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Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:08 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 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.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Morgan.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-Second Day of the 2023 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Felag 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:

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State of Rhode Island



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Committee on
Finance

Committee on Rules,
Government Ethics & Oversight

Permanent Joint Committee
On State Lottery

May 16, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, I will be absent from Senate Session.

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

Sincerely,

Frank A. Ciccone, III

Frank A. Ciccone, III
Senator District ~ 7

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Read and ordered to be placed on file.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 1021****BY** de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE ELEANOR SLATER HOSPITAL-ZAMBARANO CAMPUS ON THE RECOGNITION OF "ZAMBARANO DAY" ON MAY 16, 2023
{LC2797/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator de la Cruz requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator de la Cruz moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, 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.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator de la Cruz and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber patients of Zambarano; Jose Brandon, Nichole Levesque, and Amy Drake, Director Richard Charest, Chief of Staff, Elizabeth Silvestre, Deputy Director, Dr. Louis Cerbo, ESH CEO, Brett Johnson, ESH Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Katharine Woods, ESH Chief Nursing Officer, Anne Mongeau, Zambarano Administrator, Jennifer McCarthy, Supervisor of Therapeutic Recreation, Christine Kettelle, Chief Implementation Aide, Kristin Raimond, Chief Community relations Officer, Linda Reilly, Public Information Officer, Randy Edgar, Chief of Legislative Affairs, Brad Inman.

Senate Resolution No. 1022**BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY OF 2023, TO BE "EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROMES AND HYPERMOBILITY SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2964/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lawson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senator Lauria discusses the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lawson and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Margoux Morisseau, Gabrielle Maria, Nicolette Ciano, Kellie Derensis, Lily Rascoe, and Santana Roberts.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lauria and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Christine Morphis, Lauren Johnston, Ellen Smith, and Stu Smith.

Senate Resolution No. 1023

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 8TH THROUGH MAY 12TH OF 2023, TO BE "TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC874/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Senator Bell discusses the senate resolution.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 1024**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 10TH, 2023, TO BE "LUPUS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC883/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, 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 Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Aida Crosson, Shane Ferguson, Kayla Barlow, Adderlin Batista, and Rufus Bailey.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5006**BY** Kazarian, Felix, Ajello, Alzate, Blazejewski, Fogarty, McEntee, Knight, Giraldo, Carson **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN -- EQUALITY IN ABORTION COVERAGE (Provides for abortion coverage in the Medicaid program and repeal the abortion coverage exclusion for state employee insurance plans.)

{LC149/1}

Placed on Senate Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023:**

- 1. 2023-H 6195**
BY Blazejewski
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF SISTERS, INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 2. 2023-H 6306**
BY Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF FEATHERBED ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 3. 2023-H 5263**
BY Finkelman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 4. 2023-H 5448**
BY Spears
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 5. 2023-H 5914**
BY Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 6. 2023-H 6043**
BY Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CHILD SUPPORT INTERCEPT ACT

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

7. **2023-H 5381**
BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
FORT ADAMS FOUNDATION

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

8. **2023-H 6185**
BY Shanley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

9. **2023-H 6184**
BY Knight
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE
HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WARREN

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

10. **2023-H 5783**
BY Batista
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
TAXATION

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, 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 – 0:

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023:

1. ***The Reappointment of Vahid Ownjazaveri to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2026.***

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

Senator Cano moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Gallo, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Felag, Euer, Lombardi, Brito, Picard, Burke, Raptakis, Quezada, and Lauria.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 33 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, 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 – 0:

2. ***The Appointment of Joseph Formicola VICE David Martirano to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2026.***

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

Senator Cano moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Euer, Felag, Lombardi, Britto, Mack, Burke, Quezada, Tikoian.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, 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 – 0:

3. *The Appointment of Robert A. Weygand VICE Michael McNally to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2026.*

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

Senator Cano moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Gallo, Euer, Felag, Lombardi, Lombardo, Miller, Sosnowski, Acosta, Zurier, Mack, Lawson, Paolino, Bell, Raptakis, Ujifusa, Quezada, Murray, Valverde.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, 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 – 0:

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Cano and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Robert A. Weygand.

4. *The Appointment of Elizabeth Kelleher Dwyer as Director of Business Regulation*

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 Euer, Felag, Lombardi, Lombardo, Miller, Kallman, McKenney, Bell, Acosta, Zurier, Gu, Mack, LaMountain, Raptakis, Lauria, Tikoian, Quezada.

Senator LaMountain discusses the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, 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 – 0:

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Cano and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Elizabeth Kelleher Dwyer.

5. 2023-S 68**BY** Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Senator Cano moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Acosta, Euer, Miller, Sosnowski, DiMario, Zurier, Gu, Mack, Picard, Kallman, Burke, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Quezada, Lauria, LaMountain.

Senators Rogers, Lawson, Paolino, Cano, Quezada, de la Cruz, Euer, DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS – 3: Senators de la Cruz, De Luca, and Rogers.

6. 2023-S 71**BY** Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Senator Acosta moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lawson, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Tikoian,

Senator Mack discusses the act.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 31: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, 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 la Cruz, De Luca, Paolino, and Rogers.

7. 2023-S 257

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators DiPalma, Lombardi, DiMario, Zurier, Gu, Kallman, Burke, Ujifusa, Tikoian, Valverde.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 34 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative and 1 member abstaining as follows:

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, 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, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

ABSTAINED – 1: Senator Rogers.

8. 2023-S 949

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Miller moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators DiPalma, Felag, Lombardi, Lombardo, Britto, Zurier, Tikoian, Quezada, and Sosnowski.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Britto, Burke, Cano, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, and Zurier.

NAYS – 2: Senators Bell, and Gu.

9. 2023-S 283

BY Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

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

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, 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 – 0:

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Pearson and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Tara & Skip Cirella.

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 4:00pm in Room 212.

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

Senator Raptakis announces that the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs will meet tomorrow at 4:30pm 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.

Senator LaMountain announces that the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at 4:00pm in the senate lounge.

Senator Cano announces that the Senate Committee on Education will meet tomorrow at 4:00pm in Room 313.

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

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess at 5:19 o'clock P.M.

**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 Oscar O. Vargas, by the Providence City Council, to the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority for a term expiring April 6, 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:

The Appointment of Richard Charest as the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Appointment of Howard M. Dulude, MBA, FHFMA (Representing the Hospital Association of Rhode Island) VICE Jean Marie Rocha, MPH to the Health Professional Loan Repayment Board for a term expiring March 31, 2025.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Ara A. Millette (Representing the Rhode Island State Nurses' Association) VICE Donna Policastro, APRN-BC to the Health Professional Loan Repayment Board for a term expiring March 31, 2025.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Stacy Paterno (Representing the Rhode Island Medical Society) VICE Steven R. DeToy to the Health Professional Loan Repayment Board for a term expiring March 31, 2025.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Jessica L. Skaltsis, MS RN CCM CHSE (Representing the Dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Rhode Island) VICE Mary C. Sullivan, Ph.D. to the Health Professional Loan Repayment Board for a term expiring March 31, 2025.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Senate Bill No. 904

BY DiPalma, DiMario, Miller, Sosnowski, Murray, Zurier, Acosta, Ciccone, Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Enables the governor to determine the salary of the director of the department of children, youth and families for the year 2023.)

{LC2762/1}

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:

The Appointment of Ernest Calandra (Representing the Rhode Island Animal Control Association) VICE William Muggle to the Rabies Control Board for a term expiring September 1, 2026.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Reappointment of Kevin A. Breene (Representing the Rhode Island Farm Bureau) to the Rabies Control Board for a term expiring September 1, 2026.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Reappointment of Jennifer Gebar (Representing a Humane Organization in Rhode Island) to the Rabies Control Board for a term expiring September 1, 2026.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Reappointment of Christopher H. Hannafin, DVM (Representing the Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association) to the Rabies Control Board for a term expiring September 1, 2026.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 62

BY Lauria, Euer, DiMario, Lawson, Britto, LaMountain, Murray, Valverde, Ujifusa, Miller **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Adds climate change, sea-level rise and coastal resiliency to the analysis of data of the strategic plan for economic development policy.)
{LC1021/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, on Thursday, May 18th at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

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

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023:

1. ***The Appointment of Howard M. Dulude, MBA, FHFMA (Representing the Hospital Association of Rhode Island) VICE Jean Marie Rocha, MPH to the Health Professional Loan Repayment Board for a term expiring March 31, 2025.***

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. ***The Appointment of Ara A. Millette (Representing the Rhode Island State Nurses' Association) VICE Donna Policastro, APRN-BC to the Health Professional Loan Repayment Board for a term expiring March 31, 2025.***

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

3. ***The Appointment of Stacy Paterno (Representing the Rhode Island Medical Society) VICE Steven R. DeToy to the Health Professional Loan Repayment Board for a term expiring March 31, 2025.***

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

4. ***The Appointment of Jessica L. Skaltsis, MS RN CCM CHSE (Representing the Dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Rhode Island) VICE Mary C. Sullivan, Ph.D. to the Health Professional Loan Repayment Board for a term expiring March 31, 2025.***

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023:

1. *The Appointment of Ashley Deckert as the Director of the Department of Children, Youth and Families*

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. **2023-S 107**
BY Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

3. **2023-S 32**
BY Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN--EQUALITY IN ABORTION COVERAGE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. **2023-H 5006**
BY Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN -- EQUALITY IN ABORTION COVERAGE

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

5. **2023-H 5379**
BY Place
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

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

6. **2023-H 5780**
BY Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- DRIVER PRIVILEGE
CARDS AND PERMITS

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

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023:

1. ***The Appointment of Ernest Calandra (Representing the Rhode Island Animal Control Association) VICE William Muggle to the Rabies Control Board for a term expiring September 1, 2026.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. ***The Reappointment of Kevin A. Breene (Representing the Rhode Island Farm Bureau) to the Rabies Control Board for a term expiring September 1, 2026.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

3. ***The Reappointment of Jennifer Gebar (Representing a Humane Organization in Rhode Island) to the Rabies Control Board for a term expiring September 1, 2026.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

4. ***The Reappointment of Christopher H. Hannafin, DVM (Representing the Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association) to the Rabies Control Board for a term expiring September 1, 2026.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023:

1. *The Appointment of Oscar O. Vargas, by the Providence City Council, to the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority for a term expiring April 6, 2027.*

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

2. *The Appointment of Richard Charest as the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.*

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

3. **2023-S 62**

BY Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

4. **2023-S 904**

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --
MERIT SYSTEM

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON TUESDAY, MAY 16th****House Bill No. 5263****BY** Finkelman**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.)

{LC1087/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 5381

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Carson, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FORT ADAMS FOUNDATION (Amends the composition of the Fort Adams foundation to include a representative from the division of parks and recreation in place of a member of the public.)

{LC1156/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 5448**BY** Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town council of New Shoreham to adopt a tax classification plan in accordance with the provisions of this section, to be applicable to taxes on or after the assessment date of December 31, 2023.)

{LC1332/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 5783

(City of Providence)

BY Batista, Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the city of Providence to enter into a thirty (30) year tax exemption agreement relating to the Port of Providence.)

{LC1802/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 5914**BY** Craven, Caldwell**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.)

{LC1534/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 6043

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Potter, Giraldo, Stewart, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CHILD SUPPORT INTERCEPT ACT (Expands child support interception of insurance payments to include life insurance proceeds payable to non-custodial parents who are the beneficiaries of the policy.)

{LC1314/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 6184**BY** Knight, Speakman**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.)

{LC2672/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 6185

(Board of Elections)

BY Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Amends the election laws to change certain deadlines for declarations of candidacy, party disaffiliation and submission of nomination papers for special federal elections.)

{LC2565/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 6195**BY** Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF SISTERS, INC.

{LC2681/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 6306

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF FEATHERBED ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

{LC2862/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR WALTER S. FELAG, JR.

Dear Lord, We pray that you bless this Senate. Help us to work with a real commitment to resolving the problems that face our State. Remind us to always treat each other with dignity and respect. Amen.