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Thirteenth 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 4:27 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, 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 – 1: Senator Doyle.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journals of the Twelfth Legislative Day of the 2016 proceedings is read in part.

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

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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| <p style="text-align: center;">STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS STATE HOUSE</p> <p>February 4, 2016</p> <p>The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed President of the Senate State House, Room 318 Providence, RI 02903</p> <p>Dear Madam President:</p> <p>Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate session on Thursday February 4, 2016, I am out of state on business.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>James E. Doyle, II Senator, District- 8 Pawtucket</p> |
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Read and ordered to be placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator McCaffrey from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

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 be placed on the Calendar.

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 be placed on the Calendar.

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 be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 7135**BY** Azzinaro, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dan E. Blackstone to join Teresa Garcia and Jeffery Perez in marriage on or about February 13, 2016, within the town of Westerly, Rhode Island.)

{LC3746/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

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 be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2252****BY** Doyle, Nesselbush, Crowley, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Sets new weight restrictions on vehicles traveling over the Ten Mile River Bridge in Pawtucket.)

{LC4361/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2253**BY** Metts, Doyle, Crowley, Sosnowski, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES - SCHOOL BUS DRIVER ANNUAL TRAINING (Requires that school bus drivers' annual training include the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's school bus driver in-service training series.)

{LC4114/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2254**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi, Walaska, Lynch Prata, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - AUTOMATED SCHOOL ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM (Authorizes department of transportation and municipalities to operate automated school zone speed enforcement systems.)

{LC4306/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2255**BY** Sosnowski, Walaska, Lombardo, Coyne, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOBILE TELEPHONE USE (Prohibits the use of a non-hands-free personal wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle, except for public safety personnel or in an emergency situation, and provides for monetary fines for violations.)

{LC4403/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2256**BY** Satchell, Fogarty, Metts, Lombardi, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES -- EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY (Requires that all new school buses purchased or leased for use in the state be equipped with seat belt assemblies for each passenger and operator seat.)

{LC4500/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2016-S 2058

BY Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, 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.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Rosa Dominguez, Constituent.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2251**

BY Paiva Weed, DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MEMBERS OF THE ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAMS ON TAKING TOP HONORS IN BOTH DIVISIONS OF THE 5TH ANNUAL SEAPERCH DERBY
{LC4493/1}

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, 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.

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

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber *members from the Rogers High School Robotics Team*: Carlie R. Walton, Sierra L. Walton, Pandora A. Walker, Juliana M. DiMeglio, Lucas A. Machado, Tasia M. Terrell, Ashley L. Bronk, Stefanny Martinez, Rose A. Kutsaftis, Joseph S. Frederick II, Noah A Manuel, David R. Breault, Cooper D. MacNicholl and Coach Scott Dickinson.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Lombardo seconded by Senator Ruggerio the Senate adjourns at 4:43 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR ERIN LYNCH PRATA**

Lord, we pray for your guidance in understanding the problems and issues we will face during the General Assembly session. May your supreme law of love and tolerance always guide our actions. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2016:

1. **2016-S 2120**
 BY Raptakis
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2016-H 7135**
 BY Azzinaro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Joseph R. Brady
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016:**

- 1. 2016-S 2096**
BY Paiva Weed
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND FAMILY HOME VISITING ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
- 2. 2016-S 2057**
BY Walaska
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 3. 2016-S 2059**
BY Lombardo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.