

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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# Journal of the Senate

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Fifteenth Legislative Day

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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 4:25 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, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 2: Senators Ciccone, Crowley.

## 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 Fourteenth 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 approved as recorded.

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Archambault and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Smithfield High School Students who won the "Best of the State" in the Verizon App Challenge: Molly Richard, Evan Fortier, Erik Brenner, Anthony Corticelli and Meghan Mitchell. Michael Deslauriers - Math Teacher & Coach, Michelle Cinquegrano - Verizon Regional Director & Verizon Government Affairs.

**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  
318 State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President:

This letter is to inform you that I will not be in session on Wednesday February 10, 2016. Verizon technician working in my house.

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

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2258**

**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, Ciccone, Jabour, Pichardo

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF VINCENT ALBERT "BUDDY" CIANCI, JR.  
{LC4355/1}

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, 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 rising vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 2334**

**BY** Nesselbush, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Algieri, Felag

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF JOANNE COIA

{LC4710/1}

Senator Nesselbush requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Nesselbush moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Algieri, Kettle, Gallo, Lynch Prata.

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

**NOW PRESIDING**

The Honorable President yields the rostrum to the Honorable William A. Walaska President Pro Tempore of the Senate at 4:37 o'clock P.M.

**CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

**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.

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by Senators DaPonte, Satchell, Gallo, Coyne, Goldin, Conley, Sheehan and Archambault.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, 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, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

**NOW PRESIDING**

The Honorable President Pro Tempore yields the rostrum to the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed President of the Senate at 4:43 o'clock P.M.

**2. 2016-S 2057**

**BY** Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Walaska moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Gee, Felag, Lombardi, Lombardo, Archambault.

The act is read and passed upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS- 1: Senator Jabour.

**3. 2016-S 2059**

**BY** Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Lombardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Morgan, Nesselbush, Metts, McCaffrey, Archambault, and DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, 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 Algiere, Archambault, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

Senator Goodwin announces that the Senate will meet tomorrow at 2:00pm.

**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.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2335**

**BY** Crowley, Picard, Cote, Walaska, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, COMMENDING TAIWAN'S ACHIEVEMENT ON ITS ELECTION OF THE 14TH TERM PRESIDENT, ENHANCING BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

{LC4334/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2336**

(by request)

**BY** Algieri, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT (Requires that Interscholastic League Athletes and youth sports athletes who are female and 19 years of age or younger and who play certain softball positions wear protective face masks during practice and at games.)

{LC4095/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2337****BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Goldin, Archambault, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Adds dyslexia-targeted assistance as a required aspect of the literacy program for students at the elementary grade level.)

{LC4399/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2338****BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Goldin, Archambault, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCREENING FOR READING DISABILITIES (Requires school districts to conduct screening for dyslexia and other reading disabilities of school children who have exhibited one or more potential indicators using certain screening methods selected by the commissioner of education.)

{LC4397/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2339****BY** Satchell, Lombardi, Conley, Gallo, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS (Creates a process for the department of education collection and organization of information concerning the workload and scope of the duties and responsibility performed by school social workers.)

{LC4197/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2340****BY** Lombardi, DiPalma, Archambault, Conley, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Permits classroom observation of special needs children by parents and experts retained by parents.)

{LC4530/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2341****BY** DiPalma, Kettle, Sosnowski, Conley, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT -- POWERS AND DUTIES OF DIRECTOR (Gives the director of the department of environmental management the authority to terminate and revoke licenses issued by the department if conditions leading to a suspension are not connected.)

{LC4222/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2342****BY** Kettle, Sosnowski, Morgan, Fogarty, Pagliarini**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- MILK SANITATION CODE (Provides the process for the production and sale of raw milk cheese in this state.)

{LC4555/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2343****BY** Pagliarini, Lombardi, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS (Allows municipalities to award bids for contracts in an amount less than \$500,000 to a business located within its municipality if it is current on all taxes, its bid is within 10% of the lowest bid and it is willing to match the lowest bid.)

{LC4706/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2344****BY** Satchell, Gallo**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 FOR THE STATION FIRE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 for the Station Fire Memorial Foundation, a Rhode Island nonprofit corporation.)

{LC4498/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2345****BY** Pagliarini, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - VETERANS' EXEMPTION (Extends the right to property tax relief to any veteran honorably discharged by eliminating references to particular conflicts.)

{LC4430/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2346****BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL TAX (Reduces the tax per gallon on all taxable gallons of gasoline sold or used in this state from thirty-two cents (\$0.32) per gallon to twenty-eight cents (\$0.28) per gallon.)

{LC4656/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2347****BY** Kettle, Sosnowski, Morgan, Fogarty, Pagliarini**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation open air structures that are used for the sheltering and/or feeding and watering of animals utilized in connection with agricultural operations.)

{LC4554/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2348****BY** Miller, Felag, Pichardo, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS (Exempts qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles from excise taxes.)

{LC4548/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:



**Senate Bill No. 2349****BY** Metts, Pichardo, Doyle, Crowley, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases the refundable state earned income credit from ten percent (10%) to thirty-five percent (35%) for the 2017 taxable year, and each taxable year thereafter.)

{LC4621/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2350**

(By request)

**BY** Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Permits the town of Narragansett to establish a tangible business property tax exemption for local small business owners in an amount not to exceed thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000).)

{LC4489/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2351****BY** Miller, Doyle, Crowley, Lombardi, Pagliarini**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Authorizes 10 yr solar incentive program run by energy resources & funds by \$100,000 annual allocation from development fund for installing new solar energy system of 10 kw or less at owner's residence on/after 7/1/16 resulting in \$500 payment.)

{LC4463/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2352****BY** Pagliarini**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (Repeals the tax increment financing act.)

{LC4428/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2353****BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT SECURITY ACT FOR LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PENSION FUNDS (Requires municipalities to include a 20 year amortization schedule with its annual report every 3 years and provides an alternative funding critical status funding plan to state officials.)

{LC4319/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2354****BY** Sosnowski, Walaska, Felag, Lynch Prata, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAX - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Adds honorably discharged disabled veterans who purchase a new motor vehicle to the category of certain veterans exempt from sales and use taxes.)

{LC4405/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2355****BY** Pagliarini

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - REHABILITATION LOANS (Repeals the provisions of the general laws which authorize cities, towns, and redevelopment agencies to make rehabilitation loans.)

{LC4427/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2356****BY** Miller, Jabour, Crowley, Goodwin, Satchell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INSURANCE--MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires comprehensive discharge planning for patients treated for substance use disorders and would require insurers to cover expanded medication-assisted addiction treatment.)

{LC4564/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2357****BY** Pagliarini

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - HOUSING PROJECT LOANS (Repeals the provisions of the general laws which authorized housing authorities and redevelopment agencies to loan money for constructing low income housing.)  
{LC4429/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2358**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Lynch Prata, Miller, Crowley, Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING (Creates a procedure for in-person early voting for all general, primary and special elections, beginning twenty (20) days before the scheduled election.)  
{LC4247/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2359****BY** Jabour, Lombardi, Archambault, McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FORM AND EFFECT OF CONVEYANCES (Allows for the use of the terms "special warranty deed" and "special warranty covenants" in any deed of conveyance, whereby the grantor will warrant and defend the granted premises to the grantee forever against lawful claims.)  
{LC4639/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2360****BY** Metts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Seth Michael Magaziner to join Amy Blais and Sean Malloy in marriage on or about May 7, 2016, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)  
{LC4736/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2361**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Lynch Prata, Goldin, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- LOBBYING (Repeals chapter 10 of title 22, lobbying, and chapter 139 of title 42, executive branch and public corporation lobbying, and would enact the Rhode Island lobbying reform act.)

{LC4249/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2362****BY** O'Neill, Raptakis, Cote, Morgan, Kettle**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION - LINE ITEM VETO (Submits to the electors a constitutional amendment granting the governor the power to utilize a line item veto for appropriations.)

{LC3382/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2363****BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REPORTING OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE VENDORS (Restricts some political contributions by state vendors and prohibits state vendors from making political contributions to candidates for the office responsible for awarding those state vendor contracts.)

{LC3973/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2364****BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS (Repeals the law regarding contribution among joint tortfeasors and replace it with the Apportionment of Tort Responsibility Act, in order to provide a fair, uniform, and comprehensive system for the apportionment of tort responsibility.)

{LC4492/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2365**

**BY** Jabour, Lombardi, Archambault, McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FORM AND EFFECT OF CONVEYANCES (Eliminates issues with respect to title to real property where certain issues are otherwise capable of resolution by investigation, preparation and execution of corrective instruments and recording thereof.)

{LC4640/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2366**

**BY** Raptakis, Conley, Lombardo, Cote, Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases the penalty for anyone found guilty of reckless driving while eluding a police officer to a felony punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment and subject to a loss of license from one to 2 years and a possible forfeiture of their motor vehicle.)

{LC3915/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2367**

**BY** Pichardo, Metts, Miller, Jabour, Crowley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND AUTOMOBILE REPOSSESSION ACT (Allows the imposition of up to a \$500 fine on a motor vehicle lessor or secured party for failing to follow proper procedures in the event of a default by a lessee or purchaser.)

{LC4444/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2368**

**BY** Doyle, Gallo, Satchell, Nesselbush, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS -- CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE (Requires posting in every public school of a sign providing the telephone number of the child abuse hotline.)

{LC3890/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2369**

**BY** Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CAMPAIGN FINANCE (Clarifies the definition of the term "entity" that advocates for the approval or question presented to voters at a financial town meeting, to include business entities, political action committees, persons and exempt nonprofits.)

{LC4679/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2370**

**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Jabour

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Requires a judge or magistrate to grant a hardship license immediately upon the finding of admission of guilt to driving under the influence or refusal to submit to a chemical test, subject to a finding of need.)

{LC4261/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2371**

**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Jabour

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS (Changes first and second offenses for driving with a suspended or expired license to civil violations and would also reduce the potential monetary penalty.)

{LC3875/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2372**

**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Jabour

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Requires a reduction in any mandatory period of license suspension with the imposition of an ignition interlock system ordered by the court. Conditional hardship licenses would be granted subject to additional conditions.)

{LC4102/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2373**

**BY** Pichardo, Metts, Miller, Crowley, Jabour

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Provides that the governor's appointments to the RIPTA authority shall include a regular user of fixed-route RIPTA transportation and also a disabled person)

{LC4446/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2374**

**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Jabour

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS (Amends the penalties for driving with a suspended or expired license.)

{LC3874/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2375**

**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Makes refusing to compensate a claimant for loss of use of a rental vehicle an unfair claims practice.)

{LC4556/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2376**

**BY** Metts, Pichardo, Crowley, Jabour, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES--MEDICAL INFORMATION INCLUDED ON LICENSE (Allows drivers' licenses and state-issued identification cards to contain medical information to assist medical personnel.)

{LC4109/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2377**

**BY** Ciccone, Satchell, DiPalma, Archambault, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY WORKPLACE (Establishes a cause of action against employers and employees for workplace bullying, harassment and other abusive conduct that is tolerated by employers.)

{LC4266/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2378**

**BY** Lynch Prata, Pichardo, Doyle, Metts, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MINIMUM WAGES (Raises the minimum wage to \$10.50 per hour effective January 1, 2017, and further raise it to \$11.00 per hour effective January 1, 2018.)

{LC3955/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2379**

**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Felag, Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Prohibits employers from deducting from their employees' wages for spoilage, breakage, cash shortages, losses, fines or penalties for tardiness, misconduct or quitting by an employee without notice.)

{LC4552/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2380**

**BY** Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT- RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION ON WOMEN (Renames commissions as Rhode Island Commission on Women and Girls, allows partnerships with other entities with common concerns, designates any money received from any source as restricted revenues.)

{LC4330/1}

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



Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2381**

**BY** Pichardo, Walaska, Felag, Crowley, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- GLORIA GEMMA BREAST CANCER RESOURCE FOUNDATION (Permits passenger and commercial Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Foundation plates to be issued and sets pre-orders at 900 of all types.)

{LC4558/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2382**

(by request)

**BY** Algieri, Morgan, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Permits holders of manufacture's licenses to sell alcoholic beverages at retail for permits on-site and off-site consumption.)

{LC3791/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2383**

**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Miller, Goldin, Conley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Repeals the Rhode Island pari-mutuel facilities exemption to the public health and workplace safety act thereby banning smoking at all parimutuel facilities.)

{LC4040/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2384**

**BY** Lynch Prata, Doyle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES (Allows social gaming in private residences and in public taverns or private clubs so long as the gambling is incidental to a bona fide social relationship between the participants and only participants receive anything of value.)

{LC4644/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2385**

**BY** Pagliarini

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- ELIMINATION OF OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Proposes a constitutional amendment eliminating the office of lieutenant governor to be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection at the next statewide general election to be held in November 2016.)

{LC4204/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2386**

**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY CHANGES TO JOINT TORTFEASORS

{LC3457/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senators Algieri and Ruggerio and upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 4:47 o'clock P.M. in memory of *Vincent Albert "Buddy" Cianci, Jr.*

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

**Appendix****INVOCATION****SENATOR ROGER A. PICARD**

Dear Lord, as we acknowledge your presence on this Ash Wednesday, please bestow your special blessings on all of us assembled in this Chamber. We ask for your guidance in serving those who have elected us to the best of our ability. Amen.

**Appendix**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016:**

- 1.     2016-S 2386**  
**BY McCaffrey**  
**ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE AND EXTENDING**  
**THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE**  
**COMMISSION TO STUDY CHANGES TO JOINT TORTFEASORS**

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

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.