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Volume 150, No. 3

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Third Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 5:07 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, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Cano, and Lombardo.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the First Legislative Day of the 2023 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Burke 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:

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January 17, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, I will be absent from Senate Session, due to personal reasons.

I would appreciate you recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Ciccone, III

Frank A. Ciccone, III
Senator District ~ 7

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Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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January 17, 2023



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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, I will be absent from Senate Session due to illness.

I would appreciate you recoding my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank Lombardo III
Senator District - 25

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 9**

BY de la Cruz, Paolino, Ruggerio, Rogers, Ciccone, Sosnowski, DeLuca, E Morgan, Goodwin, DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE LINCOLN CARTER ALMOND
{LC360/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator de la Cruz requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator de la Cruz moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 10

BY Felag

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF STEPHEN MICHAEL SIEMBAB
{LC540/1}

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, Bell, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 11**BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF FATHER RAYMOND TETREAULT
{LC580/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Bell requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Bell moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023:**

- 1. 2023-S 0006**
BY Ruggerio
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING DOUG WHITE (POSTHUMOUSLY) ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE RHODE ISLAND RADIO AND TELEVISION HALL OF FAME

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

- 2. 2023-S 0007**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND THANKING DEBORAH L. PERRY FOR TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO YWCA RHODE ISLAND AND THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the following measures on Today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.**NAYS – 0:**

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess at 5:24 o'clock P.M. in memory of *Lincoln Carter Almond, Stephen Michael Siembab, and Father Raymond Tettreault.*

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, January 17th at 6:29 o'clock P.M.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 8**

BY Mack, Raptakis, Lawson, DiMario, F. Lombardi, Britto, Zurier, Gu, Picard, Acosta
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
{LC586/1}

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, Bell, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess at 6:35 o'clock P.M.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 12**

BY Kallman, Lauria, DiPalma, Zurier, DiMario, Bell, Ujifusa, Miller, Valverde, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Requires that each child under
the supervision of the department of children, youth and families be provided a team of
educational advocates to ensure the child's educational planning, progress and success.)
{LC88/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 13

BY Kallman, Lawson, Valverde, Gu, McKenney, LaMountain, Burke, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS
(Allows schools to maintain on-site an undesignated supply of glucagon for emergency purposes.
Provides for training of all school employees in the basics of diabetes care and allows for further
training of delegated care aides for students with diabetes.)
{LC327/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 14

BY Miller, Valverde, Kallman, Gu, DiMario, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- DISPOSABLE FOOD
SERVICE CONTAINERS (Prohibits a covered establishment from preparing, selling,
processing or providing food or beverages in or on a disposable food service container that is
composed in whole or in part of polystyrene foam.)
{LC272/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 15

BY Miller, DiMario, Valverde, Kallman, Murray, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE
PURCHASES (Bans state purchases of plastic bottles, bags and polystyrene. It would also
require state funds to be used to lease or purchase alternative fueled vehicles and renewable
energy efficient technologies for use on state property.)
{LC289/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 16

BY Kallman, DiMario, Euer, Miller, LaMountain, Pearson, Valverde, Britto, Gu, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE
PFAS BAN ACT OF 2023 (Prohibits use of PFAS in carpets, upholstered furniture, textile
furnishings, apparel, cosmetics, juvenile products, cookware, firefighting foam and gives
authority to the department of environmental management to regulate and the use.)
{LC573/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 17

BY Ruggerio, Goodwin, Pearson, Cano, Miller, Britto, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT
(Amends "Former Spouse Divorced" to include married for ten or more years and required by
court order to support post divorce.)
{LC245/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 18

BY Ruggerio, Tikoian, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE
NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER
EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION,
REHABILITATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENTS, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF
AND/OR ADDITIONS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN,
INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS, THE RENOVATION OF TWO MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND THE
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF
STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF
NOT LESS THAN 79.8% FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT
(Authorizes the Town of North Providence to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding
\$125,000,000.)
{LC543/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 19

BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX
{LC358/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 20**BY** Valverde, Pearson, DiMario, Acosta, Zurier, DiPalma, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Adds a section which allows substitute teachers and post-retirement employees to exceed the ninety-day (90) cap on post-retirement employment if certain conditions are met.)

{LC672/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 21**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) of taxable pension and/or annuity income includible in federal adjusted gross income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.)

{LC281/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 22**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Reduces the assessment against a resident's net income from eighty percent (80%) to fifty percent (50%).)

{LC280/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 23**BY** Miller, Goodwin, Pearson, Gallo, Euer, Ruggerio, DiMario, Valverde, Acosta, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE (Guarantees availability of coverage to eligible residents of state and does not limit or exclude coverage by imposing a preexisting condition exclusion.)

{LC285/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 24

BY Lawson, Lauria, DiMario, Kallman, Miller, Acosta, Euer, Murray, Quezada, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES (Removes the sunset provision of all statutory law requiring coverage
for the treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with
streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.)
{LC220/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 25

BY Miller, Euer, DiPalma, DiMario, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ALCOHOLISM (Requires
the dept of behavioral healthcare/developmental disabilities/hospitals to coordinate with the
DOH to propose revisions to chapter 1.10 and 10.1 of title 23, including updates and revisions of
statutory language and evidence-based best practices.)
{LC271/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 26

BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION
CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM (Extends the expiration date of
the Harm Reduction Center Advisory Committee and Pilot Program by two years, from March 1,
2024, to March 1, 2026.)
{LC291/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 27

BY Miller, Valverde, Pearson, Goodwin, Lawson, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE
DISCHARGE PLANNING (Requires coverage for residential/inpatient mental health services
for detox/stabilization/substance abuse disorders without preauthorization or be subject to
concurrent review during the first 28 days.)
{LC286/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 28**BY** Miller, DiPalma, DiMario, Valverde, Murray, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Increases the rate of reimbursement for in-network behavioral health care services below the medial commercial reimbursement rate and also Rhode Island Medicaid shall increase the rate of reimbursement.)

{LC284/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 29**BY** Felag, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Tiverton, adopted and approved on November 8, 2022.)

{LC325/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 30**BY** Ujifusa, Valverde, DiPalma, Euer, Murray, DiMario, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Defines light duty, non-emergency, emergency and zero-emission vehicles and requires the state to convert its fleet of vehicles to no less than fifty percent (50%) of vehicles in those categories by the year 2031.)

{LC567/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 31**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS (Authorizes and empowers the department of transportation to plant pollinator-friendly species of trees, shrubs, grasses and plants.)

{LC288/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 32

BY Valverde, Mack, Sosnowski, Acosta, Murray, Pearson, Miller, Euer, DiMario, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN--EQUALITY IN ABORTION COVERAGE (Provides for abortion coverage in the Medicaid program and repeals the abortion coverage exclusion for state employee insurance plans.)
{LC185/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 33

BY F. Lombardi, Euer, LaMountain, McKenney, Zurier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (Increases the civil penalty from \$100 to a maximum of \$1,000, whenever a seller or their real estate agent fails provide a completed seller disclosure form to the buyer.)
{LC572/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 34

BY F. Lombardi, Gallo, Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS -- POLLING PLACE CAP (Increases the maximum number of voters that a polling place can accommodate from three thousand (3,000) to three thousand five hundred (3,500))
{LC435/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 35

BY Lawson, Kallman, Lauria, Miller, Acosta, DiMario, Euer, Murray, Gallo, F. Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Allows individuals, who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, to vote in a primary election, as long as the voter will be eighteen (18), as of the date of the general or special election.)
{LC81/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 36**BY** Kallman, McKenney, Goodwin, Gallo, Burke, Ruggerio, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Provides for contractor liability for debts owed to an employer or third party on the wage claimants behalf, incurred by a subcontractor.)

{LC13/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 37**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Sets the minimum wage at fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour commencing January 1, 2024, and at twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour commencing January 1, 2025.)

{LC227/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 38**BY** Lawson, Lauria, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Authorizes the city of East Providence to grant a retailer's Class B license to property located at 136 Taunton Avenue, Map 106, Block 6, Parcel 15 of the applicable city of East Providence tax assessment map.)

{LC90/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 39**BY** Lawson, Britto, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Authorizes state assistance to the Rhode Island wing of the Civil Air Patrol to support continued training and equipment for use by the state during times of natural disaster or emergency.)

{LC82/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 40

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, DeLuca

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF NANCY F. BINNS

{LC689/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 41

BY Ruggiero

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF HELEN M. WILKERSON

{LC717/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration on Tuesday, January 24th.

Senate Resolution No. 42

BY Cano, Gu, Ujjifusa

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR "THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT"

{LC259/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, January 24th at 4:14 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by de la Cruz, the Senate adjourns at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**PROCEEDINGS IN JOINT SESSION**

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

The Honorable, President of the Senate, Dominick J. Ruggiero in the Chair.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Joint Session is called to order at 6:47 o'clock P.M.

Upon suggestion of The Honorable, President of the Senate, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the roll of the Senate and the roll of the House of Representatives is dispensed with, there being a quorum of the Senate and a quorum of the House of Representatives present, therefore a quorum of the Joint Session.

The Honorable, President of the Senate, by unanimous consent, appoints Senators Britto, Gallo, Lawson, Lombardi, Raptakis, Rogers and Representatives Ackerman, Alzate, Cortvriend, Diaz, Fenton Fung, McGaw to escort His Excellency, the Governor, Dan McKee and guests to the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while the Members of the Judiciary enter the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while members of the Presidents of the Rhode Island Institutions of Higher Education enter the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while the Mayors, Town Administrators and Local City and Town Officials enter the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while members of the Directors of the Executive Departments and Quasi Public Agencies enter the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while The First Lady of the State of Rhode Island, Mrs. Susan McKee, enters the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while the Honorable James A. Diossa, General Treasurer, enters the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while the Honorable Peter Neronha, Attorney General, enters the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while the Honorable Gregg M. Amore, Secretary of State, enters the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while the Honorable Sabina Matos, Lieutenant Governor, enters the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while the Honorable Seth Magaziner, United States Representative for Rhode Island's 2nd Congressional District, enters the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while the Honorable David Cicilline, United States Representative for Rhode Island's 1st Congressional District, enters the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while His Excellency, the Governor, Dan McKee, enters the Chamber.

The Honorable, President of the Senate, presents His Excellency, the Governor, Dan McKee, to the Joint Session.

The Governor, Dan McKee delivers his State of the State Address.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Speaker Shekarchi, seconded by Senator Majority Leader Pearson, and by unanimous consent, Joint Session adjourns and the two Houses separate at 7:37 o'clock P.M.

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JOHN BURKE

Almighty Father, let your spirit of wisdom transcend upon the leaders of our State. Tonight, as Governor McKee delivers his State of the State Address, we are reminded of the challenges we face ahead. Help us all strive to work together to reach common ground and find positive solutions for the benefit of all our constituents as we move Rhode Island towards a brighter tomorrow. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023:

1. **2023-S 40**
 BY de la Cruz
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE
 PASSING OF NANCY F. BINNS

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2023-S 42**
 BY Cano, Gu, Ujifusa
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF
 THE CHINESE NEW YEAR "THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT"
 {LC259/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.