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Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Sixteenth 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 Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde and Zurier.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Morgan and Paolino.

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 Journals of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Legislative Days of the 2022 proceedings are read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Mendes and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of The Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Christian Miller, Case Manager for Homeless Youth.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Kallman and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of The Senate, welcomes to the Chamber from the Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts: Yamirah Prince Baquero, Leoani Polanco, Mileysa Glacken, and Noelia Latigue.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of The Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Joe Casoli.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

Chairman Lombardo, from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 2343

BY Quezada, Goodwin, Ciccone, Zurier, Mack, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Increases the number of members of the transit authority from eight (8) to ten (10) and makes the mayor of Providence or designee an ex officio member with voting privileges.)

{LC3703/1}

Placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, April 05th.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Chairwoman Coyne, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 2367

BY McCaffrey, Acosta, Quezada, Archambault, Cano, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Further delineates the definitions of felony, misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor and violation.) {LC4341/1}

Placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, April 05th.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

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

Senate Bill No. 2412

BY Cano, Quezada, Lawson, Kallman, Ciccone, Burke, DiPalma, Murray, Acosta, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- BUILDING SERVICE WORK (Requires that janitors and security guards employed, pursuant to state contracts worth more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of janitorial or security services, be paid a standard compensation rate.) {LC4272/1}

Placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, April 05th.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 2826**

BY Mack

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING "INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY" ON MARCH 31, 2022, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5673/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Mack requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Mack moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Anderson, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Mendes.

The senate resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2827**BY** Felag, Lombardi, Picard, Algiere, Murray, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION THANKING AND HONORING AMERICA'S AND RHODE ISLAND'S VIETNAM WAR VETERANS AND ASKING THAT ALL RHODE ISLAND RESIDENTS REMEMBER THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE ON BEHALF OF OUR NATION ON "VIETNAM VETERANS DAY"

{LC5634/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Felag requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde and Zurier.

The senate resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2828**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022, TO BE "DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC5655/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde and Zurier.

The senate resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2829**BY** Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 150TH BIRTHDAY OF THE ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO AND PROCLAIMING APRIL 1, 2022, AS "ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC5652/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde and Zurier.

The senate resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2830**BY** Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANNMARIE BELLEVILLE
{LC5569/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde and Zurier.

The senate resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

TRANSMITTAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Senator Kallman announces that the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Cano announces that the Senate Committee on Education will meet tomorrow at 5:00 o'clock P.M. in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Burke announces that the Senate Committee on Labor will meet tomorrow at 4:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Valverde announces that the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator DiMario announces that the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at 4:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Murray announces that the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs will meet tomorrow at 4:30 o'clock P.M. in Room 310 of the State House.

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

Senator Felag announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet on Thursday at 3:00 o'clock P.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Goodwin announces that the Senate will not have Session on Thursday, March 31st.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2831

BY Cano

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2022, AS "ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC4253/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2832

BY Goodwin, Euer, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Gallo, Pearson, Coyne, Miller, Felag, Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND (Names the Newport campus of the Community College of Rhode Island the M. Teresa Paiva Weed campus.)
{LC5649/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:41 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Annmarie Belleville.*

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JAMES A. SEVENEY

Heavenly Father, guide us in the ways of peace. May we show loyalty towards one another and be worthy of the trust you have placed in us. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 05, 2022:

1. **2022-S 2831**

BY Cano

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2022, AS "ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 05, 2022:

1. **2022-S 2343**
 BY Quezada
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS –
 RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

 Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
2. **2022-S 2367**
 BY McCaffrey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL
 PROVISIONS

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3. **2022-S 2412**
 BY Cano
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS –
 BUILDING SERVICE WORK

 Committee on Labor recommends passage