

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Fourth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:12 o'clock P.M.

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 Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Third Legislative Day of the 2016 proceedings is read in part.

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

INTRODUCTION

Upon suggestion of Senator Algiere and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, introduces to the Chamber Senator John A. Pagliarini, Jr.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

January 13, 2016

The Honorable Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that I administered on this thirteenth day of January, A.D. 2016 the oath to John A. Pagliarini, Jr. of Tiverton as Senator of District 11.

Respectfully yours,

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, NELLIE M. GORBEA

January 13, 2016

The Honorable Senate:

I, Nellie M. Gorbea Secretary of State, hereby certify that John A. Pagliarini, Jr. was elected to the Senate in the General Assembly, in accordance with the certificate of election filed in this office by the Board of Elections on the twelfth day of January 2016, as provided by Section 22-3-13 of the General Laws of 1956.

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

Also:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

January 13, 2016

Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello
Speaker
Rhode Island House of Representatives
Room 323, the State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President
Rhode Island Senate
Room 318, the State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Speaker Mattiello and President Paiva Weed:

On behalf of Governor Raimondo, I formally request permission to use the House Chamber on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. for the Governor to present her FY 2017 budget recommendation and her State of the State address. Consistent with discussions that we have had with you -- and notwithstanding the provisions of Section 35-3-7(a) of the Rhode Island General Laws -- Governor Raimondo intends to submit her FY 2017 budget recommendation (i.e., her plan of estimated revenues and proposed expenditures) on Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

The Governor is committed to continuing the strong partnership with you and with the other members of the General Assembly. That partnership resulted in important progress last year, including (1) making work pay for Rhode Island families by raising the minimum wage and expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit; (2) improving our business climate by enhancing predictability for businesses, eliminating the commercial sales tax on energy, and cutting taxes on small businesses; (3) creating important new economic development tools to attract new companies to invest here, and to encourage our existing businesses to grow; and (4) helping Rhode Islanders build the skills they need to get ahead, including by establishing the new Promise Rhode Island scholarship program to make college more affordable for more families.

We remain committed to working together so we can do even more this year to put people back to work, revitalize our economy, and ensure that everyone can "make it in Rhode Island." Thank you in advance for your consideration; please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephen S. Neuman

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2008****BY** Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Paiva Weed, Walaska**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE RHODE ISLAND RIVERS COUNCIL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

{LC3826/1}

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Morgan, Algieri, Ruggerio, Gallo, Lynch Prata, Crowley, Pearson, Picard, Metts, Nesselbush, Miller, Walaska, Felag, Gee, O'Neill, Raptakis, Sheehan, Satchell, DiPalma, Archambault, Coyne, Lombardi and Pagliarini.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber members of the Rhode Island Rivers Council.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2009**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - WEATHER RELATED LOSSES

(Limits large windstorm damage deductibles and prohibits termination of policies solely due to major storm damage.)

{LC3161/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2010**BY** Raptakis, Satchell, Pearson, Conley, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -

REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Limits increases in rates electric distribution companies may impose without general assembly approval.)

{LC3442/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2011**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BUSINESS REGULATION (Provides protections for consumers and small businesses in the areas of insurance, real estate and accountancy.)
{LC3553/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2012**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES--LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS--CHECK CASHING (Separates the laws for "check cashing" and "payday lending".)
{LC3179/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2013**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- SELF-INSURANCE OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AGENCIES (Authorizes operators of developmental disability agencies acting as a group acting as a group, to self-insure health care costs for employees, retirees and other beneficiaries, and allows a qualified third-party administrator to administer said program.)
{LC3167/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2014**BY** DiPalma, Satchell, Kettle, Sosnowski, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - DISTRIBUTED GENERATION INTERCONNECTION (Amends provisions relative to renewable energy resources and interconnection standards and/or charges related thereto.)
{LC3329/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2015**BY** Crowley, Jabour, Sosnowski, Picard, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ECONOMIC AMBASSADOR OF RHODE ISLAND (Establishes the unpaid position of economic ambassador to promote business activities/economic investments in state throughout nation and world.)
{LC3112/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2016**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Gives school committee discretion to utilize school bus monitors while removing requirement that bus monitors accompany bus drivers on certain buses.)
{LC3171/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2017**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Requires that the board of education adopt a competency-based/proficiency-based learning policy whereby students can earn credits through demonstration of competency and be approved by June 1, 2017.)
{LC3164/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2018**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Provides for establishment of a virtual education plan by school districts for days of inclement weather subject to approval of the commissioner of elementary and secondary education.)
{LC3176/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2019**BY** Satchell, Gallo, Miller, Lombardi, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - MAYORAL ACADEMIES (Provides the creation of a new charter public school or the expansion of an existing charter public school would require approval from the city or town council of each sending school district.)
{LC3570/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2020**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE (Requires an eighty percent (80%) school attendance rate for children in families receiving cash and medical assistance from the state as a condition of eligibility. Parent/guardian would be required to attest to attendance rates.)
{LC3162/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2021**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - BUDGET COMMISSIONS
(Requires selection of 1 member of a budget commission by the RI Dept. of Ed. when a school system is involved and exempts from removal the school superintendent and certain responsibilities of school committee and superintendent from commission's powers.)
{LC3165/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2022**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE
(Broadens the law on compulsory school attendance so that it would apply to all children enrolled in kindergarten.)
{LC3449/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2023**BY** Walaska, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CITY OF WARWICK -- SEWER AUTHORITY
(Makes various modifications to the enabling act for the Warwick Sewer Authority.)
{LC3158/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2024**BY** Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRED
HYDRONIC HEATERS (Regulates the sale and installation of outdoor wood-fired hydronic heaters.)
{LC3154/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2025**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- BUDGET COMMISSIONS
(Prohibits a budget commission from selecting hiring or firing specific city, town, educational, police or fire district employees.)
{LC3175/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2026**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION AND EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Eliminates provisions of §16-7-34.3 re: reimbursement by the state for conventional public housing students and adds language to §16-7.2-6 providing permanent foundation education aid funding for services for students residing in such housing.)
{LC3177/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2027**BY** Lombardo, Walaska, Felag, McCaffrey, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Excludes from the state income tax the amount resulting from the receipt of a veteran's disability pension from the United States government for a service-connected disability.)
{LC3680/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2028**BY** DiPalma, DaPonte, Coyne, Felag, Gee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT (Would direct the office of management and budget to develop a plan to implement a centralized administrative hearing agency on or before December 31, 2016.)
{LC3266/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2029**BY** Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES (Increases the state's share to support local public library services in distressed communities by an amount equal to the amount paid by the distressed community to the ocean state libraries (OSL) annual assessment charges.)
{LC3120/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2030**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Increases the maximum tax on qualifying low income property from eight percent (8%) of the previous year's gross scheduled rental income to ten percent (10%) of prospective year's gross scheduled rental income.)
{LC3180/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2031**BY** Lombardo, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Increases the Resource Recovery Corporation tipping fee from three dollars (\$3.00) to five dollars (\$5.00) per vehicle to be paid to the town of Johnston on a biannual basis.)

{LC3682/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2032**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Increases the maximum tax for qualifying low income housing from eight percent (8%) to ten percent (10%) of the property's previous year's gross scheduled rental income.)

{LC3181/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2033**BY** Lombardo, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Requires the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation to annually pay six million dollars (\$6,000,000) to the town of Johnston in addition to any other monies paid to the town by the corporation.)

{LC3684/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2034**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permits a municipality, in which twelve percent (12%) of the housing in a municipality qualifies for low-income housing, to charge a tax up to ten percent (10%) of the current year's gross scheduled rent.)

{LC3168/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2035**BY** Walaska, Felag, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in-value of pickup trucks weighing fourteen thousand pounds (14,000 lbs) or less from sales and use tax.)

{LC3139/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2036**BY** Walaska, Lombardo, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Repeals the sales tax on pet care services.)
{LC3157/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2037**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Changes the calculation of the permanent foundation education aid to school districts and makes an adjustment based upon students residing in qualified low-income housing.)
{LC3173/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2038**BY** Kettle, O'Neill, Algieri, Cote, Gee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX AND FRANCHISE TAX (Repeals the minimum business tax for corporations including small business corporations having an election under subchapter S, 26 U.S.C. 1361)
{LC3709/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2039**BY** Walaska, Algieri, Ciccone, Lombardo, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Reduces the minimum corporate tax from four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).)
{LC3140/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2040**BY** Walaska, Algieri, Ciccone, Cote, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT (Prohibits recipients of cash assistance from utilizing their EBT card at liquor stores, casino facilities, and adult entertainment establishments, and establishes penalties for violations by recipients and store owners and creates a new criminal offense.)
{LC3153/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2041**BY** O'Neill, Cote, Gee, Raptakis, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks under eight thousand one hundred pounds (8,100 lbs.) gross weight, used exclusively for personal use, from sales tax.)
{LC3385/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2042**BY** Metts, Satchell, Crowley, Nesselbush, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MICRO ZONE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT (Creates micro zones in distressed areas to stimulate economic revitalization, employment opportunities, and business development through the redevelopment of obsolete, dilapidated and abandoned industrial and commercial structures.)
{LC3464/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2043**BY** O'Neill, Walaska, Cote, Ciccone, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (Imposes a six (6) month waiting period for public assistance upon legally admitted aliens. Illegal or undocumented aliens would remain ineligible for public assistance.)
{LC3341/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2044**BY** Walaska, Lombardo, Ciccone, Cote, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS (Amends car tax statutes to allow used motor vehicle assessments to be based on the average trade-in price, instead of the retail price. Aggrieved taxpayers may now appeal assessments by submitting their own certified appraisal.)
{LC3141/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2045**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO FINANCE THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS IN THE TOWN, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PAVING, DRAINAGE, TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND LANDSCAPING BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR (Authorizes the town of Middletown to issue not more than \$5,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the design, construction, repair, rehabilitation and improvement of streets and sidewalks in the town.)
{LC3344/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2046**BY** O'Neill, Cote, Algiere, Gee, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks under six thousand pounds (6,000 lbs.) gross weight, used exclusively for personal use, from sales tax.)
{LC3386/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2047**BY** Kettle, Algiere, Cote, Gee, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts the portion of a military pension which is included in federal adjusted gross income from the state income tax.)
{LC3710/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2048**BY** DiPalma, Algiere, Felag, Sosnowski, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Modifies federal adjusted gross income for state income tax purposes by deducting military/federal pension income including survivorship annuities.)
{LC3264/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2049**BY** Walaska, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT (Permits the Pontiac Mills site in Warwick to be approved as an enterprise zone.)
{LC3150/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2050**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS ACT OF 2016 (Establishes procedures for the licensing of naturopathic physicians, and defines the practice of naturopathic medicine. The practice of naturopathic medicine would be subject to oversight by the director of the Rhode Island department of health.)
{LC3169/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2051**BY** Coyne, Miller, Conley, Walaska, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION--INFORMATION ACCESSIBILITY SERVICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (Includes wireless telephones in the adaptive telephone equipment loan program that services the needs of persons who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, severely speech impaired, or those with neuromuscular impairments.)

{LC3740/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2052**BY** Goldin, Miller, Satchell, Sosnowski, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (Provides that no pregnant applicant for medical insurance coverage would be denied coverage due to her pregnancy.)

{LC3072/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2053**BY** Walaska, Felag, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Increases the interval of time within which a municipality must conduct an update of its last real property revaluation.)

{LC3145/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2054**BY** Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY (Allows Foster to provide for a \$15.00 licensing fee and up to \$25.00 fine for violations of dog licensing ordinance.)

{LC3728/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2055**BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - CONSUMER CAR INFORMATION AND CHOICE ACT (Requires all aspects relating to connected car vehicle electronic data from generation to sharing and provides consumer rights relating to access and sharing.)

{LC3650/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2056**BY** Crowley, Sosnowski, Jabour, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS-REGULATION OF POWDERED CAFFEINE (Prohibits the sale of powdered caffeine to any person under the age of eighteen (18) and the possession of powdered caffeine by anyone under eighteen (18) or the possession of powdered caffeine on a school premises or public playground.)
{LC3056/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2057**BY** Walaska, Lombardo, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES (Eliminates the requirement that the owner of a self-storage facility, in the absence of personal service upon any occupant who has defaulted, notify the occupant of the default and the owner's enforcement of its lien by publication.)
{LC3144/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2058**BY** Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Michael Zabelin to join Jennifer Anne Sabatini and Victor Simon Brodney in marriage on or about May 7, 2016, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC3753/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2059**BY** Lombardo, Crowley, Ruggerio, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (Makes the possession, purchase, or sale of powdered alcohol a crime punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
{LC3209/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2060**BY** O'Neill, Cote, Raptakis, Jabour, Algieri

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (ETHICS COMMISSION) (Amends the State Constitution to provide that the Ethics Commission would have jurisdiction over the members of the General Assembly notwithstanding the "speech in debate" provisions of Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution.)
{LC3058/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2061**BY** Crowley, Sosnowski, Jabour, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (Makes the possession of an alcohol without liquid device a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment.)
{LC3114/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2062**BY** Crowley, Sosnowski, Jabour, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Increases superior court jurors' fees to thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per day.)
{LC3061/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2063**BY** Crowley, Sosnowski, Lynch Prata, Goldin, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT-- STATEWIDE ACCOUNTING OF SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS-- SUBMISSION AND RETURN OF KITS (Requires law enforcement agencies to provide the attorney general a report identifying and describing any untested sexual assault evidence collection kits; requires laboratories to complete their testing of such kits within 180 days.)
{LC3057/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2064**BY** Picard, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE-IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Would make individuals with two (2) or less convictions, regardless of whether the convictions were for felonies or misdemeanors, or a combination of each, eligible to have their criminal records expunged.)
{LC3166/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2065**BY** Raptakis, Conley, Lombardi, Satchell, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Makes it an offense to leave a child under seven (7) years of age unattended in a motor vehicle, punishable by a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and possible suspension of license not to exceed three (3) years.)
{LC3097/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2066**BY** Walaska, Cote, Ciccone, McCaffrey, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE TAX (Increases the value of all net taxable estates for the purpose of the estate and transfer tax from six hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$675,000) to two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000).)
{LC3142/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2067**BY** O'Neill, Jabour, McCaffrey, Archambault, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS (Increases the penalties and fines for the various motor vehicle offenses involving leaving the scene of an accident.)
{LC3384/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2068**BY** Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES (State purchasing law amended to make explicit the inclusion of costs for labor and benefits of programs mandated by a workers' compensation insurer as a reimbursable cost.)
{LC3143/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2069**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, DaPonte, Paiva Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - HUMAN RESOURCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL (Provides for a wage reimbursement incentive for employers participating in the non-trade apprenticeship program and would permit the governor's workforce board to establish rules and regulations for the program.)
{LC3649/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2070**BY** DiPalma, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Reduces licensing fee to \$500 per year for a distillery producing less than 50,000 gallons per year and provides a tax exemption on the first 50,000 gallons produced by an instate distiller.)
{LC3265/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2071**BY** Picard, Paiva Weed, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Provides candidates for governor and lieutenant governor would run on a joint ticket.)

{LC3170/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2072**BY** Satchell, Lombardi, Sosnowski, Goldin, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- WINE DIRECT SHIPPER LICENSE (Creates a wine direct shipper license to allow for shipment of limited amounts of wine through the mail to eligible customers.)

{LC3472/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2073**BY** Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Changes the name of the Central Bridge in the town of Barrington to the "Barrington Veterans' Memorial Bridge.")

{LC3741/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2074**BY** Walaska, Lombardo, Felag, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - VETERAN COURTESY REGISTRATION PLATE (Permits a courtesy plate to be issued on the "veteran" plate design.)

{LC3151/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2075**BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, Ciccone, Lynch Prata, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (Creates retailer Class WB license to purchase 500 to 2,000 gallons of wine from wholesaler for use in wholesale manufacture of wine biscuits.)

{LC3644/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2076**BY** Walaska, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES -- SPECIAL PLATE FOR ROCKY POINT FOUNDATION (Authorizes a special license plate for the Rocky Point Foundation, Inc., and specifies the fees and other conditions for issuance.)

{LC3155/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 2077**BY** Picard, Paiva Weed, Pearson**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO APPEAR JOINTLY ON THE BALLOT)

(Would amend the constitution so that in the year 2018 and on candidates for the office of governor and lieutenant governor would form joint candidacies so that voters cast a single vote for a candidate for governor and lieutenant governor.)

{LC3178/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2078**BY** Kettle, Cote, Gee, Morgan, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - COURTESY VETERANS' PLATES (Permits a veteran to request a "Courtesy Plate" with their choice of letters and numbers consistent with present availability with the veteran plate format.)

{LC3583/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Miller announces that on Tuesday, January 19th the Committee on Health and Human Services will have a presentation and update from Elizabeth Roberts, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services Secretary Relating to the Opioid Task Force Strategic Plan.

Senator Metts would like to invite all the senate members to the Holiday MLK Commission at the Ebenezer Church at 4pm on Monday, January 18th.

Senator Walaska announces that today is Credit Union Day.

Senator Lynch Prata announces that that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs will meet next Wednesday, at the rise of the Senate.

Senator Ruggerio would like to wish Senator Fogarty, Chairman of Labor a Belated Happy Birthday last Friday January 8th.

Senator Ruggerio would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Dona Leboeuf, Senate Staff.

Senator Goodwin announces that the Senate will not meet tomorrow, Thursday, January 14th.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to Her Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

(See Appendix for List)

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Kettle the Senate stands in Recess at 4:24 o'clock P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, January 19th at 4:28 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senators Algieri and Ruggerio the Senate adjourns at 4:29 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR WALTER S. FELAG, JR.

Dear God, we ask that you be with us today in our thoughts and actions as we work diligently for the benefit of all our constituents. Amen.