

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:19 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 36: 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, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 2: Senators Nesselbush, Raptakis.

## INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journals of the Seventh and Eighth Legislative Days of the 2016 proceedings are read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Kettle and by unanimous consent, further readings of the Journals are dispensed with and the Journals approved as recorded.

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Lombardi and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber his intern Adriano Cirioli III from North Haven, CT and student at Salve Regina University.

**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 26, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-128-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission:

**Ernest P. Baptista Jr.**

VICE  
Antonio Pires

For a term expiring January 31, 2019.

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 26, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-128-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission:

**Maureen E. Maigret, RN**

VICE  
Sandra Cullen

For a term expiring January 31, 2019.

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.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Senator DaPonte from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

**The Reappointment of Jean Rondeau to the State Retirement Board for a term expiring March 1, 2020.**

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2161****BY** Kettle, Fogarty, Morgan, Paiva Weed, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE NORTHWEST COMPETITIVE CHEER'S U12 SQUAD ON WINNING THE STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL AMERICAN YOUTH CHEER CHAMPIONSHIPS  
{LC4225/1}

Senator Kettle requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Kettle moves passage, seconded by Senators Gallo, Algieri, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Crowley, Gee, Lombardo, Lombardi, Pagliarini, Archambault, Satchell and Goldin.

The resolution is read and passed upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS: 35 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, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS: 0

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Kettle and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber *National American Youth Cheer Champions*: Gianna Savoy, Kyla Morrison, Sophia Capasso, Skyla Picard, Emillee Peckham, Ella Dexter, Isabella Rotondo, Bella O' Brien, Sara Capasso, Emersyn Champagne, Brynn Stewart, Ava Polseno, Mia Piccolo, Allison Berger, Abagayle Breault. *Northwest Cheer U12 Cheerleading Squad Coaches* Laurie Enright, Lynn Francazio, Abigail Dexter, Amelai Dexter and Jordan Enright.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2160****BY** Archambault, Fogarty, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Paiva Weed**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ROSE ANN OATES  
{LC4327/1}

Senator Archambault requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Archambault moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, 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, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

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

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Senate Bill No. 2162**

**BY** Gallo, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS, AND ESTHETICIANS (Permits licensed barbers, hairdressers, cosmeticians, manicurists, and estheticians to relocate to another hair design shop once during the term of their license without needing to obtain another license.) {LC3892/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

#### **Senate Bill No. 2163**

**BY** Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS (Extends the grandfather clause pertaining to licensing of underground utility contractors granted without examination to July 1, 2017.) {LC4171/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

#### **Senate Bill No. 2164**

**BY** Conley, Goldin, DaPonte, Ruggerio, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CAPITAL CITY UNDERGROUND UTILITY INITIATIVE (Authorizes the Energy Facility Siting Board to establish an enforceable schedule for the completion of the Capital City Underground Utility Initiative on or before July 30, 2017.) {LC3369/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

#### **Senate Bill No. 2165**

**BY** Lynch Prata, Doyle, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Eliminates the need for a special election to create an opt-out municipal energy aggregation plan initiated by any city or town subject to public utility commission approval.) {LC3942/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2166****BY** Lynch Prata, Pichardo, Doyle, Metts, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Provides that any minority business enterprise that is certified by the Small Business Act shall be deemed certified by the department of administration as a minority business enterprise.)

{LC3937/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2167****BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES -- COSTS (Provides all costs incurred by municipal corporations associated with temporary permanent relocation of utility infrastructure such as public utility poles during public works projects within municipal rights-of-way would be borne by the public utility.)

{LC4150/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2168****BY** Pichardo, Goodwin, Gallo, Metts, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Directs school superintendents to review discipline data to determine unequal impact on students based on race/ethnicity/disability status and respond to any disparity and sets out of school supervision standards.)

{LC4169/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Resolution No. 2169****BY** Gallo, Satchell, Pearson, DiPalma, Picard**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING STEM/STEAM DEGREES AND PROGRAMS IN RHODE ISLAND ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

{LC4176/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2170****BY** Felag, Doyle, Jabour, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Allows school department to store epinephrine cartridge injections for use to students on an emergency basis.)

{LC3212/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2171****BY** Satchell, Metts, Pichardo, Sheehan, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PROTECTING STUDENT PRIVACY ON SCHOOL-OWNED TECHNOLOGY (Establishes certain student privacy rights in regard to take-home technology devices from school.)  
{LC4064/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2172****BY** Satchell, Metts, Pichardo, Sheehan, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Mandates that school districts develop and adopt a written policy relating to the use of Internet filtering measures for computer access in schools.)  
{LC3225/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2173****BY** Fogarty, Satchell, McCaffrey, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Provides for the creation of a new position in the fish and wildlife division of the department of environmental management, and places oversight of freshwater lakes, streams, and ponds, in the fish and wildlife division.)  
{LC4145/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2174****BY** Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Gallo, Crowley, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND REGULATORY REFORM ACT (Establishes an office of regulatory reform task force to make recommendations for a statewide solar permitting process.)  
{LC4218/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2175****BY** Archambault, Sosnowski, Conley, Coyne, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND REGULATORY REFORM ACT (The office of regulatory reform shall consult with various state agencies and plant-based representatives to facilitate economic growth.)  
{LC4177/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

**Senate Resolution No. 2176****BY** Pearson, Sosnowski, Metts, Algieri, Kettle**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION TO WORK JOINTLY WITH THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND LABOR AND TRAINING TO ESTABLISH JOB DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES THAT ENCOURAGE COMPANIES THAT PRODUCE, PROCESS, DISTRIBUTE, AND ADD VALUE TO RHODE ISLAND AGRICULTURAL AND SEAFOOD PRODUCTS TO EITHER EXPAND OR LOCATE IN THE STATE

{LC4178/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce

**Senate Bill No. 2177****BY** DaPonte, DiPalma, Pearson, Doyle, Paiva Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RENEWABLE ENERGY (Exempts renewable energy systems of up to 10 kilowatts for residential property and up to 100 kilowatts for small commercial property from local taxation for a period of 20 years or upon transfer of the property, whichever is first.)

{LC4175/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance .

**Senate Bill No. 2178****BY** Goldin, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Felag, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - REFUSE DISPOSAL (Phases-in requirements that educational and research institutions must recycle all of their food waste.)

{LC4217/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2179****BY** Coyne, Pagliarini, Lombardo, Picard, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION -- MEMBERSHIP (Adds the secretary of the Rhode Island executive office of commerce, or the secretary's designee, as an ex-officio member of the board of commissioners of the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation.)

{LC4174/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



**Senate Bill No. 2180****BY** Sosnowski, Archambault, Sheehan, Walaska, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - VETERINARY PRACTICE (Allows non-veterinarians to perform certain husbandry procedures that are commonly performed by owners of animal pets and livestock.)  
{LC3226/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2181****BY** Walaska, Sosnowski, Paiva Weed, Conley, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM (Expands the renewable energy growth program for an additional ten (10) years after the fifth program year, with an annual target of forty (40) nameplate megawatts for each year of the ten (10) year period.)  
{LC4219/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2182****BY** Felag, McCaffrey, Picard, Jabour, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Requires reporting by the resource recovery corporation detailing the economic impact of recycling and the state's compliance with the fifty percent diversion goal.)  
{LC4229/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2183****BY** Raptakis, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - BIG RIVER RESERVOIR MORATORIUM (Authorizes a lease agreement between the town of Coventry and the water resources board for a portion of the Big River reservoir property to be used as a compost facility.)  
{LC3256/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2184****BY** Kettle, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - FRESHWATER FISHING (Permits fishing in trout waters at any time of year without seasonal restriction.)  
{LC3705/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2185****BY** Sosnowski, Conley, Goodwin, Miller, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY (Extends the 2004 Renewable Energy Standard Schedule Program, which required the suppliers of retail electricity to purchase increasing minimum amounts of renewable energy from 2019 to 2035.)  
{LC4188/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2186****BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Archambault, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (States a policy finding that 50% of solid waste be diverted through diversion, source reduction, re-use, recycling or composting.)  
{LC4228/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2187****BY** Walaska, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - PENSION PROFIT SHARING OR ANNUITY PLANS (Provides protection to retirees whose pension plans are divested of ERISA protections as a result of the sale of a group annuity by an insurance company.)  
{LC4056/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2188****BY** Sheehan, Picard, Pichardo, Lombardo, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IN THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT (Grants the town council of the town of Narragansett the authority to adopt a homestead exemption ordinance.)  
{LC3738/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2189****BY** Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - CONTRACTORS' BONDS (Prohibits the state, general contractors, and construction managers from withholding more than 5% as a retainer with respect to any sewer, water main, or other public works construction contract.)  
{LC4072/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2190****BY** Fogarty, Satchell, Coyne, Goldin, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - RENEWABLE ENERGY TAX CREDIT (Provides for a residential renewable energy systems tax credit.)  
{LC4146/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2191****BY** DiPalma, Pichardo, Felag, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (Requires the director of the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals to adopt a state reimbursement system for community and nonprofit agencies.)  
{LC4043/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2192****BY** Doyle, Pearson, Felag, Pichardo, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION (Directs the Rhode Island commerce corporation to develop a combat veterans' small business loan program.)  
{LC4077/1}

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

**Senate Bill No. 2193****BY** Miller, DaPonte, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LITTLE CIGAR TAX (Requires that the tax imposed on little cigars be imposed in the same manner of the tax imposed on cigarettes, and that little cigars be sold in packs of twenty (20) or more.)  
{LC3952/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2194****BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Jabour, Gallo, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (Provides for additional appropriations by the general assembly to promote the capability of URI in the areas of environmental and agricultural research and education.)  
{LC4195/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2195****BY** Fogarty, Felag, Doyle, Pearson, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts from personal income tax the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) received from pensions, interest income, 401k plans and individual retirement accounts.)  
{LC4144/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2196****BY** Lombardo, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Lombardi, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (Establishes a procedure for the timely payment to contractors and subcontractors in connection with state contracts.)  
{LC4211/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2197****BY** Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEATH AND SAFETY -- CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE ACT (Establishes procedures that would reduce the state's correctional inmate healthcare costs.)  
{LC3159/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2198****BY** Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS (Reduces inmate healthcare costs by billing Medicaid for eligible inpatient hospital and professional services.)  
{LC3160/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2199****BY** Ruggerio, Miller, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX  
{LC3641/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 2200****BY** DiPalma, Ruggerio, Ciccone, Lombardi, Metts**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING CONGRESS TO RE-ENACT PROVISIONS OF THE GLASS-STEAGALL BANKING ACT

{LC3923/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2202****BY** Pichardo, Walaska, Miller, Goodwin, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS (Changes motor vehicle tax assessments from clean retail to average trade-in value over a 3-year period, and indemnifies cities and towns for any loss.)

{LC4172/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2203****BY** Pichardo, Goodwin, Crowley, Metts, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TUITION EQUITY (Creates the "Student Equal Economic Opportunity Act" which would identify those students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition at public universities, colleges or community colleges.)

{LC4181/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2204****BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Jabour, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Enacts 10 year statute of limitations on assessment of/commitment of any collection action for any tax due and payable pertaining to RI sales/use tax/estate tax/personal income tax/business corporation tax effective 7/1/16.)

{LC4160/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2205****BY** Gee, Pagliarini, Kettle, Lombardo, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IN THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT (Grants the town council of the town of Narragansett the authority to adopt a homestead exemption ordinance.)

{LC3163/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2206****BY** DaPonte, Felag, DiPalma, Lombardo, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Amends the definition of the term "disabled", for purposes of property tax relief, to include persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government.)  
{LC4024/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2207****BY** Miller, McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Pichardo, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Requires hospitals to publicize total payroll, including fringe benefits, for their top 5 highest paid employees and requires that hospitals provide within 2 days, a written estimate for medical services over \$5,000 including facility fees.)  
{LC3954/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services

**Senate Bill No. 2208****BY** Archambault, Satchell, Miller, Coyne, Pagliarini**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS (Requires nonprofit dental service plan providers to provide notice of any changes relating to coverage to all plan purchasers purchasing dental services for employees under a group or individual policy contract or health benefit plan.)  
{LC3854/1}

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

**Senate Bill No. 2209****BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - RATE REVIEW ACT (Creates a uniform rate review procedure for rating formula/rate changes by non-profit hospital/medical service corps. And catastrophic health plans requiring public hearings/meetings paid by applicant with no effect on appeal rights effective 1/1/17.)  
{LC3610/1}

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

**Senate Bill No. 2210****BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Requires health care facilities to use licensed Rhode Island Nurses to satisfy staffing needs.)  
{LC3618/1}

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

**Senate Bill No. 2211****BY** Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (Repeals the requirement that nonprofit hospital, medical and dental service corporations obtain written approval from the insurance commissioner before being allowed to hire persons on a commission basis to solicit subscribers.) {LC3619/1}

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

**Senate Bill No. 2212****BY** Fogarty, Kettle, Pagliarini, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Allows mobile and manufactured homes which are a part of a mobile and manufactured home park to be counted as low and moderate income housing for purposes of compliance with the requirements of the city or town's comprehensive use plan.) {LC4149/1}

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

**Senate Bill No. 2213****BY** Fogarty, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Gallo, Metts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY (Bars adjusters and contractors from premises under investigation by the fire marshal until premises are released, and provides penalties for violation.) {LC4106/1}

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

**Senate Bill No. 2214****BY** Cote, Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 3235 OF THE 1953 PUBLIC LAWS ENTITLED "AN ACT PERTAINING TO MUNICIPAL PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, AND ALSO VALIDATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND HOME RULE CHARTER," AS AMENDED (Amends and repeals certain provisions of Chapter 3235 of the 1953 Public Laws pertaining to elections in the City of Woonsocket.) {LC4105/1}

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

**Senate Bill No. 2215****BY** Cote, Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS-NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES-CITY OF WOONSOCKET (Provides that nomination papers for certain candidates for citywide nonpartisan office in the city of Woonsocket would require at least one hundred (100) signatures.) {LC4104/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2216****BY** DiPalma, Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ABORTION -- THE RHODE ISLAND UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION FROM DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION ACT (Define and regulates, and in some cases, prohibits dismemberment abortions.)

{LC4170/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2217****BY** Doyle, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Jabour, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - PAROLE BOARD (Requires parole board members be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.)

{LC4078/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2218****BY** DiPalma, Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FETAL PROTECTION ACT (Establishes the Fetal Protection Act, establishing certain actions to unborn children as crimes.)

{LC4135/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2219****BY** Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Coyne, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMPUTER CRIME

(Prohibits the unauthorized and intentional access of another's computer with the intent to view confidential information. Violators would be guilty of a felony and subject to imprisonment for up to 5 years and a fine of not more than \$5,000.)

{LC3976/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2220****BY** Lombardi, Archambault, Coyne, Ruggerio, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - COMPUTER CRIME

(Provides that "conduct" for the purposes of cyberstalking would be defined as "a single act which causes a person to be repeatedly contacted by others or two (2) or more acts over a period of time, evidencing a continuity of purpose.)

{LC3980/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.



**Senate Bill No. 2221****BY** DiPalma, Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - GRANDPARENTS RIGHTS (Specifies that relevant factors which should be considered by the family court when granting grandparents visitation rights.)  
{LC3787/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2222****BY** Jabour, Kettle, Gee, O'Neill, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT (Adds a chief innovation officer to the governors list of appointments to be made following an election to office.)  
{LC4136/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2223****BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - MOTOR CARRIER TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS (Renders void/unenforceable motor transportation contract terms holding harmless indemnitee from or against its own negligence/intentional acts/omissions upon the effective date.)  
{LC4128/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2224****BY** Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Doyle, Conley, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER (Creates the joint committee of the repealer for a term of six (6) years to compile suggestions for repeal of certain statutes, regulations, and executive orders.)  
{LC3940/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2225****BY** Doyle, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW - PAROLE BOARD (Requires that parole board members serve no more than three (3) terms and applies prospectively to new appointments and re-appointments.)  
{LC4080/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2226****BY** Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY (Allows law enforcement agencies to keep the proceeds from confiscated property for law enforcement purposes.) {LC4140/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2227****BY** Pagliarini, Algieri, Kettle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Excludes the cultivation or production of marijuana from the definition of "plant agriculture".) {LC4031/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2228****BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Requires the director of business regulation, within 30 days of receipt of insurer's response to a written complaint, to determine if reasonable cause has been established that insurer is engaged in an unfair claims practice.) {LC3628/1}

01/27/2016 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2229****BY** McCaffrey, Doyle, Miller, Jabour, Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - CONTRACTORS' BONDS (Expands the penalties which public works contractors can be assessed for failing to properly pay persons for the services they provide to them.) {LC3913/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2230****BY** Kettle, Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - AERIAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (Prohibits law enforcement from using unmanned aerial vehicles without a proper warrant.) {LC3717/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2231****BY** DiPalma, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Coyne, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ELECTRONIC CONFIRMATION AND COMPLIANCE SYSTEM (Creates electronic automobile/commercial vehicle liability insurance confirmation/compliance system.)  
{LC3953/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2232****BY** Ciccone, Sosnowski, Archambault, DiPalma, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOBILE TELEPHONE USE (Requires that operators of motor vehicles use only hands-free mobile electronic communication devices and provides for monetary penalties for violations of said requirement.)  
{LC4227/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2233****BY** DiPalma, Sosnowski, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY (Requires the court, to consider certain new standards, when deciding whether or not to grant amendments to conservation restrictions.)  
{LC3806/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2234****BY** Doyle, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS (Repeals the provision of the general laws relating to continuation of workers' compensation benefits for partial incapacity.)  
{LC4081/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2235****BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Coyne, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Establishes a procedure for employees to secure liens against employers for unpaid wages. Contested claims would be decided by the Superior Court.)  
{LC4159/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2236****BY** Doyle, Fogarty, Lombardo, Lombardi, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY (Requires the director of labor and training to consider representatives from industries participating in non-trade apprenticeship programs when making appointments to the apprenticeship council.)

{LC4076/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2237****BY** Lombardi, Ruggerio, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL

OBSERVANCE-WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS (Repeals §25-3-7 of the general laws which gives the director of the department of labor and training the authority to exempt certain classes of employees from receiving overtime pay for Sunday and holiday work.)

{LC4153/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2238****BY** Doyle, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS'

COMPENSATION--BENEFITS (Increases the spendable base wage calculation from seventy-five percent (75%) to eighty-five percent (85%) under the workers' compensation law and makes additional changes relating to partial incapacity.)

{LC4074/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2239****BY** Gee, Raptakis, O'Neill, Morgan, Pagliarini**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES--

TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH (Permits the town of East Greenwich to grant Class B or C liquor licenses located in a Commercial CD-1 zone even though within 200 feet of a school or place of worship.)

{LC3363/1}

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

**Senate Bill No. 2240****BY** Pichardo, Goodwin, Gallo, Crowley, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES -- SPECIAL PLATE IN HONOR OF CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ (Creates a special registration plate to honor César E. Chávez.)

{LC3222/1}

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

**Senate Bill No. 2241****BY** Felag, McCaffrey, Walaska, Paiva Weed, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes the division of motor vehicles to create a special registration plate for private colleges and universities within the state.)

{LC3202/1}

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

**Senate Bill No. 2242****BY** Lombardi, Archambault, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Eliminates the additional fee for registration renewal of courtesy (vanity) plates.)

{LC3960/1}

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

**Senate Resolution No. 2243****BY** Fogarty, Lynch Prata, Doyle**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GENERAL ASSEMBLY)

{LC4148/1}

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

**Senate Bill No. 2244****BY** Fogarty, Doyle, Felag, McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Provides that on and after 7/1/16, any city or town council would have the authority to exempt said city or town from the prohibition against the issuance of certain alcoholic beverage licenses within 200' feet of a school or place of public worship.)

{LC4142/1}

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Ruggerio would like to wish a Belated Happy Birthday to Senator Picard yesterday.

Senator Ruggerio would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Senator Sheehan today.

Senator Lombardo announces that that the Committee on Labor will meet today, at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Metts announces that that the Committee on Education will meet today, at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 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)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senators Algieri and Ruggerio and upon suggestion of Senator Archambault the Senate adjourns at 4:55 o'clock P.M. in memory of *Rose Ann Oates*.

**JOSEPH R. BRADY**  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix****INVOCATION****SENATOR NICHOLAS D. KETTLE**

Dear God, We come to you and ask your blessing. We ask you to show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Help us to work together to challenge and encourage each other to strive for excellence in all our endeavors. Amen.

**Appendix**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016:**

- 1.** Reappointment of Jean Rondeau to the State Retirement Board for a term expiring March 1, 2020.

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

***JOSEPH R. BRADY***  
Secretary of the Senate