus to the State Traffic Commission.

Transferred from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64-7.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation:

Jonathan C. Roberts

Vice

Russell Hahn

For a term expiring June 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64-7.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation:

Christopher H. Little, Esq.

For a term expiring June 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senators McCaffrey and Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:22 o'clock P.M.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ANA B. QUEZADA

Almighty God, bless those who serve in this Senate. Inspire us with your truth, surround us with your love, and fill us with your grace. Amen.

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JAMES A. SEVENEY

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your blessings of health and strength. We seek your encouragement in using these qualities to their fullest potential. Amen.

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.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020:

1. *The Appointment of Michael Fascitelli 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. **2020-S 2103**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -
INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS - NET NEUTRALITY

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

3. **2020-S 2124 SUB A**
BY Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE -- PERINATAL DOULA SERVICES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th

House Bill No. 7011

BY Mattiello, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Joseph R. Paolino, Jr., to join Kara Elizabeth Paolino Marchionte and Adam Hayden in marriage on or about April 4, 2020, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC3209/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12th****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}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 7991**BY** Ruggiero, Shekarchi, Filippi**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.)
{LC5298/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.