

## State of Rhode Island

# Journal of the Senate

**JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Third day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.**

Volume 150, No. 8

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Eighth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:11 o'clock P.M.

### ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

**PRESENT – 37:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**ABSENT – 1:** Senator Goodwin.

### INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Father Borislav Kroner, St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

### APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Murray 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:

<p>SENATOR <b>SANDRA CANO</b> District 8</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>	<p>CHAIRWOMAN Committee on Education</p>
<p>302 Pullen Avenue Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861</p>		<p>Committee on Finance</p>
<p>Room 209 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p>	<p>Senate Chamber</p>	
<p>RESIDENCE 401-228-4557 OFFICE 401-276-5561 FAX 401-222-4263</p>		
<p>sen-cano@rilegislature.gov</p>		
<p>February 27, 2023</p>		
<p>The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero President of the Senate State House, Room 318 Providence, RI 02903</p>		
<p>Dear President Ruggiero:</p>		
<p>Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber Tuesday, February 28, 2023. <b>I will be Voting by proxy.</b></p>		
<p>I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.</p>		
<p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p>		
<p>Sincerely yours,</p>		
		
<p>Sandra C. Cano Senator District #8</p>		
<p>SC/mc</p>		
<p>cc Mr. John Fleming, Secretary of the Senate</p>		

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island

SENATOR  
**ANA B. QUEZADA**  
*Deputy Majority Whip*  
District 2

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Senate Chamber

Committee on Education

SECRETARY  
Committee on Judiciary

February 27, 2023

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate Session on Tuesday, February 28th, 2023 as I will be in the Dominican Republic.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ana B. Quezada".

Ana B. Quezada  
Senator District-2

ABQ/erl

Cc: John Fleming

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

## State of Rhode Island

SENATOR  
FRANK S. LOMBARDI  
District 26

DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER

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## Senate Chamber

VICE-CHAIRMAN  
Committee on Judiciary

VICE-CHAIRMAN  
Committee on Labor

February 28, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. Lombardi".

Frank S. Lombardi  
Senate District 26

/hsr

cc: Mr. John Fleming, Secretary of the Senate

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

SENATOR  
MARYELLEN GOODWIN  
District 1

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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

Senate Committee on Commerce  
Senate Committee on Education  
Senate Committee on  
Environment & Agriculture  
Senate Committee on Finance  
Senate Committee on  
Health & Human Services  
Senate Committee on  
Housing & Municipal Government  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Senate Committee on Labor  
Senate Committee on Rules,  
Government Ethics & Oversight  
Senate Committee on  
Special Legislation & Veterans' Affairs

February 28, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. I will be voting by proxy.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maryellen Goodwin".

Maryellen Goodwin  
Senate Majority Whip

/hsr

cc: Mr. John Fleming, Secretary of the Senate

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

## State of Rhode Island



SENATOR  
V. SUSAN SOSNOWSKI  
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Committee on  
Finance

Committee on  
Labor

## Senate Chamber

February 28, 2023

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 Tuesday, February 28, 2023. I will be voting by proxy.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "V. Susan Sosnowski".

Senator V. Susan Sosnowski  
Senate District 37

VSS/ceb

Cc: Mr. John Fleming, Secretary of the Senate

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island

SENATOR  
**THOMAS J. PAOLINO**  
District 17

DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER

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Providence, Rhode Island 02903

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Senate Chamber

Committee on  
Education

Committee on  
Finance

February 28, 2023

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be unable to attend Senate session today due to illness, Tuesday February 28, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Paolino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Thomas J. Paolino  
Senator, District-17

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR**

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication from His Excellency, The Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 15, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution, entitled State Court Judges - Judicial Selection, I have made the following appointment as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court:

**Moira E. Reynolds**

Vice  
George Salem

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor  
cc:

- Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President
- Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader
- Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader
- Rhode Island Ethics Commission
- Legislative Press Bureau
- Law Revision Office
- Honorable Paul Suttell, Chief Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court
- Honorable Alice B. Gibney, Presiding Justice, Rhode Island Superior Court
- Honorable Robert M. Ferrieri, Chief Justice, Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court
- Honorable Dawn M. Euer, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
- Moira E. Reynolds

IN THE SENATE  
Referred to the Committee on  
JUDICIARY

FEB 28 2023

*Julia B. [Signature]*  
Reading Clerk

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 15, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution, entitled State Court Judges - Judicial Selection, I have made the following appointment as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court:

**Nicholas J. Parrillo**

Vice  
 Christine Jabour

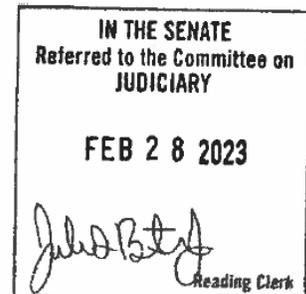
To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
 Governor

cc:

Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
 Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
 Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader  
 Rhode Island Ethics Commission  
 Legislative Press Bureau  
 Law Revision Office  
 Honorable Paul Suttell, Chief Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court  
 Honorable Alice B. Gibney, Presiding Justice, Rhode Island Superior Court  
 Honorable Jeanne E. Lafazia, Chief Judge, Rhode Island District Court  
 Honorable Dawn M. Euer, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee  
 Nicholas J. Parrillo



RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 15, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution, entitled State Court Judges - Judicial Selection, I have made the following appointment as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court:

**Joseph J. McBurney**

Vice  
Netti Vogel

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

cc:

- Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President
- Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader
- Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader
- Rhode Island Ethics Commission
- Legislative Press Bureau
- Law Revision Office
- Honorable Paul Suttell, Chief Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court
- Honorable Alice B. Gibney, Presiding Justice, Rhode Island Superior Court
- Honorable Dawn M. Euer, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
- Joseph J. McBurney

IN THE SENATE  
Referred to the Committee on  
JUDICIARY

FEB 28 2023

*John B. ...*  
Reading Clerk

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. McKEE**

February 15, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution, entitled State Court Judges - Judicial Selection, I have made the following appointment as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court:

**J. Patrick O'Neill**

Vice  
Elaine Bucci

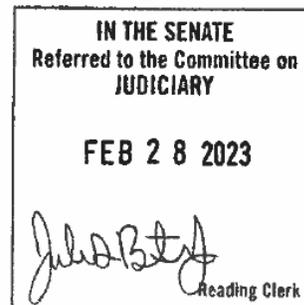
To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

cc:

Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader  
Rhode Island Ethics Commission  
Legislative Press Bureau  
Law Revision Office  
Honorable Paul Suttell, Chief Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court  
Honorable Alice B. Gibney, Presiding Justice, Rhode Island Superior Court  
Honorable Jeanne E. Lafazia, Chief Judge, Rhode Island District Court  
Honorable Dawn M. Euer, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee  
Honorable J. Patrick O'Neill



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Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 15, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution, entitled State court Judges - Judicial Selection, I have made the following appointment as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court:

**Christopher K. Smith**

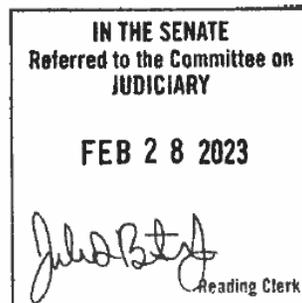
Vice  
Susan McGuirl

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor  
cc:

Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader  
Rhode Island Ethics Commission  
Legislative Press Bureau  
Law Revision Office  
Honorable Paul Suttell, Chief Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court  
Honorable Alice B. Gibney, Presiding Justice, Rhode Island Superior Court  
Honorable Dawn M. Euer, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee  
Honorable Christopher K. Smith



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Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 15, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution, entitled State Court Judges - Judicial Selection, I have made the following appointment as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court:

**Debra A. Saunders**

Vice  
Newly Created Seat

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

Sincerely,

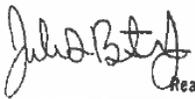
Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

cc:

- Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President
- Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader
- Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader
- Rhode Island Ethics Commission
- Legislative Press Bureau
- Law Revision Office
- Honorable Paul Suttell, Chief Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court
- Honorable Alice B. Gibney, Presiding Justice, Rhode Island Superior Court
- Honorable Jeanne E. Lafazia, Chief Judge, Rhode Island District Court
- Honorable Dawn M. Euer, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
- Debra A. Saunders

**IN THE SENATE**  
 Referred to the Committee on  
**JUDICIARY**

**FEB 28 2023**

  
 Reading Clerk

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 20, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

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

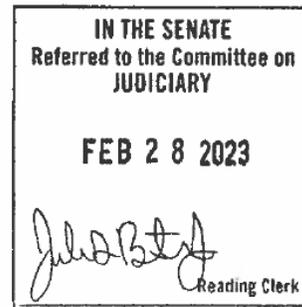
**Collin M. Geiselman**

Vice

Lara Montecalvo

For a term expiring February 19, 2029

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



Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

DJM/ecd

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



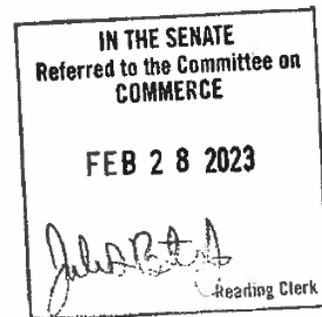
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 28, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 42-99-4, I have made the following appointment to the Convention Center Authority:

**Ernest Almonte**  
Vice  
Bernard Buonanno II



For a term expiring June 30, 2023

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

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee  
Governor  
DJM/ecd

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

February 28, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 42-99-4, I have made the following appointment to the Convention Center Authority:

**Stephen S. Iannazzi**  
Vice  
John P. Hooper



For a term expiring June 30, 2023

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor  
DJM/ecd

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 27, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the **Rhode Island Commerce Corporation**

**An T. Le**  
Public Member  
Vice  
Michael McNally

IN THE SENATE  
Referred to the Committee on  
COMMERCE

FEB 28 2023

*Julia B. Betts*  
Reading Clerk

For a term expiring February 1, 2027

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Euer and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of The Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Lindsay Bazile, Senate Judiciary Clerk.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Raptakis and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of The Senate, welcomes to the Chamber his intern Dennis Langrock, Senior at Providence College.

Upon the suggestion of Senator de la Cruz and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of The Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Gabriel Corvo, North Smithfield High School.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS****Senate Resolution No. 450**

**BY** Murray

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE  
{LC792/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Murray requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senator Raptakis speaks on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Murray and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of The Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Father Borislav Kroner, St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Woonsocket; Father Mykhaylo Dosak, St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Woonsocket, and his nephew Marian Kulish.

**Senate Resolution No. 451****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 27 THROUGH MARCH 3, 2023, TO BE "PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1322/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lawson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 452****BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ADRIAN HALL {LC1898/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Miller requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 453****BY** Zurier**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF EUGENE LEE

{LC1897/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Zurier requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Zurier moves passage, seconded by Senators Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers, Tikoian, Ujifusa, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023:****1. 2023-S 162****BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF VINCENT VESPIA, JR.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

**2. 2023-S 446****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BRAD READ ON HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SAIL NEWPORT, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

**3. 2023-S 448****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DIANE P. ROSE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

- 4. 2023-S 449**  
**BY** Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE  
PASSING OF RAYMOND H. GOULET

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

**NAYS – 0:**

### CALENDAR

#### IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023:

- 1. *The Appointment of Elizabeth M. Tanner, Esq. to the Secretary of Commerce***

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Senator DiPalma moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Pearson, Felag, Euer, Gallo, Lawson, Picard, Zurier, Britto, Burke, Bell, Lauria, Murray, Miller, Ciccone, Tikoian, Raptakis.

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

**NAYS – 0:**

**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 or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Burke announces that the Senate Committee on Labor will meet tomorrow at 4:30pm in Senate Lounge.

Senator Raptakis announces that the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs will meet tomorrow at 4:30pm in Room 313.

Senator Lombardo would like to thank all the members of the Senate for the warm and kind wishes on his recovery.

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

**RECESS**

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess at 5:03 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Adrian Hall and Eugene Lee.*

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

***The Reappointment of Colonel Darnell Weaver to the Director of the Department of Public Safety***

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

***The Reappointment of Peter Alviti, Jr. to the Director of the Department of Transportation***

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 20 SUB A****BY** Valverde, Pearson, DiMario, Acosta, Zurier, DiPalma, Gu, Britto**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/A/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 206****BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS; PROVIDED THAT, THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes the town of Middletown to issue not more than \$1,000,000 in bonds and notes to finance school construction and renovation.)

{LC1484/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 239****BY** Pearson, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to exempt or stabilizes tax payments for real/personal property related to environmental remediation, historic preservation, affordable housing, manufacturing, commercial, residential, or mixed-use purposes.)

{LC801/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**House Bill No. 5040 SUB A****BY** O'Brien, Biah, Slater, Serpa, Carson, Corvese, Azzinaro, Kazarian, Spears, DeSimone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

(Permits retired teachers to substitute teach in a school for up to one hundred twenty (120) days in a school year, without any loss, forfeiture, or reduction in retirement benefits, through June 30, 2025.)

{LC448/A/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

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

***The Reappointment of Matthew D. Weldon to the Director of the Department of Labor and Training***

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

Chairman Felag, from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

**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}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 442****BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, Gallo, Euer, Pearson, DiPalma, Miller, Felag, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi**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.)

{LC1537/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Bill No. 454**

**BY** DiPalma, LaMountain, Britto, Ujifusa, Murray, Acosta, Felag, Zurier, Euer, Pearson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Amends the computation of school housing-aid for school housing projects and would provide that construction of certain projects commence in June, 2024, rather than December, 2023 in order to align such projects with the fiscal year.)  
{LC1814/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 455**

**BY** DiPalma, Britto, Murray, Acosta, Felag, Zurier, Euer, Pearson, Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Requires that all projects seeking school housing aid shall complete an independent, objective, reasoned study on all projects over ten million dollars (\$10,000,000).)  
{LC2307/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 456**

**BY** Pearson, Ruggerio, DiPalma, Cano, Gallo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the student success factor calculation of the state share ratio for foundation aid by accounting for English language in determining the state's share of foundation aid eligibility for each school district.)  
{LC2481/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 457**

**BY** Goodwin  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH AS "COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC1970/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**House Bill No. 5288**

**BY** Voas, Ackerman, Marszalkowski, Phillips, Alzate, Giraldo, Potter, Solomon, Baginski **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to exempt or stabilizes tax payments for real/personal property related to environmental remediation, historic preservation, affordable housing, manufacturing, commercial, residential, or mixed-use purposes.)  
{LC819/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**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 Tuesday, March 07<sup>th</sup> at 4:07 o'clock P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by de la Cruz, the Senate adjourns at 4:08 o'clock P.M.

**JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.**  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023:**

- 1. 2023-S 457**  
**BY Goodwin**  
**ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH AS "COLORECTAL**  
**CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

## Appendix

## CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023:

1. *The Reappointment of Peter Alviti, Jr. to the Director of the Department of Transportation*

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. *The Reappointment of Colonel Darnell Weaver to the Director of the Department of Public Safety*

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

3. *The Reappointment of Matthew D. Weldon to the Director of the Department of Labor and Training*

Committee on Labor recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

4. **2023-S 20 SUB A**  
**BY** Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

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

5. **2023-S 206**  
**BY** DiPalma  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS; PROVIDED THAT, THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

6. **2023-S 239**  
**BY** Pearson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

7. **2023-H 5040 SUB A**  
**BY** O'Brien  
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8. **2023-S 38**  
**BY** Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

9. **2023-S 442**  
**BY** Goodwin  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 8.13 of the Rules of the Senate for the Years 2023-2024, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

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Advice and Consent Tanner

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Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Sandra C. Cano

2/28 /2023

Date

Senate District

NOTARY SEAL

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

On this 28th day of February, 2023, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Sandra C. Cano, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

Notary Public Signature

John E. Fleming, Jr  
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*Sandra C. Cano*

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Senator Sandra C. Cano

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Respectfully Submitted,

*Maryellen Goodwin*

Date 02/28/2023

Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Senate District 1

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NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEB. 11, 2025

On this 28th day of February 2023, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Maryellen Goodwin, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

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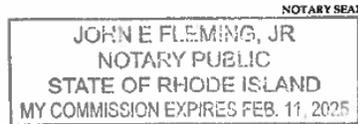
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Respectfully Submitted,

*V. Susan Sosnowski*

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Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date

Senate District 37

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