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Seventeenth Legislative Day

In Memoriam

The Honorable Maryellen Goodwin

September 27, 1964 – April 15, 2023

Rhode Island State Senator

1986 – 2023

May God Keep You In His Loving Care

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, Senate President Pro Tempore, at 4:22 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 36: 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 Ruggiero.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GOVERNOR OF RHODE ISLAND REMARKS

The Honorable Senator Hanna M. Gallo presents the Honorable Dan McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island.

The Honorable Dan McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, addresses the members of the Senate and the family and friends of Maryellen Goodwin.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE REMARKS

The Honorable Senator Hanna M. Gallo presents the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House.

The Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House, addresses the members of the Senate and the family and friends of Maryellen Goodwin.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 933****BY** Ruggerio, Gallo, Pearson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE MARYELLEN GOODWIN
{LC2838/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Pearson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pearson moves passage, seconded by 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, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

Senators Lombardi, Sosnowski, Felag, Cano, Raptakis, Quezada, Bell, Euer, DiPalma, de la Cruz, Paolino, Pearson speak on the senate resolution.

The 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 or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess at 5:32 o'clock P.M.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 934****BY** Lawson, Britto, E Morgan, Rogers**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE 11TH ANNUAL PROSTART® HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION

{LC2771/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 935**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING APRIL 23RD-29TH AS "QUAHOG WEEK 2023" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2803/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 936**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RIHOUSING

{LC2818/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Chairwoman Cano, from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 178**BY** Gallo, Pearson, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Valverde, Lawson, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS TO EARNING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE ACT (Creates the Apprenticeship Pathways to Earning a Bachelor's Degree Act, to enable an individual to earn a bachelor's degree at public higher education institutions throughout the state by earning credits through apprenticeships.)

{LC886/1}

Placed on the Calendar for Thursday, April 27th.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 6242**BY** Craven, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Gregory A. Mancini, Esq., to join Semra Beric and James Silvia-Chandley in marriage on or about October 22, 2023, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC2671/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

House Bill No. 6241**BY** Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Scott Woodhouse, Sr., to join Nikole P. Meade and Jeffrey V. Ferzoco in marriage on or about October 13, 2023, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

{LC2732/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5443**BY** Ajello, Knight, Batista, J. Lombardi, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Cruz, Handy, Tanzi, Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Requires returns of a marriage certificate to be filed within two (2) business days after the ceremony, and validates the common practice of filing the return by mail.)

{LC207/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5302**BY** Tanzi, Morales, Ajello, Cotter, Spears, Donovan, Speakman, McGaw, Cortvriend, Henries
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Leonela Felix to join Kayla Simone K. Rosen and Michael Zachary Mezera in marriage on or about May 20, 2023, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC1038/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5018

BY Solomon, DeSimone, Potter, Casimiro, Kazarian, Giraldo, Shanley, O'Brien, Noret, Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Diane Louise Ricciardi to join Vanessa Rose DiPilato and Nicholas Landmark Nybo in marriage on or about June 24, 2023, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC378/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, Senate President Pro Tempore, on Tuesday, April 25th at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by de la Cruz, the Senate adjourns at 4:17 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR ROGER A. PICARD**

Almighty Father, Blessed are You for giving us family and friends, To be with us in times of joy and sorrow, To help us in days of need, And to rejoice with us in moments of celebration. Lord, We ask, that You grant strength to the families who have lost loved ones, and to our Senate family as we celebrate the life and legacy of our colleague Maryellen Goodwin. May You take the souls of the departed forever into Your protection. May Your grace be with them and their families as they meet the challenges ahead. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023:

1. **2023-S 930****BY** Burke

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY ON BEING A FINALIST FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW FOR THE NATIONAL MEDAL FOR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICE FROM THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES, AND BEING NAMED THE RHODE ISLAND "LIBRARY OF THE YEAR" BY THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2023-S 931****BY** Lawson

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE HENRY C. ROSE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. **2023-S 932****BY** Lawson

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MATILDA E. CAPARCO

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

4. **2023-S 934****BY** Lawson

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE 11TH ANNUAL PROSTART® HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

5. **2023-S 935****BY** DiMario

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING APRIL 23RD-29TH AS "QUAHOG WEEK 2023" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

6. **2023-S 936**
BY Ruggiero
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RIHOUSING

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

7. **2023-H 5305**
BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS

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

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CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023:

1. **2023-S 464**
 BY Gallo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MUSICAL AND
 THEATRICAL PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS

 Committee on Finance recommends passage.

2. **2023-S 777**
 BY Ciccone
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND
 EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL
 LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO ANALYZE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
 REGARDING TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

 Committee on Finance recommends passage.

3. **2023-S 923**
 BY Miller
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
 TAXATION

 Committee on Finance recommends passage.

4. **2023-S 1 SUB A**
 BY Ruggiero
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PEER-TO-PEER CAR
 SHARING PROGRAM

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

5. **2023-S 345**
 BY LaMountain
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
 OPEN MEETINGS

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023:

- 1. 2023-S 178**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- APPRENTICESHIP
PATHWAYS TO EARNING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE ACT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.