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Journal of the Senate

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Thursday, May 25, 2023

Twenty-Seventh Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:23 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 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.

ABSENT – 0: Senators

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Britto 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 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

May 4, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the **Rhode Island Commerce Corporation**

Carol O'Donnell

Vice
Vanessa Toledo-Vicker

For a term expiring February 1, 2027

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, 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
COMMERCE

MAY 25 2023
Julio Betz
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

May 8, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 42-64-8, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation.

George H. Nee

For a term expiring February 1, 2024.

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
COMMERCE

MAY 25 2023

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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

May 8, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 42-64-8, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation.

Brenda Dann-Messier

For a term expiring February 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, 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
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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

May 8, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 42-64-8, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation.

Donna Sams

For a term expiring February 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, 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
COMMERCE

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Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

May 24, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 46-23-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Coastal Resources Management Council:

Kevin M. Flynn
(Representing Coastal Community over 25,000)
(Appointed Warwick Planning Board Member)

Vice
Vacant

For a term expiring January 31, 2026.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, 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
ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

MAY 25 2023

J. Roberts
Reading Clerk

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

May 18, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-140.1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council:

Jordan Day

Vice
William Riccio

For a term expiring April 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, 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
ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

MAY 25 2023

Julia B. [Signature]
Reading Clerk

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

May 23, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 46-12.2-3, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank:

Vahid Ownjazayeri

For a term expiring March 1, 2025.

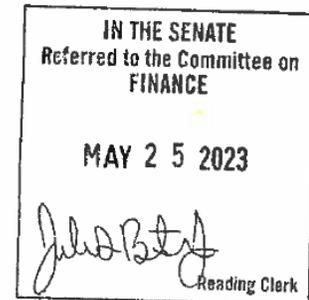
To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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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



RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

May 25, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section §23-28.2-23 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Fire Education & Training Coordinating Board:

Bernard L. Patenaude

(Full Time Fire Chief)
Vice
Paul Shatraw

For a term expiring January 31, 2024

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

IN THE SENATE
Referred to the Committee on
HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

MAY 25 2023

Julia B. [Signature]
Reading Clerk

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

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 Housing and Municipal Government.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

May 25, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 17-7-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Board of Elections

Randall Jackvony

Vice
Richard Pierce

For a term expiring June 1, 2030

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

Sincerely,

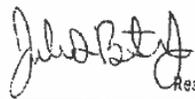
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Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, 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
JUDICIARY

MAY 25 2023


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RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

May 25, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 17-7-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Board of Elections

Michael P. Connors, Sr.

Vice
William West

For a term expiring June 1, 2031

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, 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
JUDICIARY

MAY 25 2023

Julia B. [Signature]
Reading Clerk

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

May 24, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 46-9-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the State Pilotage Commission:

Captain Richard M. Comeau

(Public Member)
Vice

Captain J. Peter Fritz

For a term expiring May 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, 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
ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

MAY 25 2023

John B. ...
Reading Clerk

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Raptakis and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Wesley Pennington, Program Director of MADD RI.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Burke and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Founder of Tori Lynn Foundation Kathy Andreozi, Kristine Bouthellier and George Cruz.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lombardi and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Dr. Donna Raptakis.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Morgan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Tina Lavigne, director of Public Welfare.

Upon the suggestion of Senator DeLuca and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Jennifer O'Neil from MADD.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 1066**

BY Murray, DeLuca, Lawson, Kallman, Euer, Mack, Picard

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 25TH, 2023, TO BE "BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS YOUTH OF THE YEAR DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC3035/1}

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

Senator Cano discusses the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 1068**BY** Zurier, Miller, Kallman, Bell**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY OF 2023 AS "JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

{LC3051/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Zurier requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 1067**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE BRYAN K. WILSON

{LC3074/1}

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

Senator Sosnowski discusses the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023:**

- 1. 2023-S 1012**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 2. 2023-S 1065**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ROBERT A. JASON

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

- 3. 2023-H 6165 SUB A**
BY Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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 – 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:

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 6294

(Governor)

BY Tanzi, Felix

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.)

{LC2782/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Pearson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pearson moves passage, seconded by Senators Euer, Gallo, Miller, Sosnowski, Lombardi, Lawson, Mack, Acosta, Bell, Quezada, Murray, Valverde.

The act is read and passed, in concurrence, 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:

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023:

1. 2023-S 825**BY** Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- REAL JOBS RHODE ISLAND ACT

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Senator Ciccone moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators DiPalma, Felag, Lombardi, Lombardo, Sosnowski, Mack, Gu, Zurier, DiMario, Kallman, Burke, Ujifusa, Lauria, Murray, Valverde, Tikoian.

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 Ruggiero, 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.

2. 2023-S 436 SUB A**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Sosnowski, Zurier, Gu, Lawson, Kallman, de la Cruz, Rogers, Morgan, Ujifusa, Raptakis, Tikoian, Quezada.

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:

3. 2023-S 444

BY Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- HOLIDAYS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Mack moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Acosta, Britto, Zurier, Gu, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Ciccone, DiPalma, Miller, Gallo, Euer, Cano, McKenney, Paolino, de la Cruz, Raptakis, Quezada, Lauria.

Senators Morgan and Murray discuss the act.

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

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

4. 2023-S 667

BY Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Tikoian moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Felag, Sosnowski, Britto, Kallman, DeLuca, Lauria, Murray, Ujifusa, Raptakis.

Senators Bell, Raptakis, and Mogan discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS – 1: Senator Bell.

5. 2023-S 748

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS --
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Ciccone moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Gallo, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Lawson, Picard, Gu, Zurier, Britto, Rogers, Paolino, Bell, Ujifusa, Quezada, Murray, Tikoian.

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

YEAS – 36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

6. 2023-S 749

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL
OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Ciccone, Lombardi, Lombardo, Gallo, DiPlama, Cano, Kallman, Morgan, Burke, LaMountain, Britto, Picard, Mack.

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

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick 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:

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 the Senate Lounge.

Senator Raptakis announces that the Senate Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the senate in Room 313.

Senator Ujifusa thanks Senator Gu and everyone that attended the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration yesterday.

Senator Valverde announces that the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the senate in Room 212.

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

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator Sosnowski, the Senate stands in Recess at 5:12 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Bryan K. Wilson.*

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication:

<p>SENATOR ANA B. QUEZADA <i>Deputy Majority Whip</i> District 2</p> <hr/> <p>P.O. Box 27666 Providence, Rhode Island 02907</p> <p>Room 212 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>sen-quezada@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>Committee on Education</p> <hr/> <p>SECRETARY Committee on Judiciary</p>
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May 25, 2023

Mr. John E. Fleming, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate
State House, Room 220
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that my name be removed from 2023 Senate bill 991 as a co-sponsor. I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Ana B. Quezada
Senator District 2

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**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

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

Senate Bill No. 145

BY Cano, DiMario, Quezada, Euer, Lawson, Pearson, Burke, McKenney, DiPalma, LaMountain **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (Increases the amount of parental or family leave available to an employee from thirteen (13) weeks to twenty-four (24) weeks in any two (2) calendar years.)
{LC266/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 423

BY Acosta, Ciccone, Murray, Quezada, Kallman, Pearson, Zurier, Picard, Gu, Burke **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES (Clarifies the role of a workers' cooperative to allow it to operate as a hiring hall under certain circumstances.)
{LC1231/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 425

BY DiPalma, Zurier, Burke, Sosnowski, Kallman, Euer, Acosta, Britto, de la Cruz, Ujifusa **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT OF 2015 (Provides identity theft protections by requiring reporting of breaches by certain municipal and state agencies, and requires notice to collective bargaining agents where required and requires an explanation of remediation services.)
{LC523/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 658

BY Ciccone, DiPalma, F. Lombardi, Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ELEVATORS, ESCALATORS AND DUMBWAITERS (Provides for a registration process for private elevators to include a database of all private elevators to be maintained by the chief inspector.)
{LC2540/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 660

BY Euer, DiMario, Ruggerio, Lawson, F. Lombardi, Murray, Lauria, Quezada, Burke, Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Provides that certain public works renovation projects that include glazing work would have that work performed by North American contractor certification certified companies.)
{LC2119/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 828

BY Goodwin, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Eliminates repealed statute references and create a mechanism for employees to enforce their existing right to continuation of medical benefits.)
{LC2610/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 927

BY McKenney, Ruggerio
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF NURSING SERVICE AGENCIES (Establishes a cap on the rates that nursing service agencies can charge; protects clients from having their staff recruited/hired by a nursing service agency while providing services to them; updates training, report and other administrative details.)
{LC2689/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chairman Miller, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 576

BY Miller, Lawson, Lauria, DiMario, DiPalma, Valverde, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Authorizes emergency medical service agencies to transport individuals to alternative facilities for treatment and permits licensed providers for mental health disorders to treat patients within the community.)
{LC1384/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 583

BY Lawson, Miller, DiMario, Acosta, Euer, Britto, Lauria, Murray, DiPalma, Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT
INSURANCE POLICIES (Provides all Medicare recipients over sixty-five (65) years of age
applying for Medicare supplement plan guaranteed issue rights regardless of medical or health or
receipt of health care by the applicant.)
{LC2104/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 723

(Dept. of BHDDH)

BY DiMario, Miller, Lawson, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW
(Includes licensed advanced practice registered nurses (APRN), certified in psychiatric/mental
health, as qualified to certify the need for mental health treatment in certain patients.)
{LC2292/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 793

BY Lawson, DiMario, Miller, Lauria, Murray, Euer, Britto, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCES ACT (Replaces 2016 opioids guidelines with the 2022 opioid guidelines.
Exempts medical professionals from criminal and civil liability or disciplinary action for
prescribing medically appropriate opioids.)
{LC1724/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 873

BY Lawson, Lauria, LaMountain, Miller, Kallman, Cano, Euer, DiMario, Valverde, Mack
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE
MEDICAID REENTRY ACT (Requires that Medicaid enrollment be maintained or provided to
all inmates in the first 30 days of incarceration at the adult correctional institutions within the
department of corrections and the last 30 days of incarceration when possible.)
{LC2676/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Senate Bill No. 226

BY Sosnowski, Pearson, Valverde, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CANCER BENEFITS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS (Defines a fire fighter as a member of a fire department or a city, town, or fire district emergency services unit for the purposes of cancer benefits for firefighters.)

{LC1055/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 773

BY Ruggerio, McKenney, Pearson, Gallo, Lawson, Tikoian, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Requires that procurement of certain services by quasi-public corporations be approved by the board of directors or a competitive bidding process.)

{LC2580/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 928 SUB A

BY Murray, Ruggerio, Valverde, DiPalma, DiMario, Picard, Felag, Euer, Lauria, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATEWIDE TANGIBLE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (Creates a tax exemption of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) relating to assessment of municipal tangible property commencing with the December 31, 2024 tax assessment for taxes payable in calendar year 2025.)

{LC2716/A/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 991 SUB A

BY Ruggerio, Tikoian, Gallo, DiPalma, Lombardo, Pearson, Britto, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Authorizes the state department of transportation to efficiently operate a single, integrated intermodal transportation system and to address unrealized funding opportunities.)

{LC2917/A/2}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

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

Senate Bill No. 165

BY F. Lombardi, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP

(Provides that a condo unit owners policy would be the primary insurance policy with respect to any loss covered by the association's policy but not payable under the association's policy because of the application of the deductible.)

{LC1563/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 171 SUB A

BY Euer, Felag, Lawson, DiMario, Acosta, Ruggerio, Lauria, Cano, Quezada, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Requires businesses that offer automatic

subscription renewals/continuous service offers to provide consumers with notice to the consumer prior to their engagement in the contract along with notice of renewal of subscription/cancellation info. eff. 1/1/24)

{LC1616/A/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 465

BY Zurier, Euer, Lauria, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIES --

MICROGRIDS DOCKET (Mandates the public utilities commission to establish a microgrid services tariff on a microgrid project)

{LC2161/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 469

BY DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Includes the Block Island Utility District as one of the electric

companies that are exempt from offering retail access from nonregulated power producers to all customers.)

{LC2340/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 856**BY** LaMountain, Britto, Burke, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Amends the utility base rate statute to make clean transportation, clean heating, and energy storage.)

{LC2698/1}

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 measure:

Senate Bill No. 14**BY** Miller, Valverde, Kallman, Gu, DiMario, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS (Prohibits a covered establishment from preparing, selling, processing or providing food or beverages in or on a disposable food service container that is composed in whole or in part of polystyrene foam.)

{LC272/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 15**BY** Miller, DiMario, Valverde, Kallman, Murray, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Bans state purchases of plastic bottles, bags and polystyrene. It would also require state funds to be used to lease or purchase alternative fueled vehicles and renewable energy efficient technologies for use on state property.)

{LC289/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 703

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Sosnowski, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Provides amendments to multiple sections of law related to the marine fisheries council.)

{LC1853/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Senate Bill No. 206 SUB A**BY** DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS (Authorizes the town of Middletown to issue not more than \$190,000,000 in bonds and notes to finance school construction and renovation.)

{LC1484/A/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

House Bill No. 5526 SUB A**BY** Cortvriend, Abney, Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS (Authorizes the town of Middletown to issue not more than \$190,000,000 in bonds and notes to finance school construction and renovation.)

{LC1506/A/2}

Placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 1069****BY** Paolino, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF LINCOLN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENTS, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AND/OR ADDITIONS TO LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (Authorizes the town of Lincoln to issue bonds and notes up to \$25 million dollars to finance the construction, renovation, rehabilitation, repair, improvements, furnishing and equipping of and/or additions to Lincoln elementary schools.)

{LC3060/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 1070**BY** Paolino, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF LINCOLN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$14,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TOWN-WIDE CENTRALIZED RESCUE STATION AND THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THEREOF AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO (Authorizes the town of Lincoln to issue bonds and notes up to \$14 million dollars to finance the development and construction of a new town-wide centralized rescue station and the furnishing and equipping thereof and all costs related thereto.)

{LC3095/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 1071**BY** LaMountain, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES (Establishes a new, temporary process in the department of children, youth and families, for the hiring of social workers and child protective investigators at the department for a one year period commencing on August 1, 2023.)

{LC3017/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 1072**BY** Raptakis, Rogers, Burke, McKenney, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT (Allows the board of directors of the Coventry fire district to hold its annual meeting at any time during the month of November provided the date is announced by the twentieth day of October in each year.)

{LC3061/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 1073**BY** Lauria, Felag, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS (\$200,000,000) IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT, FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING, AND PARKING AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS (Authorizes the district to issue not more than \$200,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a new high school, athletic facility, and other school facilities.)

{LC3069/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 1074**BY** de la Cruz, Paolino, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POLICE STATION OR THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION AND REPAIR OF AN EXISTING BUILDING TO BE USED AS A POLICE STATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THEREOF BY THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$18,000,000 OF BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR (Authorizes North Smithfield to issue 18,000,000 of general obligation bonds and notes to finance the construction of a new police station or the renovation, improvement, alteration and repair of an existing building to be used as a police station.)

{LC3091/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 1075**BY** Valverde, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$25,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTER/EMERGENCY SHELTER (Authorizes the town of North Kingstown to issue bonds in the amount of twenty five million dollars (\$25,000,000) to finance an indoor recreation center/emergency shelter upon voter approval.)
{LC3093/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 1076**BY** Valverde, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$222,460,000 OF BOND AND NOTES OF WHICH (1) UP TO \$167,460,000 IS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND (2) UP TO \$55,000,000 IS FOR A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX (Authorizes the town of North Kingstown to issue bonds in the amount of \$222,460,000 for the construction of a new middle school.)
{LC3092/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 1077**BY** de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE OAKLAND--MAPLEVILLE #4 AND THE NASONVILLE FIRE DISTRICTS INTO THE EAST BURRILLVILLE FIRE DISTRICT (AuthorizeS, subject to voter approval, the merger and consolidation of the Oakland-Mapleville Fire District #4 and the Nasonville Fire District into a district to be called the "East Burrillville Fire District.")
{LC3059/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 1078**BY** de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF KEEGAN DINAGEN POST 1023 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
{LC3058/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 1079**BY** Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Increases the criminal penalties for wage theft and employee misclassification.)
{LC3083/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 1080**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Arkadiusz Z. Smigielski to join Danielle St. Pierre and Michael Smigielski in marriage on or about October 27, 2023, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC3049/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 1081**BY** Ciccone, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS
{LC3107/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 1082**BY** Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY AND SAFE FAMILIES AND WORKPLACES ACT (Amends the definition of employee to remove apprenticeships and interns and any other individuals pursuant to the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), 29 U.S.C. Section 203 et seq.)
{LC3084/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 1083**BY** F. Lombardi, Zurier, McKenney, Burke, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Provides that the "meetings" requirements from § 34-36.1-3.08 be applicable to condominiums created before July 1, 1982 and would permit remote participation in condominium meetings.)
{LC3075/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 1084**BY** F. Lombardi, Zurier, McKenney, Burke, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Provides that the "rights of secured lenders" provision from § 34-36.1-2.19 be applicable to condominiums created before July 1, 1982 and creates a process for condominium associations to notify unit mortgage holders for certain association actions.)

{LC3076/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 1085**BY** Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIFE SCIENCE HUB ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Life Science Hub, a quasi-public corporate body and agency of the state to coordinate life science initiatives on behalf of Rhode Island.)

{LC3108/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, May 30th at 4:20 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Gallo, seconded by Paolino, the Senate adjourns at 4:21 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023:

1. 2023-S 1078

BY de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF KEEGAN DINAGEN POST 1023 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023:**

1. **2023-S 979 SUB A**
BY McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

2. **2023-S 993**
BY Raptakis
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF COVENTRY TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$25,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF AND/OR ADDITIONS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE SCHOOL HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 49.2 % FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

3. **2023-S 510**
BY Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTERS 106 AND 107 OF THE LOCAL ACTS OF 2021 BOTH ENTITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING IN THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$5,760,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY"

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

4. **2023-S 995**
BY Rogers
ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF SCITUATE TO FINANCE A WATER PROJECT AT THE SCITUATE HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BONDS AND NOTES ISSUED PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

5. **2023-S 982**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STONE BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,250,000) TO FINANCE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS WATER SYSTEM

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

6. **2023-S 986**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

7. **2023-S 983**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

8. 2023-S 994**BY** Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND OTHER SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

9. 2023-S 981**BY** Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, ALTERATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING, PARKING AND COSTS OF FINANCING AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$180,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

10. 2023-S 718**BY** Lauria

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

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

11. 2023-S 790**BY** Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

- 12. 2023-S 725**
BY Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION
- Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
- 13. 2023-S 721 SUB A**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF
STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS
- Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
- 14. 2023-S 720**
BY Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CITIZENS'
COMMISSION FOR THE SAFETY AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY
- Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
- 15. 2023-S 687**
BY DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION
AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT
- Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
- 16. 2023-S 568 SUB A**
BY F. Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RETENTION OF
X-RAYS
- Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
- 17. 2023-S 565**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS
- Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

- 18. 2023-S 562**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

- 19. 2023-S 101**
BY F. Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

- 20. 2023-S 2 SUB A**
BY Ruggiero
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD
POISONING PREVENTION ACT

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

- 21. 2023-S 871**
BY Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

- 22. 2023-S 799**
BY Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG
BENEFITS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

- 23. 2023-S 797**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

24. **2023-S 870**
BY Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

25. **2023-S 747**
BY Raptakis
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

26. **2023-S 1018**
BY Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

27. **2023-S 1019**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

28. **2023-S 563**
BY Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE
FOR PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTION

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023:**

- 1. 2023-S 165**
BY F. Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
- 2. 2023-S 171 SUB A**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES

Committee on Commerce recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
- 3. 2023-S 465**
BY Zurier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIES -- MICROGRIDS DOCKET

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
- 4. 2023-S 469**
BY DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
- 5. 2023-S 856**
BY LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

6. **2023-S 14 SUB A**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

7. **2023-S 15 SUB A**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

8. **2023-S 703 SUB A**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

9. **2023-S 206 SUB A**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS

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

10. 2023-H 5526 SUB A**BY** Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS

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

11. 2023-S 226**BY** Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CANCER BENEFITS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

12. 2023-S 773**BY** Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

13. 2023-S 928 SUB A**BY** Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATEWIDE TANGIBLE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

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

14. 2023-S 991 SUB A**BY** Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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

15. **2023-S 576 SUB A**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES

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

16. **2023-S 583 SUB A**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT
INSURANCE POLICIES

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

17. **2023-S 723 SUB A**
BY DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW

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

18. **2023-S 793 SUB A**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

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

19. **2023-S 873 SUB A**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
THE MEDICAID REENTRY ACT

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

20. **2023-S 145**
BY Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
RHODE ISLAND PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

21. **2023-S 423**
BY Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES
- Committee on Labor recommends passage.
22. **2023-S 425**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT OF 2015
- Committee on Labor recommends passage.
23. **2023-S 658**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ELEVATORS, ESCALATORS AND DUMBWAITERS
- Committee on Labor recommends passage.
24. **2023-S 660**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES
- Committee on Labor recommends passage.
25. **2023-S 828**
BY Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES
- Committee on Labor recommends passage.
26. **2023-S 927 SUB A**
BY McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF NURSING SERVICE AGENCIES
- Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, MAY 25th

House Bill No. 6165 SUB A

BY Kazarian, Boylan, Dawson, Henries

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.)

{LC2377/A/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

House Bill No. 6294

(Governor)

BY Tanzi, Felix

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.)

{LC2782/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ROBERT BRITTO

Dear Lord, as we reflect on the lives of all who have died in service to our country, give us, your servants, their strength and fortitude to act with integrity and fidelity as we remember them this Memorial Day weekend. Amen.