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Second Legislative Day

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, President of the Senate, at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT –38: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the First Legislative Day of the 2026 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Kallman and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Two Sisters of Mercy; Sister Kathy Donovan & Sister Mary Petigrass.

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

January 1, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-16.1-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Labor & Training Board of Review:

Christopher Fierro

For a term expiring February 1, 2031

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor
DJM/ccd

Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate President
Honorable Frank A. Ciccone III, 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 Labor

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 2003****BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARY D. BURKE
{LC3671/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Tikoian requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Tikoian moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

Senator Tikoian speaks on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2004**BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE DAVID R. CARLIN, JR.
{LC3585/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

Senator DiPalma speaks on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2005**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ARTHUR ARMAND COIA
{LC3669/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Ciccone requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ciccone moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissailon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

Senator Ciccone speaks on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2006**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF THE VENERATED LEGAL LUMINARY, JUDGE FRANK CAPRIO
{LC3668/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Ciccone requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ciccone moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissailon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

Senators Ciccone, Bell, Gallo, and McKenney speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Tikoian and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber former member of the Rhode Island State House of Representatives David A. Caprio.

Senate Resolution No. 2007**BY** Famiglietti**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF EDWARD CATONE, JR.

{LC3670/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Famiglietti requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Famiglietti moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

Senator Famiglietti speaks on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2008**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ASHBEL TINGLEY WALL, II

{LC3672/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator LaMountain requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator LaMountain moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2009**BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF RENEE NICOLE GOOD IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA AND URGING THE FBI TO ENSURE A FULL INVESTIGATION

{LC3914/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Mack requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Mack moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, Zurier, and Madam President Lawson.

Senators Mack, Bell, and Acosta speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026:****1. 2026-S 2002****BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF RHODE ISLAND'S HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE RELATED TO EDUCATING AND RETAINING PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS AND ESTABLISHING A STATE MEDICAL SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Ciccone, 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 Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 2010

BY Ujifusa, Gu, Ciccone, Lawson, Tikoian, DiMario, Valverde, DiPalma, Zurier, McKenney, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USE BY HEALTH INSURERS TO MANAGE COVERAGE AND CLAIMS ACT (Promotes transparency and accountability in the use of artificial intelligence by health insurers to manage coverage and claims.)
{LC3250/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies.

Senate Bill No. 2011

BY Gu, Britto, Gallo, Bell, DiMario, Burke, Sosnowski, Kallman, Mack, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE-CASUALTY INSURANCE GENERALLY-LIMITATIONS ON POLICY CANCELLATIONS AND RENEWALS (Requires homeowner's insurance providers to provide two months' notice before increasing any policy renewal premium more than 20%. A violation constitutes a deceptive trade practice punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
{LC3429/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2012

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Raptakis, Paolino, Dimitri, Tikoian, Patalano, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TRANSPARENCY IN ELECTRIC AND GAS BILLS ACT (Requires electric and gas utilities to provide a detailed breakdown of supply, delivery, and public policy costs on electric and gas bills, including specific costs for renewable energy sources, and mandate public comment and PUC approval.)
{LC3326/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2013

BY Kallman, Britto, Sosnowski, Urso, Bissaillon, Acosta, Mack, Gu, Lauria, Vargas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED, SERIOUSLY ILL, OR
IN ARREARS OF PAYMENT (Extends the forbearance of utility terminations for customers
with serious illness certifications and would amend various provisions related to the termination
of utility services for persons who are disabled, seriously ill, or in arrears.)
{LC3688/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2014

BY Ujifusa, Britto, Kallman, Acosta, McKenney, Gu, Sosnowski, Valverde, DiMario, Mack
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT ACT (Requires continuous updating of
information from internet service providers about broadband, technology, and services.)
{LC3257/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2015

BY Raptakis, Thompson, Gu, Patalano, Murray, Burke, Quezada, LaMountain, McKenney,
Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LENDERS AND
LOAN BROKERS (Removes the licensing exemption for a lender that originates less than six
(6) loans in twelve (12) consecutive months.)
{LC3453/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2016

BY Euer, Valverde, Quezada, Lauria, Gallo, Kallman, Vargas, Acosta, Mack, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Adds "media
literacy" to the standards currently taught in civic education for K-12, which are the history of
Rhode Island, representative government, the rights and duties of actively engaged citizenship
and the principles of democracy.)
{LC3233/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2017

BY Acosta, Gallo, Raptakis, Mack, Zurier, Bissaillon, Valverde, DiPalma, Murray, McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Provides that the school year for all public schools, including traditional public and public charter schools, independent charter schools, and mayoral academies, would start on the same date of each calendar year.)
{LC3810/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Resolution No. 2018

BY Acosta, Lawson, Gallo, Mack, Zurier, Bissaillon, Valverde, Quezada, Thompson, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (Amends the constitution to guarantee Rhode Island residents with equal opportunity to receive an education that is adequate, equitable and meaningful and provides judicial enforcement of this provision.)
{LC3203/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2019

BY Paolino, E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Raptakis, Patalano, Dimitri, Pearson, Urso, Thompson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Increase the net taxable estate exemption to \$3,600,000 on January 1, 2027. This act would also increase the exemption by \$1,000,000 on January 1, 2028 and every year thereafter until this section and the tax would sunset and expire on January 1, 2033)
{LC3310/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2020

BY Burke, DiPalma, Felag, LaMountain, Tikoian, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Famiglietti, Appollonio
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND FIRE SERVICES TRAINING FUND ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Fire Services Training Fund.)
{LC3186/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2021**BY** Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX

(Establishes a simplified exemption from state income tax for small-scale Bitcoin transactions up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per month, or twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per taxable year.)

{LC3436/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2022**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, Ciccone, Tikoian, Burke, E Morgan, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX

(Repeals the corporation minimum tax.)

{LC3324/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2023**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, Ciccone, Raptakis, Patalano, Thompson, Paolino, Quezada, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.)

{LC3321/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2024**BY** Ujifusa, DiMario, Valverde, Mack, Sosnowski, Acosta, Bell, Gu, Zurier, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND CLIMATE SUPERFUND ACT OF 2026 (Creates the Rhode Island Climate Superfund Act of 2026.)

{LC3519/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2025**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Prohibits total education aid paid to any local education agency from being reduced by more than one percent (1%) of the municipal education appropriation in the previous fiscal year.)
{LC3292/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2026**BY** E Morgan, Tikoian, de la Cruz, Lawson, Ciccone, Rogers, Paolino, Raptakis, McKenney, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification to federal adjusted gross income for all social security income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.)
{LC3282/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2027**BY** Appollonio, Burke, Ciccone, Bell, Tikoian, McKenney, Urso, Thompson, Famiglietti, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Changes retired teacher income for drivers ed classes to \$25,000 per year from \$15,000 per year.)
{LC3683/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2028**BY** Kallman, DiMario, Murray, Euer, Zurier, Pearson, Valverde, Gallo, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Imposes a sales tax on digital advertising services.)
{LC3712/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2029

BY Raptakis, DiPalma, Felag, Burke, Tikoian, Ciccone, Gallo, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD (Raises the amount of life insurance the state provides at no charge to Rhode Island National Guard members called up for federal duty to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).)
{LC3449/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2030

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Paolino, DiMario, Thompson, Patalano, Raptakis

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$30,000,000 TO RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to each public school in Rhode Island for school safety and security improvements.)
{LC3283/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2031

BY Ujifusa, DiPalma, Ciccone, Famiglietti, DiMario, Valverde, Gu, McKenney, Murray, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Increases the income range up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and tax credit up to eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850), for elderly and disabled persons who own or rent their homes.)
{LC3265/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2032

BY Zurier, Sosnowski, Murray, Tikoian, Urso, Lauria, Thompson, Valverde, Ujifusa, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits an insurance company from imposing any cost-sharing requirements for any diagnostic or supplemental breast examinations.)
{LC3440/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2033

BY Lauria, Lawson, Euer, Valverde, Kallman, Mack, DiMario, Murray, Pearson, Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PROTECTIONS OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ACT (Provides that the prescription label
for medication abortion prescription drugs may include the name of the dispensing healthcare
practice instead of the name of the dispenser.)
{LC3829/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2034

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, Murray, Raptakis
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurers to cover buprenorphine without a copayment or
deductible.)
{LC3363/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2035

BY Thompson, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES
(Requires that accessory dwelling units be allowed by right only if the property is owner-
occupied and has been so occupied for at least five (5) years.)
{LC3407/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2036

BY Ujifusa, Felag, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Blithewold, Inc.,
located at 101 Ferry Road, Bristol, Rhode Island.)
{LC3148/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2037**BY** Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Barrington to provide a tax dollar credit reduction for legally blind persons by ordinance.)
{LC3418/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2038**BY** Pearson, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Caps the size of accessory dwelling units to nine hundred square feet (900 sq.ft.) for one bedroom units and one thousand square feet (1,000 sq. ft) for two (2) bedroom units.)
{LC3410/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2039**BY** Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of AS220 located in the city of Providence.)
{LC3800/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2040**BY** Ujifusa, Felag, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes the town of Bristol to apply the owner-occupied tax rate for mixed-used properties where the residential portion is owner-occupied.)
{LC3488/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2041**BY** DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes the town council of Little Compton to establish a homestead exemption for residential dwellings.)
{LC3740/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2042**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Raptakis, Paolino, Ciccone, Burke, McKenney, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS (Requires that all maintenance of sidewalks along state highways, with the exception of snow and ice removal, be the responsibility of the state.)
{LC3276/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2043**BY** Pearson, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Requires owners of accessory dwelling units that are not occupied by family members be permitted to charge only affordable rental rates.)
{LC3409/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2044**BY** Raptakis, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (Requires 10% of all rental fees collected by the water resources board pursuant to a lease with the Coventry Pines Golf Club be paid to the town of Coventry and 10% to the Central Coventry Fire District.)
{LC3450/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2045

BY Kallman, Euer, Bissailon, Ciccone, Murray, Zurier, McKenney, Mack, Quezada, Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PROTECT OUR
COURTS ACT (Protects people attending Rhode Island court proceedings from civil arrest
without a judicial warrant, ensures court access, sets enforcement rules, and provides remedies
for violations.)
{LC3706/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2046

BY Acosta, Gallo, Mack, DiMario, Quezada, Valverde, Vargas, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --
PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits family court from detaining or committing
any youth, 12 years or younger, to training school, for any offense other than murder, first degree
sexual assault, or an attempt to commit such offenses there is no other reasonable placement.)
{LC3814/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2047

BY Acosta, LaMountain, Mack, Quezada, Vargas, Ujifusa, Britto, Gu, Murray, McKenney,
Urso
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS
(Further delineates the definitions of felony, misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor.)
{LC3802/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2048

BY Kallman, Ciccone, Acosta, Mack, Quezada, Vargas, Euer, Sosnowski, Urso, Thompson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- STATE
IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR MINORS WITHOUT RESIDENCE ACT (Allows a minor
between the ages of 14 -17 without a permanent residence/in custody of the DCYF to get state
identification card without a signature from parent, guardian or foster parent as well as a certified
copy of minor's birth certificate at no cost.)
{LC3692/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2049

BY Kallman, Lauria, Bell, Ujifusa, Acosta, Urso, Pearson, Raptakis, Valverde, Thompson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Establishes a program within the adult correctional
institution to permit medication assisted treatment approved by the FDA to be provided for the
treatment of opioid use disorder to any incarcerated individual.)
{LC3693/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2050

BY Euer, Appollonio, Famiglietti, E Morgan, McKenney, Valverde, Quezada, Patalano, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE --
UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT (Allows an owner or owners of
real property to execute a deed that names one or more beneficiaries who will obtain title to the
property at the owner's death without the necessity of probate.)
{LC3228/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2051

BY Kallman, Rogers, Lauria, Euer, Valverde, DiMario, Murray, Mack, Acosta, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LILA MANFIELD
SAPINSLEY COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT (Establishes the process to provide a legal
mechanism whereby a terminally ill patient may choose to end their life using medications
prescribed by a physician.)
{LC3694/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2052

BY Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JURY LISTS (Makes persons seventy (70) years of age or
older eligible for exemption from jury service.)
{LC3662/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2053

BY Appollonio, Tikoian, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Paolino, Famiglietti, Patalano, LaMountain, Thompson, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON CAMPUS (Mandates arming campus police at public higher educational institutions and would include campus police in the definition of "law enforcement officer" for the purposes of the "law enforcement officers' bill of rights".)
{LC3698/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2054

BY Lauria, Lawson, Euer, LaMountain, Zurier, Pearson, McKenney, DiMario, Murray, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE (Provides that statements by a health care provider regarding the unanticipated outcome of a patient's medical care and treatment shall be inadmissible as evidence of an admission of liability or as evidence of an admission.)
{LC3658/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2055

BY Raptakis, Patalano, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- LIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND REFLECTORS (Allows vehicles owned and operated by the Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Inc and/or its affiliates or subsidiaries to operate with forward facing red and white emergency lights.)
{LC3492/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2056

BY Euer, Valverde, Quezada, Kallman, Lauria, Vargas, Acosta, Mack, Pearson, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Disqualifies individuals with prior felony convictions or nolo contendere pleas from purchasing or possessing a firearm. It also prevents the sentencing judge from suspending the first two (2) years of any sentence under limited circumstances.)
{LC3242/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2057

BY Tikoian, LaMountain, Ciccone, Gallo, Burke, McKenney, Patalano, Bissaillon, Raptakis, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Requires every school district to render assistance and cooperation within its jurisdictional power to further the objects of this chapter, to wit, providing the courts with any information concerning a child as the court may require.)
{LC3166/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2058

BY Tikoian, Raptakis, Ciccone, Appollonio, Paolino, Thompson, Burke, McKenney, Famiglietti, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM (Changes the community service requirements of a sentence related to the violation of § 11-44-21.1 relating to defacing private residences, offices, businesses or commercial property.)
{LC3462/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2059

BY Gu, Murray, Bissaillon, DiPalma, Burke, DiMario, Famiglietti

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES (Requires specific notice of the tax sale to the taxpayer with a copy of this § 44-9-10 attached thereto. Failure to do so would render the tax sale null and void.)
{LC3799/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2060

BY Thompson, Murray

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PATRICIA ALLEN
{LC3728/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2061**BY** Thompson, Murray**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ALMA C. BOISSEAU
{LC3724/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2062**BY** Thompson, Murray**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FLORIAN L. BOURGET
{LC3729/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2063**BY** Thompson, Murray**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THOMAS F. LEPORE
{LC3727/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2064**BY** Murray, Thompson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GEORGE G. COURNOYER
{LC3723/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2065**BY** Murray, Thompson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOHN EARL GRAY
{LC3722/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2066

BY Murray, Thompson

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING
OF MARYANN JOLICOEUR
{LC3725/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senate Majority Whip Tikoian, seconded by the entire Senate, the Senate adjourns at 5:14 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Mary D. Burke, the Honorable David R. Carlin, Jr., Arthur Armand Coia, Judge Frank Caprio, Edward Catone, Jr., Ashbel Tingley Wall, II, and Renee Nicole Good.*

HELENA S. REID

Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR JACOB E. BISSAILLON**

As we reconvene in the Senate Chamber, let us once again contemplate our reasons for being here. Let us also ask of our Creator that he bestow special blessings today on us all and properly guide us in serving the people of our State. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026:**

- 1. 2026-S 2060**
BY Thompson
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PATRICIA ALLEN

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 2. 2026-S 2061**
BY Thompson
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ALMA C. BOISSEAU

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 3. 2026-S 2062**
BY Thompson
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FLORIAN L. BOURGET

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 4. 2026-S 2063**
BY Thompson
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THOMAS F. LEPORE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 5. 2026-S 2064**
BY Murray
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GEORGE G. COURNOYER

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 6. 2026-S 2065**
BY Murray
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOHN EARL GRAY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

7. **2026-S 2066**

BY Murray

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF MARYANN JOLICOEUR

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.