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Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Eighteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, Senate President Pro Tempore at 4:18 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 Ruggerio.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President Pro Tempore 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

April 18, 2023

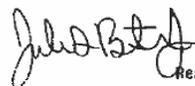
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as the Director of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families:

Ashley Deckert

IN THE SENATE
Referred to the Committee on
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APR 25 2023


Reading Clerk

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

Sincerely,



Daniel J. McKee
Governor
DJM/ecd

cc: Honorable Sabina Matos, Lieutenant Governor
Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House
Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President
Honorable Michael Chippendale, House Minority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader
Rhode Island Ethics Commission
Legislative Press Bureau
Law Revision Office
Appointment Member

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT

The Honorable President Pro Tempore presents the following communication from the Rhode Island Family Court transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



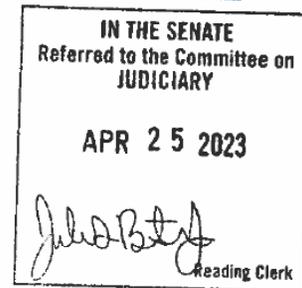
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One Barrance Plaza
Providence, RI 02903

MICHAEL B. FORTE
CHIEF JUDGE



April 7, 2023

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero
Senate President
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street, Room 318
Providence, Rhode Island 02903



Re: Appointment of Samantha S. Polisena, Esquire, as Magistrate of the Rhode Island Family Court

Dear President Ruggiero:

I am pleased to appoint, subject to the advice and consent of the Rhode Island Senate, Samantha S. Polisena, Esquire, as Magistrate of the Rhode Island Family Court.

Attorney Polisena is a graduate of the Roger Williams University School of Law and the University of Rhode Island. She has been a member in good standing of the Rhode Island Bar since 2013. Additionally, she is admitted to practice before the Massachusetts Bar.

She is currently an assistant public defender and a supervising attorney in the Office of the Rhode Island Public Defender where she has been employed since 2014. She has conducted numerous trials, including child neglect matters. Prior to her time with the Public Defender's Office, Attorney Polisena was employed as a private attorney practicing in the area of family law, among other things.

Attorney Polisena also has participated in numerous public interest legal events including as a volunteer attorney for Operation Stand Down and for the Nonviolence Institute in Providence. She has served as an Executive Board Member of the Rhode Island Association of Criminal Defense lawyers.

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



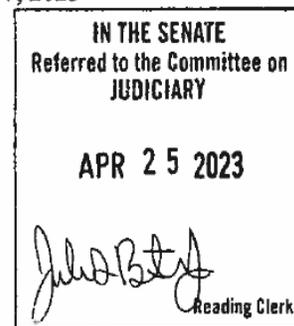
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The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero
Senate President
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street, Room 318
Providence, Rhode Island 02903



***Re: Appointment of Susan Nahabedian, Esquire, as
Magistrate of the Rhode Island Family Court***

Dear President Ruggiero:

I am pleased to appoint, subject to the advice and consent of the Rhode Island Senate, Susan Nahabedian, Esquire as Magistrate of the Rhode Island Family Court.

Attorney Nahabedian is a graduate of the New England School of Law and the University of Rhode Island. She has been a member in good standing of the Rhode Island Bar since 1991. Additionally, she is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island.

Her most recent experiences have been in the public sector. She was employed as the Chief of Staff for the Mayor of Warwick and the Personnel Director for the City of Cranston. As part of her responsibilities as Personnel Director, she served as the chairperson of the Cranston Diversity Commission. Additionally, Attorney Nahabedian has been a member of the Adjunct Faculty of Salve Regina University in the Department of Business Studies and Economics since 2012.

Her legal experience includes her employment as a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Rhode Island representing low-income individuals often protecting their rights

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



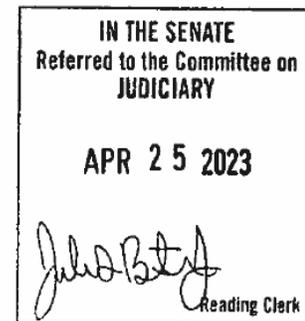
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82 Smith Street, Room 318
Providence, Rhode Island 02903



**Re: Appointment of Ronald F. Cascione as
Magistrate of the Rhode Island Family Court**

Dear President Ruggerio:

I am pleased to appoint, subject to the advice and consent of the Rhode Island Senate,
Ronald F. Cascione, Esquire as Magistrate of the Rhode Island Family Court.

Attorney Cascione is a graduate of the New England School of Law and the University of
Rhode Island. He is a member in good standing of the Rhode Island Bar since 1979.
Additionally, he is a member of the Massachusetts Bar and is currently admitted to practice
before the United States Supreme Court and the United States District Court for the District of
Rhode Island.

As an attorney he has served the citizens of the state of Rhode Island in both the private
sector as well as the public sector. Attorney Cascione is currently a partner in the law firm of
Brennan, Recuperio, Cascione, Scungio & McAllister, LLP. He has a general practice with a
concentration in Education Law. A significant portion of his private practice has been devoted to
litigation, much of which has been in Family Court.

Attorney Cascione has served as a hearing officer for the Board of Review for the
Department of Labor and Training and as a state appointed mediator mediating collective
bargaining disputes between various governmental entities, labor unions and businesses. He has

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

APPOINTMENT BY THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

The Honorable President Pro Tempore presents the following communication from the City of Providence transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE
COUNCILOR RACHEL M. MILLER
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT



IN THE SENATE
Referred to the Committee on
COMMERCE

APR 25 2023

John B. Bity
Reading Clerk

March 31, 2023

Ms. Tina L. Mastroianni
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Ms. Mastroianni:

In accordance with Title 42, Chapter 42-99-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, entitled State Affairs and Government – Convention Center Authority Act, I hereby appoint Councilman Oscar O. Vargas of 150 Dora Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909, as a member of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority, for a term to expire on April 6, 2027.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or require further information.

Sincerely,


 Rachel M. Miller
 Council President

cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President
Daniel McConaghy, Executive Director

IN CITY COUNCIL

APR 06 2023

FILED

WHEN CALLED IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

Tina L. Mastroianni CLERK

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Mack and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Talib Reddick from Brown University, Christian Ramos from Blackstone Academy, and Mary Durowoju from Paul Cuffee High School.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 937**

BY Tikoian, Gallo, Raptakis, Ujifusa, Lombardi F, Felag, Britto, Cano, Zurier, Mack
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2023, AS "ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY" TO COMMEMORATE THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923, AND IN HONOR OF ARMENIAN-AMERICANS
{LC885/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Tikoian requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Paolino and Raptakis speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Tikoian and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Father Kapriel Nazarian, Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Church, Steve Elmasian, Chair of the RI Armenian National Committee, Ani Haroian, Immediate Past Chair of Rhode Island Armenian National Committee, Steve Mesrobian, Armenian National Committee Board member, Pauline Getzoyan, newly appointed Chair of The Rhode Island Holocaust and Genocide Education Commission, Mrs. Ann Tikoian, Senator Tikoian's mother.

Senate Resolution No. 938

BY McKenney, Gallo, Lombardi F, Sosnowski, Felag, Mack, Lombardo, Gu, de la Cruz, Morgan
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 23-29, 2023, TO BE
“NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK” IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2813/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator McKenney requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 939

BY DiMario
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY OF 2023, AS "MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2883/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration on Thursday, April 27th.

Senate Resolution No. 940

BY Ruggerio, LaMountain, Felag, Lombardi F, Tikoian, Burke, Bell, McKenney, Lauria, Cano
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF OLGA PEZZA
{LC2842/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator LaMountain requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 941**

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Sosnowski, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY --

AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT (Provides that Rhode Island assents to the provisions of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act relative to the Preventive Controls for Animal Food Regulation (PCAF) regulations.)

{LC1566/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 942

(Veterans)

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Requires that the administrator for the Rhode Island veterans' home be a licensed nursing home administrator and removes the requirement that the administrator be an honorably discharged veteran.)

{LC1575/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affair.

CONSENT CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 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-H 5305**
BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS

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

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 – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, 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, APRIL 18, 2023:

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

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator DiPalma moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lawson, DiMario, LaMountain, Lombardo, Ciccone, Euer, Felag, Sosnowski, Mack, Zurier, Acosta, Britto, Murray, Tikoian, Quezada, Ujifusa, Raptakis, Kallman, Cano, DeLuca, Rogers, de la Cruz.

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

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, 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, Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

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.

Senator Ciccone moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Burke, DiMario, Zurier, Britto, Lombardo, LaMountain, Ujifusa, Lawson.

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

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, 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, Zurier.**NAYS – 0:****3. 2023-S 923****BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Miller moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Felag, Zurier, Britto, DiMario, Lauria, Pearson, DiPalma.

Senator Bell discusses the act.

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

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, 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, Zurier.**NAYS – 0:**

4. 2023-S 1 SUB A**BY** Ruggerio**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.

Senator Euer moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Lawson, Burke, McKenney, LaMountain.

Senator Bell discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote, with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 2 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, Zurier.

NAYS – 2: Senators Bell and Morgan.

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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator LaMountain moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Euer, Lombardi, Zurier, Britto, Ciccone, Felag, Burke, Lauria, Murray, Tikoian, Bell, and McKenney.

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

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, 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, Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Morgan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Frank Soccocio, Maria Robin, Ray, Bradley, John Parfit.

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 Room 212.

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

Senator Picard announces that the Senate Committee on Commerce will meet today at the Rise of the Senate in Room 212

Senator Felag announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet today at the Rise of the Senate in Room 211.

Senator Cano announces that the Senate Committee on Education will meet tomorrow at 4:30pm in Room 211.

Senator LaMountain announces that the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at 4:30pm in the Senate Lounge.

Senator Valverde announces that the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the Rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge.

Senator Pearson wishes Senator Joshua Miller a Happy Birthday on April 17th

Senator Pearson wishes Senator Louis P. DiPalma a Happy Birthday on April 20th.

Senator Pearson wishes Senator Ana B. Quezada a Happy Birthday on April 23rd

Senator Pearson wishes Robert L. Ricci, Senate Parliamentarian a Happy Birthday today.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator LaMountain, the Senate stands in Recess at 5:08 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Olga Pezza.*

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

Chairwoman Sosnowski, from the Committee on Commerce, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

The Appointment of An T. Le (Public Member) VICE Michael McNally to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2027.

Placed on 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 measures:

Senate Bill No. 277

BY Miller, DiPalma, Euer, DiMario, Lauria, Lawson, Ujifusa, Kallman, Murray, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND
PATHWAYS PROJECT (Requires the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS)
to conduct a study to assess the impact of using Medicaid funds to provide coverage for the
treatment of the chronically homeless.)
{LC270/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 289

BY Valverde, Miller, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE
MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (Repeals the sunset provision of the interstate medical
licensure act.)
{LC1455/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 290

BY DiMario, Pearson, LaMountain, Miller, Valverde, Lauria, Lawson, Murray, Euer, Ujifusa ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Requires a workgroup of health care providers and health insurers convened by the office of the health commissioner, to make recommendations regarding prior authorization policies.)
{LC1062/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

TRANSFER OF BILLS

Senator Felag, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 438

BY Sosnowski, Kallman, Ujifusa, F. Lombardi, Lauria, McKenney, Mack, Burke, Valverde, Zurier ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Repeals the exemption granted to pari mutual facilities and casinos from the smoke free workplace requirement contained in the Public Health and Workplace Safety Act.)
{LC923/1}

Transferred to the Committee on Finance.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

Senate Bill No. 185

BY DiMario, Euer, Gallo, Lawson, Cano ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- EARLY LEARNING HUBS (Establishes "early learning hubs" to serve as an intermediary among regional partners in order to coordinate support for early learning providers in the delivery of early childhood care and education.)
{LC1199/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 482

BY Gallo, Pearson, DiPalma, Cano, Lawson, DiMario, Tikoian, Zurier, Burke, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING (Establishes the office of early childhood development and learning to manage a statewide early learning system for children from birth through age five (5), and ensure all children enter school ready to learn.)
{LC2545/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 492

BY Cano, Murray, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RHODE ISLAND EARLY EDUCATOR INVESTMENT ACT (Requires children's cabinet to establish benchmarks/strategies/costs to improve compensation for early educators/implement pilot program for wage supplements/early educator registry by DHS.)
{LC1598/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

Chairwoman DiMario, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 704

(Public Utilities Commission)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Amends the revenue decoupling reconciliation mechanism used by a gas distribution company for the purposes of revenue decoupling to not require that distribution be determined on a revenue-per-customer basis.)
{LC2401/1}

Placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 4th.

Senate Bill No. 770

BY Euer, Cano, Mack, Murray, Lauria, Acosta, DiMario, Miller, Sosnowski, Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT (Establishes requirements which would have to be met by an applicant prior to the issuing of permits for an activity that would have an environmental impact on or would increase the cumulative impacts on an environmental justice area.)
{LC2109/1}

Placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 4th.

Senate Bill No. 771**BY** Britto, Ruggerio, Lawson, Ciccone, DiPalma, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LABOR STANDARDS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS (Amends the definition of "covered project" having a total nameplate capacity of three megawatts (3 MW) down to one megawatt (1 MW).)

{LC1752/1}

Placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 4th.**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 943****BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL AND REAFFIRMING THE BONDS OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL

{LC2869/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 944**BY** Murray, Tikoian, Sosnowski, Picard, Felag, Quezada, Valverde**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2023, TO BE THE "MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2778/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration on Thursday, April 27th.**Senate Resolution No. 945****BY** Kallman, Cano**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 19, 2023, TO BE "WAGE THEFT DAY OF ACTION"

{LC2880/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration on Thursday, April 27th.

Senate Bill No. 946**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION FEES (Permits disabled veterans to be issued several disabled veteran plates, permits plates to be transferred to their spouse or caretaker during the veteran's life and would allow disabled veteran plates to be issued for a commercial vehicle of any size.)

{LC2891/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 947**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 23 THROUGH 29, 2023, TO BE "CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND"

{LC2906/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration on Thursday, April 27th.**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

House Bill No. 6216**BY** Edwards, J. Brien, Bennett, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thomas P. Morgan, to join Hayley Marie Patton and Corey Francis Marte in marriage on or about May 6, 2023, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)

{LC2703/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Tuesday, May 2nd.**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 Thursday, April 27th at 4:25 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by de la Cruz, the Senate adjourns at 4:27 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR FRANK LOMBARDO, III

Dear God, we beseech you to fit us for today's work and for the work in days ahead. May we profit by this moment by being still and knowing that You alone are sufficient for all our needs. Amen.

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25th

House Bill No. 5305

(By request)

BY Carson, Donovan, Ackerman, Dawson, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Shanley, Fogarty, McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS (Mandates that on each primary for election of national convention delegates and elections for presidential preference primaries, that all public elementary and secondary schools be closed.)

{LC1096/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

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.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023:

- 1. 2023-H 6216**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

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

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023:

1. *The Appointment of An T. Le (Public Member) VICE Michael McNally to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2027.*

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

2. **2023-S 185**
BY DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- EARLY LEARNING HUBS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

3. **2023-S 482**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING

Committee on Education recommends passage.

4. **2023-S 492**
BY Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RHODE ISLAND EARLY EDUCATOR INVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Education recommends passage.

5. **2023-S 277 SUB A**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RESTORATIVE AND RECUPERATIVE CARE PILOT PROGRAM

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

6. **2023-S 289**
 BY Valverde
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
 INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

7. **2023-S 290 SUB A**
 BY DiMario
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
 THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH
 INSURANCE OVERSIGHT

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

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023:

- 1. 2023-S 704**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.
- 2. 2023-S 770**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.
- 3. 2023-S 771**
BY Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
LABOR STANDARDS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

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2023-S

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Respectfully Submitted,

Dominick J. Ruggiero
Senator Dominick J. Ruggiero
Senate District 4

4/25/23
Date

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2023-S 464

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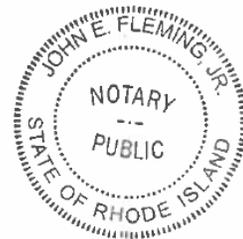
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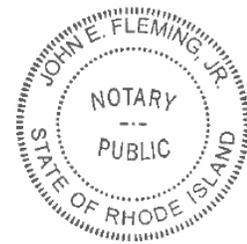
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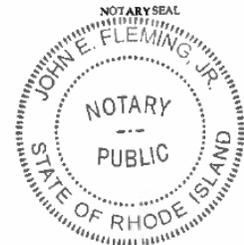
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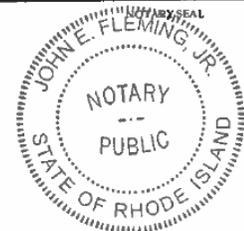
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- 2023-S 345
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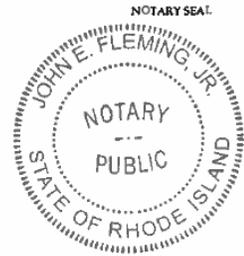
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