

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Seventh 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 4:30 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 37: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, 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, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Nesselbush.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Melissa Bann, Senate Intern and Senior at URI.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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

January 21, 2016

The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Paiva Weed:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Thursday, January 21, 2016.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley
Senate District 16

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

January 21, 2016

The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President:

This letter is to inform you that I will not be in session on Thursday January 21, 2016, due to an unexpected personal problem.

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

Sincerely,

Frank A. Ciccone, III
Senator District ~ 7

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Senator Gallo from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

The Appointment of Joseph L. Dowling Jr., MD VICE David M. Wax (Deceased) to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2017.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President presents the following communication from Her Excellency, the Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:

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

January 21, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-55-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation:

Maria F. Barry, CPA

VICE
Jose V. Monteiro

For a term expiring July 1, 2020.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

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

Also:

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

January 21, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

**Timothy L. Byrne
(Representing Labor)**

For a term expiring January 1, 2019.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

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

January 21, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

**Bahjat Shariff
(Employer Representative)**

For a term expiring January 1, 2019.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2083

BY McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Morgan, Lombardi, Algieri

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE WARWICK NORTH
LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL ALL-STARS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING 2015 SOFTBALL
SEASON
{LC4054/1}

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi and Lynch.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2084

BY Jabour, Picard, Pearson, Doyle, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS ON THEIR STERLING 2015-2016 NFL SEASON AND WISHING THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016, IN THE AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AGAINST THE DENVER BRONCOS
{LC4036/1}

Senator Picard requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Picard moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

The resolution is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS: 33 The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS: 0

Senate Resolution No. 2085

BY Cote, Picard, Goldin, Satchell, Metts

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING WOONSOCKET POLICE CHIEF THOMAS S. CAREY ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-THREE YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT
{LC4086/1}

Senator Cote requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Cote moves passage, seconded by Senators Picard and O'Neill.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Metts announces that that the Committee on Education will meet today, at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Ruggerio announces that a meeting regarding green jobs will meet Tuesday, January 26, at 2 o'clock P.M. in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

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 4:42 o'clock P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 2086

BY Kettle, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES - PRODUCE SCALES IN MARKETS (Requires sealers of weights and measures appointed by the cities and towns to receive the same fees as charged by state sealers who perform the same inspecting/testing services.)

{LC3714/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2087

BY Miller, Sosnowski, Pichardo, Metts, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - DUTIES AND UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Allows the department of human services to extend the use of low-income energy assistance funds, established an arrearage program and requires a review of certain programs.)

{LC3224/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2088**BY** Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION (Requires state board of education approval of driver education courses for new drivers.)
{LC3199/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2089**BY** Satchell, Conley, DiPalma, Metts, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM (Requires the department of education to consider incorporating media literacy education in the basic education program.)
{LC3758/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2090**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ALL STUDENTS COUNT ACT OF 2016 (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education to use separate collection categories and tabulations for specified Asian ethnic groups in every demographic report on ancestry or ethnic origins of residents.)
{LC4125/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2091**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, DiPalma, Felag, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION – SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT (Refines the law on guidelines for concussions at school and youth programs so that an adult trained in recognizing the symptoms of a concussion is required to be present during events.)
{LC3789/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2092**BY** Kettle, Sosnowski, Morgan, Fogarty, Pagliarini

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - RAW MILK (Establishes procedures/standards issued by milk commission for handling/sale of raw milk with civil fines for violations.)
{LC3707/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2093**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - REFUSE DISPOSAL

(Authorizes the director of DEM the authority to issue emergency refuse transfer licenses for temporary periods of time.)

{LC4051/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2094**BY** Walaska, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS (Requires a notice and opportunity to be heard by the public with regard to the permitting of wastewater treatment facilities.)

{LC3149/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2095**BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, Conley, Fogarty, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - MERCURY REDUCTION AND EDUCATION ACT (Requires manufacturers of mercury-containing lamps to establish and implement a statewide collection for the recycling of mercury-containing lamps.)

{LC3651/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2096**BY** Paiva Weed, Goodwin, Miller, Lynch Prata, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND

FAMILY HOME VISITING ACT (Establishes the RI Family Home Visiting Act. The department of health would develop and coordinate the system of early childhood visiting services to meet the needs of vulnerable families with young children.)

{LC3268/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2097**BY** Miller, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --

INSURANCE BENEFITS (Enables state college or university adjunct faculty members teaching at least 50% of hours regularly worked by full-time faculty be eligible for same medical insurance state hospital care and surgical-medical service benefit as other state employees.)

{LC4107/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2098**BY** Ciccone, McCaffrey, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - COMPLIANCE OF HEALTH BENEFIT CONTRACTS AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH FEDERAL LAW (Provides that persons and small businesses purchasing coverage through the health benefit exchange shall have the option of purchasing at least one plan that excludes coverage for induced abortions.)

{LC3863/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2099**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, McCaffrey, Ciccone, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PET GROOMING AND PET RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS - SPRINKLERS (Requires sprinklers within pet grooming and retail pet sales stores.)

{LC3830/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2100**BY** Ruggerio, Walaska, Sosnowski, Archambault, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Increases the imprisonment penalty for a malicious injury or killing of an animal from 2 to 5 years. Also, imposes an additional assessment if it can be proven that the convicted person is found to have committed said offense in the presence of a child.)

{LC3646/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2101**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, DiPalma, Conley, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS (Enables nursing home residents whose rights are violated to bring an action against the facility for actual and punitive damages. Any plaintiff who prevails shall be entitled to recover attorneys' fees and costs of the action.)

{LC3969/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2102**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, DiPalma, Conley, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - ESTATES IN REAL PROPERTY (Allows conveyances to and from nominee trusts pursuant to certain requirements regarding the preparation and recording of a memorandum of trust.)

{LC3983/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2103**BY** Ciccone, Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM (Requires a property owner to maintain trees or shrubs that create a nuisance to an abutting property owner.)
{LC3861/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2104**BY** Walaska, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Sets age restrictions for children staying home alone.)
{LC3894/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2105**BY** Ciccone, Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Sets forth a process for tenants to retrieve their abandoned personal property from former dwelling units and the placement in storage of a tenant's personal property.)
{LC3865/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2106**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Conley, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Redefines "first-time offender" and permits individuals with a record of up to two (2) misdemeanor convictions to be eligible for expungement.)
{LC3852/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2107**BY** Ruggerio, Miller, Sosnowski, Coyne, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN (Requires that warning signs about the adverse effects of cigarettes be amended to include a warning about electronic cigarettes and include information about how to cease using electronic nicotine-delivery systems.)
{LC3645/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2108**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ELECTRONIC MARIJUANA-DELIVERY SYSTEMS (Defines and regulates the use of electronic marijuana delivery system products.)
{LC3647/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2109**BY** Archambault, Coyne, Conley, Goldin, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Authorizes police/animal control officer to hold animal up to 72 hours pending court hearing as to costs, fees, charges, surrender of ownership of the animal.)
{LC3853/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2110**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Jabour, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS (Makes stopping, standing or parking a vehicle at any place where official signs prohibit parking subject to a fine of eighty-five dollars (\$85.00).)
{LC3849/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2111**BY** Archambault, Metts, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE-IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Clarifies the provisions of §12-19-19 and make those persons who complete a deferred sentence agreement immediately eligible for expungement of all arrest records if they have complied with all terms and conditions of the deferred sentence agreement.)
{LC3866/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2112**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Lombardo, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS (Increases awardable attorneys' fees from \$125 to \$150 per hour with an annual increase thereafter based on the Consumer Price Index.)
{LC3962/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2113**BY** Archambault, Satchell, Goldin, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Allows a primary caregiver cardholder to possess a reasonable amount of unusable marijuana, including up to twelve (12) seedlings that would not be counted toward the limits provided by law.)
{LC3859/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2114**BY** Conley, Sheehan, Goldin, Coyne, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - ETHICS - EDUCATION (Requires all state senators and senate employees to annually participate in at least one of the Ethics Commission educational programs provided by the State Ethics Commission.)
{LC3234/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2115**BY** Archambault, Satchell, Miller, Goldin, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Adds post-traumatic stress disorder as a "debilitating medical condition" and accelerates an approved medical marijuana application for hospice care.)
{LC3470/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2116**BY** Kettle, Cote, Gee, Morgan, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT (Requires retailers to examine photo ID to verify person presenting EBT card is person entitled to use it and impose one month suspension for each violation on retailers.)
{LC3722/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2117**BY** Archambault, Jabour, Lombardi, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT (Enhances the penalties for driving a motor vehicle without proof of financial responsibility.)
{LC3847/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2118**BY** Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- EMERGENCY POLICE POWER (Amends the emergency police power rules to include other municipal police officers as being subject to the authority of the requesting police chief and permits campus police and municipal departments to enter into mutual aid agreements.)
{LC3958/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2119**BY** Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SPECIAL POLICE FOR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS (Clarifies the jurisdiction of special police officers upon the land and buildings of educational institutions, and on roads adjacent to the educational institutions to instances where the officer notices that a person is in danger of bodily harm.)
{LC3956/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2120**BY** Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Stephen Germani, Esq., to join Halley Gaspar and David Tucker in marriage on or about June 4, 2016, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC3978/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2121**BY** Archambault, Satchell, Conley, Jabour, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Excludes violations of operating a motor vehicle with a susp./exp. license from the definition of convictions in the expungement statute; a non-1st time offender may apply for an evidentiary hearing by the court unless convicted for crime(s) of violence.)
{LC3850/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2122**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Metts, Jabour, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE-IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Clarifies the provisions of §12-19-19 and make those persons who complete a deferred sentence agreement immediately eligible for expungement of all arrest records if they have complied with all terms and conditions of the deferred sentence agreement.)
{LC3864/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2123**BY** Archambault, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT (Creates a rebuttable presumption of vehicle owner's or operator's knowledge that a vehicle did not comply with financial security requirements if charged with same violation within 6 months preceding the current violation.)
{LC3851/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2124**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Archambault, DiPalma, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS ACT OF 2004 (Amends certain definitions relative to workers compensation and classifications of temporary and leased employees and amends certain benefits thereto.)
{LC3965/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2125**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, McCaffrey, DiPalma, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Creates additional private rights of action and relief for workers concerning employment applications, employment files, employer transportation service charges, temporary disability benefits and payment of wages.)
{LC3961/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2126**BY** Archambault, Ciccone, Ruggerio, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PLUMBERS AND IRRIGATORS (Requires master and journeyman plumbers to complete a course of continuing education prior to the renewal or reinstatement of their license as determined by the board of examiners.)
{LC3858/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2127**BY** Felag, Walaska, Coyne, Pagliarini, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the section of Route 114 in Bristol between the Warren Bridge and the Mount Hope Bridge in memory of 1st Sergeant P. Andrew McKenna.)
{LC4053/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2128**BY** Metts, Pichardo, Lynch Prata, Ruggerio, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names a portion of the interstate highway 195 "I-Way", bridge number 1081, after Manuel Q. Ledo and John F. Lopez.)
{LC4112/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2129**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - FIREFIGHTER REGISTRATION PLATES (Makes firefighters plates available to active and retired firefighters who are otherwise eligible for combination registration plates.)
{LC4020/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2130**BY** Goldin, Crowley, Satchell, Metts, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE (Increases the income eligibility limit for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) to 200% of the federal poverty level (from 180%).)
{LC4021/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2131**BY** Crowley, Goldin, Sosnowski, Miller, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE (Eliminates the September 30, 2016 termination of the child care subsidy transition program.)
{LC3794/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2132**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, DiPalma, Conley, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides for a 10 year period in which tax administrator would have to commence a collection action.)
{LC3967/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2133**BY** Kettle, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION - BROWN UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS (Repeals the exemption from taxation of property belonging to Brown University professors.)
{LC3730/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2134**BY** Archambault, DiPalma, Ciccone, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Changes the minimum corporate tax by calculating the tax based on gross income.)
{LC3855/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2135**BY** Kettle, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- BUDGET COMMISSIONS (Removes fire districts from budget commission oversight.)
{LC4118/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2136**BY** Archambault, DiPalma, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Provides for an increase in the marital estate deduction in certain instances.)
{LC3968/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2137**BY** Sosnowski, Felag, Miller, Lynch Prata, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Repeals the sales tax on pet care services.)
{LC4044/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2138**BY** Kettle, Cote, Algieri, Morgan, O'Neill**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - INCOME TAX REFUNDS - STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Gives all state income tax return filers the option to have their tax refund directly deposited into their bank account.)
{LC3715/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2139**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, McCaffrey, DiPalma, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER AND IMPLEMENT SECURE PAYMENT TECHNOLOGY THROUGHOUT STATE GOVERNMENT AND SERVICES
{LC3829/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2140**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, DiPalma, Coyne, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Adds urns and shrouds to those funeral items which are already exempt from sales and use taxes.)
{LC3964/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2141**BY** Archambault, Ciccone, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAX SALES (Expedites the foreclosure procedure on vacant property, and amends the general laws on tax sales in order to establish priorities of tax liens, clarify the effect of late recordings and simplify procedures in the event of a void sale.)
{LC3846/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2142**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, DiPalma, Lombardo, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE (Establishes an emergency housing assistance fund to be administered by the department of human services in conjunction with community action program agencies.)
{LC3987/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2143**BY** Walaska, McCaffrey, Felag, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Creates a sales tax holiday for the days of August 6, 2016 and August 7, and no excise or sales taxes would be collected on nonbusiness sales of tangible personal property with certain exceptions.)
{LC3844/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2144**BY** Ciccone, Archambault, Lombardi, O'Neill, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Requires 90 consecutive days of residency in RI before becoming eligible for benefits under the Rhode Island Works program, and limits certain cash assistance and medical benefits to a maximum of 5 years subject to hardship exceptions.)
{LC3867/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2145**BY** DaPonte, Conley, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Provides for payment responsibility of sending district to school department of East Providence for any child attending Bradley Hospital.)
{LC4023/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2146**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, DiPalma, Conley, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Taxpayers age seventy (70) or older may reduce adjusted gross income on the state income tax by subtracting up to five hundred dollars (\$500), or one thousand dollars (\$1,000) on a joint return on medical expenses not used as federal tax deductions.)
{LC3972/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2147**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, DiPalma, Conley, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION-SALES AND USE TAXES-PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Subtracts state tax refunds, paid to an individual in the previous year, from federal adjusted gross income, for purposes of the state income tax.)
{LC3963/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2148**BY** Raptakis, Lombardo, Kettle, Fogarty, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LIGHTING DISTRICT ENERGY COSTS (Requires the state to pay a lighting district's energy bill, if the lighting district fails to pay it.)
{LC3909/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2149**BY** Felag, Ciccone, McCaffrey, Walaska, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts the amount of military pension which is included in federal adjusted gross income from the state income tax.)
{LC3994/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2150**BY** Felag, Fogarty, Pagliarini, Coyne, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the provisions of the Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act by freezing the amount of the regionalization bonus.)
{LC3997/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2151**BY** Lynch Prata, Doyle, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR FAMILIES (Expands the income disregards or other methodology for parents or relative caretakers eligible for medical assistance.)
{LC3938/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2152**BY** Ciccone, Archambault, Lombardi, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Reduces the interest rate on delinquent tax payments to between fifteen percent (15%) and not less than ten percent (10%) and provides for a reduced interest rate for persons on approved payment plans.)
{LC3862/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2153**BY** Raptakis, O'Neill, Pagliarini

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW ALL ASPECTS OF FUTURE TOLLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Creates a thirteen member legislative commission to study all aspects of future motor vehicle tolling in the state, and who would report back to the General Assembly by May 2, 2016, and expire on July 2, 2016.)
{LC3669/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2154**BY** Pagliarini, DiPalma, DaPonte, Algieri, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Increases the rate of interest on delinquent state tax payments from 2% to 3% greater than the prime rate, and also reduces the cap and floor on such interest to no greater than 15% and 12% per annum, respectively.)
{LC4032/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2155**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, DiPalma, Conley, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Increases the minimum amount of a state purchase subject to competitive bidding.)
{LC3984/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2156**BY** Goldin, Satchell, Metts, Pichardo, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Raises the earned income tax credit from ten percent (10%) to twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) for tax year 2016 and to twenty percent (20%) for tax year 2017 and beyond.)
{LC3754/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2157**BY** Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MICELI CONSTRUCTION & ROOFING, INC
{LC3768/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, January 26th at 4:17 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senators Algieri and Ruggerio the Senate adjourns at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ROGER A. PICARD

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

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016:**

1. Appointment of Joseph L. Dowling Jr., MD VICE David M. Wax (Deceased) to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2017.

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

2. **2016-S 2157**

BY Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MICELI CONSTRUCTION & ROOFING, INC

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate