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Tuesday, May 02, 2023

Twentieth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, Senate President Pro Tempore, at 4:11 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: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, 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 de la Cruz.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Tikoian 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 VALARIE J. LAWSON District 14</p> <hr/> <p>DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER</p> <hr/> <p>122 Hoyt Avenue East Providence, Rhode Island 02916</p> <p>sen-lawson@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>VICE-CHAIR Committee on Rules Government Ethics & Oversight</p> <hr/> <p>SECRETARY Committee on Health & Human Services</p> <hr/> <p>SECRETARY Committee on Special Legislation & Veterans' Affairs</p>
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March 22, 2023

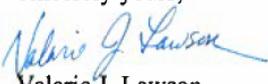
The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero
President of the Senate
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street, 3rd Floor, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggiero:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Valarie J. Lawson
Senator District #14

VJL/nc

cc Mr. John Fleming, Secretary of the Senate-Deputy Chief of Staff

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island



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Senate Chamber

May 2, 2023

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber today,
Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Please record my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn Euer".

Dawn Euer
Senator - District 13

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE REMARKS

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Rhode Island State Senate, addresses the members of the Senate.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**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.

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 Luca, DiPalma, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

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.

Senator Ujifusa requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ujifusa moves passage, seconded by Senators Gu, Ruggerio, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Felag, LaMountain, Lauria, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

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.

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, Cano, Ciccone, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Felag, Gu, LaMountain, Lauria, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Tikoian.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Miller and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Karla Kiriako, Director of State Government Affairs, Neurocrine Bio-Sciences in San Diego, California.

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.

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

YEAS – 36: 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, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

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.

Senator Sosnowski moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Ruggerio, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, 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, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Picard and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber *newly appointed to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, An T. Le.*

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

Committee on Education recommends passage.

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

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 33 members voting in the affirmative and 4 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 4: Senators De Luca, Morgan, Paolino, Rogers.

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.

Senator Cano moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, DiPalma, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 5 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 5: Senators de la Cruz, De Luca, Morgan, Paolino, Rogers.

4. 2023-S 492

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RHODE ISLAND EARLY
EDUCATOR INVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Education recommends passage.

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

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

YEAS – 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.

NAYS – 0:

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.

Senator Miller moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Sosnowski, DiPalma, LaMountain, Valverde, Quezada, Ujifusa, Bell, Britto, and Acosta.

Senator Murray discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 36: 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, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 1: Senator Morgan.

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.

Senator Valverde moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Murray, Lauria, Quezada, Tikoian, Burke.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 36: 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, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 1: Senator Bell.

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.

Senator DiMario moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Sosnowski, Miller, Lombardi, Zurier, Gu, McKenney, Lauria, Valverde, Ujifusa, and Felag.

Senators Miller and Lauria discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators 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, 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 Raptakis announces that the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs will meet tomorrow at 4:30pm in the Senate Lounge.

Senator Burke announces that the Senate Committee on Labor will meet tomorrow at 4:00pm in Room 212.

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 Felag announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet today at the Rise of the Senate 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 Cano announces that the Senate Committee on Education will meet tomorrow at 4:30pm in Room 313.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator Rogers, the Senate stands in Recess at 4:55 o'clock P.M.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 965**

BY LaMountain, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE TELEMEDICINE COVERAGE ACT (Defines a patient-provider relationship as when the healthcare professional agrees to undertake diagnosis and treatment of the patient and the patient agrees to be treated.)

{LC2697/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Resolution No. 966

BY Tikoian

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MAY 7TH THROUGH MAY 13TH, 2023, AS "NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2937/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 967**BY** Tikoian

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 14 THROUGH MAY 20, 2023, TO BE "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL THE POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY
{LC2938/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 968**BY** Acosta, Zurier, Murray, Britto, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Allows cannabis establishments, as defined pursuant to § 21-28.11-3, to claim any deduction to income that would be allowable under the laws of the United States but for 26 U.S.C. § 280E.)
{LC2699/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

Senate Bill No. 56**BY** Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN (Provides a tax abatement of up to \$2,000 to Jamestown firefighters based upon years of service, quantity of calls responded to and number of training hours and is transferrable to a surviving spouse until remarriage or death.)
{LC705/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

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

Senate Bill No. 428

BY Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Burke, DiPalma, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Extends provisions of an existing collective bargaining agreement for municipal police arbitration purposes until a successor agreement is reached or an interest arbitration award is rendered.)

{LC1670/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 426

BY Lawson, Murray, Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Britto, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Establishes new factors for the interest contract arbitration board for municipal employee unions, to consider in rendering a decision the board power to render an award over all negotiated matters, including the expenditure of money.)

{LC31/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 822

BY Ciccone, Britto, DiPalma, F. Lombardi, Burke, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Increases the killed-in-line-of-duty benefit for active or retired police officer, capitol police officer, correctional officer, firefighter, crash rescue crew person, fire marshal or deputy fire marshal from 40% to 100% of the federal death benefit.)

{LC2635/1}

Placed on the Senate 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 measure:

Senate Bill No. 751

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Britto, F. Lombardi, Lawson, Ciccone, DiPalma, Acosta, DiMario, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- DRIVER PRIVILEGE

CARDS AND PERMITS (Reduces the fee for an original driver privilege card from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).)

{LC2281/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

The Appointment of Suzanne Augenstein VICE Jason Pamental to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2025.

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Bethany Lardaro VICE Katherine Quinn to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2024.

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of David Namhon Kim VICE Libby Slader to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2025.

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Silvermoon Mars LaRose VICE Loren Spears to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2024.

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Marisa Brown VICE Kate Petrie to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2024.

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Chairman Lombardo, from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 589**BY** Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN 1923 R.I. PUB. LAWS, CHAPTER 544 [SAME AS 1923 R.I. ACTS AND RESOLVES 306 (CHAPTER 2429)]AS AMENDED BY 1938 R.I. PUB. LAWS, CH. 2646 1954 R.I. PUB. LAWS, CH. 3384 1955 R.I. ACTS AND RESOLVES 707 1958 R.I. ACTS AND RESOLVES 1081 1962 R.I.ACTS AND RESOLVES 1160 1963 R.I.ACTS AND RESOLVES 787 1963 R.I.ACTS AND RESOLVES 788 1976 R.I. PUB. LAWS, CH. 78 1980 R.I. PUB. LAWS, CH. 135 1997 R.I. PUB. LAWS, CH. 1998 R.I. PUB. LAWS, CH. 222 (Revises and updates the public law on the Kingston fire district in the town of South Kingstown.)

{LC925/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 881**BY** Felag, Lauria, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT AMENDING THE ENABLING ACT CREATING THE BRISTOL-WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (Amends the act creating the Bristol-Warren regional school district to include a section mandating periodic review of the enabling act by the member towns with a report to the general assembly for approval of any recommended amendments.)

{LC2718/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 883**BY** Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WARREN (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Warren, adopted and approved on November 8, 2022.)

{LC2719/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 885**BY** Lawson, Lauria, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Enables the city of East Providence to offer tax amnesty for two (2) separate sixty (60) day periods for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 for waiver of interest and penalties in an amount not to excide \$10,000 on overdue real property tax payments.)

{LC2721/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Roger A. Picard, Deputy Senate President Pro Tempore, on Thursday, May 4th at 4:28 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Rogers, the Senate adjourns at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DAVID P. TIKOIAN

Almighty God, we ask today that You help us to live wisely, to fight for justice and truth, and to always try to live up to the expectations of our constituents. Amen.

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON TUESDAY, MAY 02nd

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}

Transmitted to the Governor.

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}

Transmitted to the Governor.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023:

1. **2023-S 966**
BY Tikoian
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MAY 7TH THROUGH MAY 13TH, 2023, AS "NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2023-S 967**
BY Tikoian
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 14 THROUGH MAY 20, 2023, TO BE "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL THE POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023:

1. ***The Appointment of Suzanne Augenstein VICE Jason Pamental to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2025.***

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

2. ***The Appointment of Bethany Lardaro VICE Katherine Quinn to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2024.***

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

3. ***The Appointment of David Namhon Kim VICE Libby Slader to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2025.***

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

4. ***The Appointment of Silvermoon Mars LaRose VICE Loren Spears to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2024.***

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

5. ***The Appointment of Marisa Brown VICE Kate Petrie to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2024.***

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

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 56**

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

3. **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.

4. **2023-S 24**

BY Lawson

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

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

5. **2023-S 25**

BY Miller

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

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

6. **2023-S 27**

BY Miller

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

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

7. 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.

8. 2023-S 589**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN 1923 R.I. PUB. LAWS, CHAPTER 544 [SAME AS 1923 R.I. ACTS AND RESOLVES 306 (CHAPTER 2429)]AS AMENDED BY 1938 R.I. PUB. LAWS, CH. 2646 1954 R.I. PUB. LAWS, CH. 3384 1955 R.I. ACTS AND RESOLVES 707 1958 R.I. ACTS AND RESOLVES 1081 1962 R.I. ACTS AND RESOLVES 1160 1963 R.I. ACTS AND RESOLVES 787 1963 R.I. ACTS AND RESOLVES 788 1976 R.I. PUB. LAWS, CH. 78 1980 R.I. PUB. LAWS, CH. 135 1997 R.I. PUB. LAWS, CH. 1998 R.I. PUB. LAWS, CH. 222

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

9. 2023-S 881**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AMENDING THE ENABLING ACT CREATING THE BRISTOL-WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

10. 2023-S 883**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WARREN

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

11. 2023-S 885**BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

12. **2023-S 418**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

13. **2023-S 751**
BY Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- DRIVER PRIVILEGE CARDS AND PERMITS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023:

- 1. 2023-S 426**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

- 2. 2023-S 428**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

- 3. 2023-S 822**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF
INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS

Committee on Labor 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 _____ / _____
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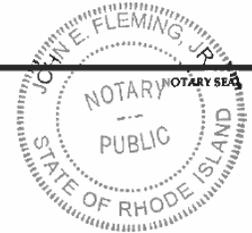
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J de la Cruz 5/2/2023
 Senator Jessica de la Cruz (PRINT NAME) Date
 Senate District 21

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island
County of Providence

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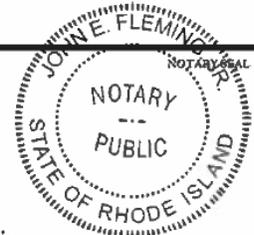
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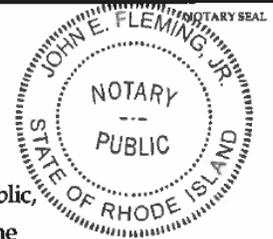
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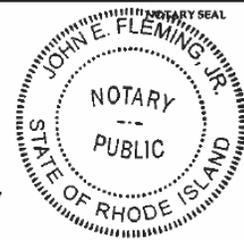
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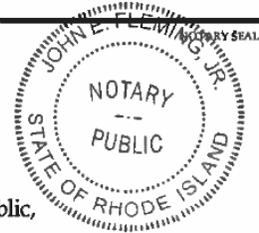
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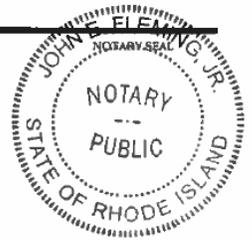
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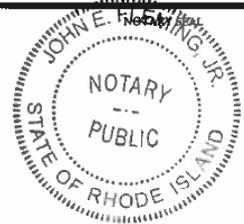
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