

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Fourteenth 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 4:23 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, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Walaska.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Sosnowski.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Pearson 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:

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

February 10, 2016

The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate
317 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 Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator V. Susan Sosnowski
Senate District 37

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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**

February 4, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64.10-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Quonset Development Corporation:

John Justo

VICE
John A. Dorsey, Esq.

For a term expiring January 1, 2019.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

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

February 4, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64.10-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Quonset Development Corporation:

Gregory A. Mancini, Esq.

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 Commerce.

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

February 4, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64.10-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Quonset Development Corporation:

Susan Leach DeBlasio, Esq.

VICE
Martha Holt Castle
(Resigned)

For a term expiring January 1, 2018.

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

Sincerely,
Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

Senate Bill No. 2246 SUB A

(Governor)

BY Ruggerio, Paiva Weed, Goodwin, DiPalma, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FUND -- TOLLS (Authorizes the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority to enter into contracts to operate and manage toll facilities on state roads and to impose tolls on large trucks.)
{LC4381/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, February 11th.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2257****BY** Pearson, McCaffrey, Walaska, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ROBERT M. SANGREY, SR.

{LC4356/1}

Senator Pearson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pearson moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri and Ruggerio.

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

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2259****BY** Walaska, Ciccone, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP -- INSURANCE (Entitles a condominium unit owner to access any insurance company damage appraisal and any determination of denial of coverage.)

{LC4395/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2260**BY** Walaska, Ciccone, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires nonregulated power producers to show evidence of financial security.)

{LC3888/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2261**BY** Ciccone, Walaska, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (Authorizes municipalities to require parking lots to have a person on site during operational hours to accept cash payments. The proceeds from the fine for failure to comply would be split between the municipality and the state.)

{LC3860/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2262**BY** Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS -- BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR (Requires public schools, including charter schools, begin the school year on the day after Labor Day.)
{LC4158/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2263**BY** Gee, Raptakis, Kettle, Metts, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - SCHOOL CLOSINGS (Grants to each individual municipal school departments the power to determine whether their schedules would be open on a particular scheduled election day.)
{LC3711/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2264

(by request)

BY Gee, Raptakis, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HOLIDAYS (Allows municipal or regional schools to be open on Columbus Day if their school department so decides.)
{LC3792/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2265**BY** Felag, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION IN SCHOOL SPORTS (Raises awareness of the potential for sudden cardiac arrest among student athletes.)
{LC4300/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2266**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, Ciccone, Conley, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Enables the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation contract for collection of recyclables at state agencies and state facilities.)
{LC4491/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2267**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Requires the state and municipalities to award bids for the purchase of goods or services to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.)
{LC3838/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2268**BY** DiPalma, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PORTSMOUTH COMMERCIAL FINES (Authorizes the town of Portsmouth to establish a tax stabilization program for legally permitted new commercial construction projects located within its borders.)
{LC4351/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2269**BY** Pagliarini, Algieri, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS (Clarifies that the exemption from taxes of any renewable energy system is to the real estate of such system.)
{LC4419/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2270**BY** Lombardi, Conley, Lombardo, Ruggerio, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX
{LC3971/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2271**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- TAXATION (Repeals the five hundred dollar (\$500) minimum tax on corporations, limited liability companies and limited partnerships.)
{LC4316/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2272**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION-HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS 2013 (Repeals the sunset provision of chapter 33.6 of title 44 which grants tax credits to individuals or companies redeveloping historic structures.)
{LC3198/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2273**BY** Pagliarini, Algieri, DiPalma, Sosnowski, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAX AMNESTY (Repeals the Rhode Island Tax Amnesty Acts of 1986, 1996, 2006, and 2012.)
{LC4383/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2274**BY** Pagliarini, Algieri, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS (Exempts from state taxation the machinery, equipment, and tangible personal property of an unregulated renewable energy system.)
{LC4418/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2275**BY** Doyle, Crowley, Conley, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Adds enterprise zone tax credits to list available to taxpayers in computing state personal income tax liability.)
{LC4071/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2276**BY** Sheehan, Raptakis, Picard, Jabour, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Provides that the minimum business corporation tax shall not be imposed upon any corporation for a period of three (3) years from the date of its incorporation.)
{LC4323/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2277**BY** Fogarty, Doyle, Satchell, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Allows retired state employee nurses to work as professors in the nursing program at a state college. It would allow them to work seventy-five (75) days or one hundred fifty (150) half days before their pension payments would be suspended.)
{LC4143/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2278**BY** Doyle, Crowley, Conley, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES (Expands the number of municipal economic zones permitted by law to areas located in a municipality designated as a state-approved "growth center".)
{LC4073/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2279**BY** Raptakis, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PAYMENTS TO FIRE COMPANIES (Requires reimbursement payments from the general fund to volunteer fire departments responding to emergencies on or along Route 95.)
{LC3091/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2280**BY** Miller, Jabour, McCaffrey, Archambault, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORMED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Approval and funding of drug awareness programs for minors placed with the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals.)
{LC3187/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2281**BY** Raptakis, Cote, O'Neill, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes office of inspector general which would be charged with preventing fraud and mismanagement of public funds, regardless of their source and would oversee all state programs and operations.)
{LC3086/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2282**BY** Nesselbush, Gallo, DaPonte, Satchell, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - TEACHING AFTER RETIREMENT

(Allows retired members of the state retirement system who are certified as substitute teachers to substitute teach not more than ninety (90) days a year without reduction in retirement benefits.)

{LC4253/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2283**BY** Sheehan, Sosnowski, Algieri, DiPalma, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - USER FEES (Increases the percentage of state beach fees payable to the city or town where the facility is located from sixteen percent (16%) to twenty percent (20%).)

{LC4320/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2284**BY** Miller, Ruggerio, Walaska, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES -

LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Adds electronic nicotine-delivery systems to the definition of "Tobacco" for tax purposes.)

{LC3188/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2285**BY** Archambault, DiPalma, Doyle, Lombardi, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - START-UP RHODE ISLAND TAX

FREE ZONE PROGRAM (Establishes the "Start-Up Rhode Island Act" to allow for the establishment of certain tax free zones in the state.)

{LC3857/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2286**BY** Gee, Raptakis, Kettle, Algieri, O'Neill**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- EXEMPT PROPERTY (Renders tax exempt certain real and person property of the nonprofit New England Wireless and Steam Museum, Inc. located in the town of East Greenwich.)

{LC3338/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2287**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Subtracts from the federal adjusted gross income, income attributable to the recovery during the tax year of any amount deducted in any prior tax year for the purposes of the calculation of the state income tax.)

{LC4321/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2288**BY** Miller, DaPonte, Sosnowski, Ruggerio, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LITTLE CIGAR TAX (Requires that the tax imposed on little cigars be imposed in the same manner as the tax imposed on cigarettes, that 25% of such revenue would be applied to smoking cessation programs, would provide that little cigars be sold in packs of (20) or more.)

{LC4223/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2289**BY** Pagliarini**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Repeals authorization for various cities and towns to enter into tax stabilization agreements and provides for certain tax exemptions.)

{LC4382/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2290**BY** Raptakis, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- FIRE DISTRICTS LOCATED IN COVENTRY (Limits each of the Coventry Fire Districts tax levy increases to the consumer price index, but not to exceed five percent (5%) in any one year..)

{LC4402/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2291**BY** Kettle, Morgan, O'Neill, Gee, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- BRIDGE REPAIRS (Establishes a bridge works restricted receipt account to fund the maintenance and repair of bridges located within the state with various source of funding.)

{LC4328/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2292**BY** Raptakis, Kettle, Lombardi, Morgan, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS (Restricts the department of health's authority to impose and/or change the current mandated vaccinations.)

{LC4194/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2293**BY** Ruggerio, Miller, Walaska, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Prohibits use of electronic nicotine-delivery system products in enclosed public places and places of employment.)

{LC3184/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2294**BY** Crowley, Sosnowski, Metts, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- DRUG COVERAGE (Requires health insurers to notify pharmacies and subscribers at least sixty days in advance of removing any prescription drug from its plan formulary.)

{LC3117/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2295**BY** Morgan, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH--IMMUNIZATIONS (Restricts the authority of the department of health to set minimum immunization standards for diseases not transmitted in a school environment.)

{LC4018/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2296**BY** Nesselbush, Fogarty, Miller, Crowley, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RIGHTS OF PATIENTS - MEDICAL RECORD FEES FOR VETERANS (Requires health care providers to provide veterans copies of their medical records at no charge if the records are used to apply for benefits of any kind.)

{LC4235/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2297**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES

(Includes family members who are 62 years or older as a reasonable accommodation in an accessory family dwelling unit.)

{LC4376/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2298**BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC-

PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP ACT (Authorizes the creation of a public-private transportation partnership board to promote transportation improvement programs for the users of our roads. The board would evaluate proposed plans for transportation projects.)

{LC4467/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2299

(by request)

BY Morgan, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

(Authorizes the town of Charlestown to regulate excavation and extraction activity within the town.)

{LC3469/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2300**BY** Gallo, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Andrea Iannazzi to join Jon Fioravanti and Ronald Serpa in marriage on or about July 3, 2016, within the City of Cranston, Rhode Island.)

{LC4422/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2301**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

(Allows Michael Persechini to join Elizabeth Owens and Jason Pavao in marriage on or about August 6, 2016, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC3103/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2302**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Michael Dybka, Ph.D. to join Samantha Bullock and Kevin Martinez in marriage on or about May 20, 2016, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island. This act would take effect upon passage.)

{LC3419/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2303**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Ritchie Emmons to join Grace Clifford Emmons and Ryan Michael Carroll in marriage on or about June 18, 2016, with the city of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC3137/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2304**BY** Raptakis, Cote, O'Neill**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- REFERENDUM ON LINE ITEM VETO (Submits to the electors a constitutional amendment granting the governor the power to utilize a line item veto for appropriations.)

{LC3087/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2305**BY** Morgan, Kettle, Cote, O'Neill, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS -- A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR GENERAL OFFICERS' ELECTION)

{LC3824/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2306**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows governor to designate a person to solemnize a particular marriage.)

{LC4310/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2307**BY** Raptakis, Sheehan, Cote, Jabour, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Requires General Assembly votes to be reported electronically within 30 minutes of the vote being cast.)

{LC3094/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2308**BY** Archambault, DiPalma, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC

RECORDS (Revises access to public records charter re: definitions of public body public record, right to inspect, copy records, arrest logs, compliance, costs, court jurisdiction, remedies, claims settlement, violations.)

{LC4331/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2309**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN

MEETINGS (Excludes weekends and state holidays from the calculation of the 48 hour public notice requirement for a meeting of a public body.)

{LC4307/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2310**BY** Metts, Crowley, Jabour, Pichardo, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - STATE AFFAIRS AND

GOVERNMENT (Requires persons in government custody use actual residence for census and redistricting purposes as determined by department of corrections and secretary of state.)

{LC4119/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2311**BY** Raptakis, Cote, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

(Changes the period of time a voter may have to change their party affiliation from the 90th day preceding any primary election for which the voter is eligible to the 29th day preceding any primary election for which the voter is eligible.)

{LC3096/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2312**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JUDGMENTS, ORDERS AND DECREES -- INTEREST ON JUDGMENTS (Provides that interest on judgments would accrue from the date of the filing of the civil action and not the date the cause of action accrued and would also apply to medical malpractice claims. Takes effect January 1, 2017.)
{LC4354/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2313**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - DISTRICT COURT (Permits retired district court clerk/magistrates or magistrates to be recalled after retirement.)
{LC3856/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2314**BY** McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- LITIGATION LENDING AGREEMENTS (Makes litigation loan agreements subject to state usury statutes.)
{LC4312/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2315**BY** Nesselbush, Crowley, Doyle, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES (Requires the purchaser of a tax sale property, to pay the recording fee for the collector's deed.)
{LC4417/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2316**BY** Crowley, Metts, Goldin, Jabour, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- NATIONAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK (Allows the department of children, youth and families to process nationwide criminal record checks.)
{LC4551/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2317**BY** Lynch Prata, Miller, Nesselbush, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE HEALTHY PREGNANCIES FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN ACT (Prohibits the use of restraints on pregnant female prisoners during transport to court during the third trimester of pregnancy, and would require DOC to submit annual reports to the general assembly regarding the number of pregnant women at the ACI.)

{LC4442/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2318**BY** Metts, Crowley, Lombardi, Pichardo, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - HUMANE ALTERNATIVES TO LONG-TERM SOLITARY CONFINEMENT (Limits the time an inmate can spend in segregated confinement, prohibits the segregated confinement of certain vulnerable persons, and creates more humane and effective methods of instituting such confinement.)

{LC4486/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2319**BY** Lombardi, Gallo, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Provides that sex offenders register their presence with any homeless shelter at which they may temporarily stay and provides that said shelters notify the local law enforcement agency of the presence.)

{LC4186/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2320**BY** Morgan, Cote, Kettle, Gee, O'Neill**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (Requires most employers in Rhode Island to participate in the E/Verify employment authorization program and establishes deadlines to do so.)

{LC4333/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2321**BY** Metts, Pichardo, Crowley, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- IMMIGRATION STATUS (Prohibits landlords from inquiring about immigration status of a tenant, prospective tenant, occupant, or prospective occupant of residential rental property.)

{LC4113/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2322**BY** Walaska, Ciccone, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER SALES ACT (Regulates motor vehicle dealerships in the conduct of the business of insurance.)

{LC4394/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2323**BY** Miller, Ruggerio, Walaska, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Prohibits the sale of electronic nicotine-delivery systems without having a license to sell cigarettes and/or tobacco products.)

{LC3191/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2324**BY** Morgan, Kettle, Lombardo, Raptakis, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' MEMORIAL CEMETERY (Requires dogs to be leashed on cemetery property and owners of the dog to clean up upon completion of the visit. Any violation would be punishable by a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00).)

{LC4426/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2325

(by request)

BY Morgan, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EXPLOSIVES (Requires (14) days advance notification of blasting by registered mail to abutters, owners or owners of record of any improved property within 500 feet from property line of blast site, including road/bridge/utility/public works construction.)

{LC3473/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2326**BY** Fogarty, Metts, Nesselbush, Jabour, Picard**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING TO INCLUDE GREEN INDUSTRIES IN THE REAL JOBS RI PROGRAM

{LC4372/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2327**BY** Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES-RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Adds campus police officers to the group of public safety officials eligible to collect salary, wages, benefits during periods of whole/partial incapacitation incurred while on-duty or while providing emergency assistance within the state while off-duty.)

{LC4332/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2328**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD (Requires the state career pathways system of the workforce board to create pathways and workforce training programs to fill skill gaps and employment opportunities in the clean energy sector.)

{LC4388/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2329**BY** Raptakis, O'Neill, Lombardi, Ciccone, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MINIMUM WAGES (Requires an annual minimum wage increase tied to inflation, based upon the Consumer Price Index for the region.)

{LC4209/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2330**BY** Algieri, Ruggerio, Doyle, Nesselbush, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- RENAMING BRIDGE #550 LOCATED ON ROUTE 95 AND THE PAWTUCKET RIVER IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET (Renames the Pawtucket River Bridge to "The Mayor James E. Doyle Pawtucket River Bridge.")

{LC4495/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2331**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - THE PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES, AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames the bridge in the city of Providence known as the I-195 Providence River Bridge: No. 1181 to the William D. Warner Memorial Bridge.)

{LC3190/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2332

(by request)

BY Cote, Ruggerio, Walaska, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES (Provides that municipal insurance corporations be subject to laws regulating insurance companies and be regulated by the Rhode Island department of business regulation.)

{LC4329/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2333**BY** Ciccone, Pichardo, Nesselbush, Crowley, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' LICENSE (Allows DMV to issue driving privilege licenses/permits to applicants unable to establish lawful presence in US which are not valid for ID purposes effective July 1, 2017.)

{LC3377/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

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 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 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, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Sheehan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Marc Perlman, John Conforti and David Sarletto from Ocean State Job Lot.

Upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Catia Sousa and Bruno Pimentel visiting from Azores, Portugal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Jabour announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Goodwin announces that the Senate will meet Thursday, February 11th at 2:00pm.

Senator Metts announces that the Committee on Education will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Nesselbush announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Lynch Prata announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Cote announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today, at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Kettle the Senate adjourns at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR RYAN WILLIAM PEARSON**

Open our hearts Lord, not only to the needs of those we serve, but also to one another in this Chamber so as a community of leaders we can be led to wise and courageous actions that benefit Rhode Island. Amen.

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.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016:

1. **2016-S 2246 SUB A**
 BY Ruggerio
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
 RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION AND
 MAINTENANCE FUND -- TOLLS

 Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and
 passage of Substitute A.

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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}