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Thursday, April 27, 2023

Nineteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, Senate President Pro Tempore at 4:28 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, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Paolino.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ciccone 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 24, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-12-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Director of Department of Human Services:

Kimberly Merolla Brito

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

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Julia Brito
Reading Clerk

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

Sincerely,

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 Health and Human Services.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

April 19, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64.19-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have consented to the following appointment as Director of Business Regulation:

Elizabeth Kelleher Dwyer

This is the third appointment of the Director of Business Regulation made pursuant to Section 42-64.19-5. In deference to the tradition of providing advice and consent to the appointment of the Director of Business Regulation, I submit this appointment for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

cc: Secretary of Commerce
Elizabeth M. Tanner, Esq.

IN THE SENATE
Referred to the Committee on
COMMERCE

APR 27 2023

Reading Clerk

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

April 24, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to Governor's Workforce Board

Darrell Waldron
Community Based Organization

Vice
Cathy Doyle

For a term expiring January 1, 2026

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

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

IN THE SENATE
Referred to the Committee on
LABOR

APR 27 2023

Julia B. [Signature]
Reading Clerk

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber James R. Langevin, United States Representative for Rhode Island's 2nd Congressional District from 2001 to 2023.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Valverde and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Jim Calbi from East Greenwich.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**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.

Senator DiMario requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

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.

Senator Murray requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Murray 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, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Murray and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Nicki Laforte, President Auxiliary Post 85, Bailee Gill, Junior Member Auxiliary, Adam Gill, Treasurer Auxiliary, Alexis Dupree, Wendy Palmer, Jennifer Stevens, Nancy Henault, Joseph Henault, and Robert Lefort.

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.

Senator Kallman requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

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.

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski 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, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

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.

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

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 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, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Ruggerio, 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 Kallman announces that the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet today at the Rise of the Senate in Room 212.

Senator DiMario announces that the Joint Committee on Child Care will meet Tuesday, May 2nd from 2pm-4pm.

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

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.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess at 4:53 o'clock P.M.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 948**

BY Ruggerio, Pearson, Ciccone, Gallo, Felag, F. Lombardi, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (This act would legalize iGaming by patrons located in the State of Rhode Island. Effective 1/1/2024.)

{LC2885/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 949

BY Miller, Gallo, LaMountain, Britto, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Increases the motion picture production company tax credit to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) and cap the available total of credits to forty million dollars (\$40,000,000). This act would also eliminate the sunset provision.)

{LC2887/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 950**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 1ST THROUGH MAY 7TH OF 2023, TO BE "TARDIVE DYSKINESIA (TD) AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC1972/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration on Tuesday, May 02nd.**Senate Resolution No. 951****BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY OF 2023, AS "NATIONAL SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2834/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 952**BY** Ruggerio, Gallo, F. Lombardi, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Requires any person who transports a patient by a stretcher or in a supine position in a vehicle to be licensed as an emergency medical services provider through the director of health.)

{LC2478/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Resolution No. 953**BY** Lawson, Britto, Lauria**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING EAST PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED A "GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL" BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

{LC2908/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 954**BY** Paolino**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF BRIAN SULLIVAN ON HIS RETIREMENT AND THANKING HIM FOR MORE THAN THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF LINCOLN
{LC2810/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

The Appointment of Christopher K. Smith VICE Susan McGuirl as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior CourtPlaced on the Senate Calendar for Thursday, May 4th.***The Appointment of Joseph J. McBurney VICE Netti Vogel as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court***Placed on the Senate Calendar for Thursday, May 4th.***The Appointment of J. Patrick O'Neill VICE Elaine Bucci as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court***Placed on the Senate Calendar for Thursday, May 4th.***The Appointment of Nicholas J. Parrillo VICE Christine Jabour as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court***Placed on the Senate Calendar for Thursday, May 4th.

The Appointment of Moira E. Reynolds VICE George Salem as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court

Placed on the Senate Calendar for Thursday, May 4th.

The Appointment of Collin M. Geiselman VICE Lara Montecalvo as Public Defender for a term expiring February 19, 2029.

Placed on the Senate Calendar for Thursday, May 4th.

The Appointment of Debra A. Saunders as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court

Placed on the Senate Calendar for Tuesday, May 9th.

Senate Bill No. 418

BY DiPalma, Sosnowski, Burke, McKenney, F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY (Requires conservation and preservation restrictions to be liberally interpreted in favor of the grants awarded.)
{LC311/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar for Tuesday, May 9th.

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. 23 SUB A

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/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar for Tuesday, May 9th.

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}

Placed on the Senate Calendar for Tuesday, May 9th.

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}

Placed on the Senate Calendar for Tuesday, May 9th.

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}

Placed on the Senate Calendar for Tuesday, May 9th.

Senate Bill No. 722 SUB A

(Dept. of BHDDH)

BY Acosta, Miller, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES --
STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION (Replaces terms "mentally
retarded"/"retarded" or "alcoholic"/"drug abuser" used in general laws with "intellectual or
developmental disability" or "person with an intellectual or developmental disability" or "person
with substance use disorder.")
{LC1646/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar for Tuesday, May 9th.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 955**

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Tikoian, DiPalma, Lombardo, Ciccone, Burke, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATEWIDE TANGIBLE
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (Phases in a permanent tax exemption over 5 years for tangible
personal property of businesses of less than \$250,000 of assessed value. Provides reimbursement
from state revenues for the amount of lost tax revenue resulting from the exemption.)
{LC1678/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 956

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Lombardo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Raptakis, Burke, Pearson, E Morgan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING
HOME PATIENTS (Amends the law on nursing home minimum staffing requirements in order
that any penalty incurred in calendar year 2022 would be abated.)
{LC1679/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 957

BY E Morgan, DeLuca
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS
(Requires all public and charter schools notify the parents of any of their students makes
disclosures about their gender identity or expression of their desire to take actions inconsistent,
with their biological sex at birth.)
{LC1680/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 958

BY E Morgan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND'S
CHILDREN DESERVE HELP NOT HARM ACT -- MINOR'S GENDER TRANSITION
(Prohibits gender transition procedures for all minors, uses of public funds for that purpose,
discipline for health care providers for providing same, a thirty (30) year statute of limitation,
right to a civil action for damages.)
{LC1556/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 959**BY** E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MEDICAL ETHICS DEFENSE ACT (Establishes the right of a medical practitioner, healthcare institution, or healthcare payer not to participate in or pay for any medical procedure or service this violates their conscience.)

{LC1682/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 960**BY** E Morgan, DeLuca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Limits the biological sex designation on a certificate of birth to male or female and prohibits a nonbinary designation.)

{LC1560/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 961**BY** Paolino, Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, DiPalma, Murray, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Requires certain candidates for state and municipal political office and political action committees designate a financial institution as a depository for campaign funds.)

{LC1871/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 962**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT RHODE ISLAND ENERGY FACTOR INTO CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE SMART-CHARGING PILOT PROGRAMS THE BENEFIT-COST ASSESSMENT AND REDUCED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH USING ENERGY DURING OFF-PEAK CHARGING TIMES

{LC2925/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 963**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING "RIGHT FROM THE START - STROLLING THUNDER" ON MAY 2, 2023

{LC2858/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration on Tuesday, May 02nd.**Senate Resolution No. 964****BY** Ujifusa, Gu**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MAY OF 2023, AS "ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC737/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration on Tuesday, May 02nd.**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

House Bill No. 5016**BY** Edwards, McGaw**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.)

{LC156/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar .

CALL TO ORDERThe Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, Senate President Pro Tempore, on Tuesday, May 2nd at 4:07 o'clock P.M.**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Rogers, the Senate adjourns at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR FRANK A. CICCONE, III

Heavenly Father, we ask you to teach us to give and not count the cost, and to labor and not ask for rewards. Above all, teach us that it is only what we give in love and service to others which endures forever. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023:**

- 1. 2023-S 951**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY OF 2023, AS "NATIONAL SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 2. 2023-S 953**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING EAST PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED A "GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL" BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 3. 2023-S 954**
BY Paolino
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF BRIAN SULLIVAN ON HIS RETIREMENT AND THANKING HIM FOR MORE THAN THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF LINCOLN

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 4. 2023-S 962**
BY DiMario
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT RHODE ISLAND ENERGY FACTOR INTO CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE SMART-CHARGING PILOT PROGRAMS THE BENEFIT-COST ASSESSMENT AND REDUCED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH USING ENERGY DURING OFF-PEAK CHARGING TIMES

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 5. 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.

6. **2023-H 5016**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE
HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

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. ***The Appointment of Christopher K. Smith VICE Susan McGuirl as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court***

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

2. ***The Appointment of Joseph J. McBurney VICE Netti Vogel as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court***

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

3. ***The Appointment of J. Patrick O'Neill VICE Elaine Bucci as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court***

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

4. ***The Appointment of Nicholas J. Parrillo VICE Christine Jabour as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court***

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

5. ***The Appointment of Moira E. Reynolds VICE George Salem as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court***

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

6. ***The Appointment of Collin M. Geiselman VICE Lara Montecalvo as Public Defender for a term expiring February 19, 2029.***

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

7. **2023-S 704**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
- Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.
8. **2023-S 770**
 BY Euer
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT
- Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.
9. **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.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023:

1. *The Appointment of Debra A. Saunders as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court*

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

2. **2023-S 23 SUB A**

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

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

3. **2023-S 24**

BY Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

4. **2023-S 25**

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ALCOHOLISM

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

5. **2023-S 27**

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE DISCHARGE PLANNING

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

6. 2023-S 722 SUB A**BY** Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES -- STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION

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

7. 2023-S 418**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY

Committee on Judiciary 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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2023-S 178

(Bill Number)

(Advice & Consent, Order of Business, or Amendment Number)

* If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Respectfully Submitted,

Dominick J. Ruggiero

Senator Dominick J. Ruggiero

Date

Senate District 4

NOTARY SEAL

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

On this 27th day of April 2023, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Dominick J. Ruggiero, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

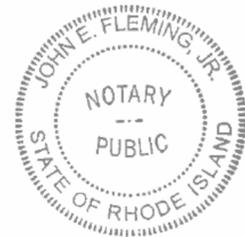
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