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Sixteenth 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 2:14 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, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Lombardo.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Coyne 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 11, 2016

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

Dear Madame President:

I would like to inform you that unfortunately I will be unable to attend session on Thursday February 11, 2016. I will be out of the country on business. I am requesting that this be placed in the Journal.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Frank Lombardo
Senator
District 25

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

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

YEAS- 34: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Kettle, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Senator DaPonte moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Miller, Nesselbush, Lynch Prata, Coyne, Goldin, Metts.

Senator DaPonte seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Miller, Nesselbush, Lynch Prata, Archambault, Coyne and Goldin, offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2016 -- S 2246 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FUND -- TOLLS

Madam President:

I hereby move to amend 2016 -- S 2246 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FUND -- TOLLS", as follows:

1. Page 8, line 9, by deleting the period after the word "vehicle" and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"; provided, however, no vehicle shall be tolled other than a tractor or truck tractor as defined in 23 CFR 658.5, pulling a trailer or trailers."

2. On page 11, line 7, after the language "2017." by inserting the following language:

"The information shall also be posted on the department's website."

3. On page 12, line 8, after the language "bid." by inserting the following language:

"Pursuant to §§37-14.1-1 and 37-14.1-3, for the purposes of chapter 13.1 of title 42, women shall be included in the definition of "minority business enterprise."

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR DAPONTE

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 4 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 30: Senators The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Goldin, Goodwin, Kettle, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pearson, Picard, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 4: Senators Jabour, Morgan, Pagliarini, Raptakis.

Senator Pagliarini seconded by Senators Kettle, Algieri, Morgan and Gee offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2016 -- S 2246 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FUND -- TOLLS

Madam President:

I hereby move to amend 2016 -- S 2246 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FUND -- TOLLS", as follows:

1. On page 1, by deleting all the language contained on lines 1 through 18.

2. On pages 2 through 4, by deleting all the language.

3. On page 5, by deleting all the language on lines 1 through 25.
4. On page 5, line 26, by deleting the number "2" and inserting in place thereof the number "1".
5. On page 6, by deleting all the language contained on lines 29 through 34.
6. On page 7, by deleting all of the language on lines 1 through 7.
7. On page 7, by deleting all the language on lines 10 through 13.
8. On page 7, line 14, by deleting the number "(2)" and inserting in place thereof the number "(1)".
9. On page 7, by deleting all the language on lines 17 through 22.
10. On page 7, line 23, by deleting the number "(5)" and inserting in place thereof the number "(2)".
11. On page 7, by deleting all the language on lines 26 through 34.
12. On page 8, line 1, by deleting the number "(9)" and inserting in place thereof the number "(3)".
13. On page 8, by deleting all the language on lines 4 through 26.
14. On page 8, by deleting lines 27 through 31 and inserting in place thereof the following language:

"42-13.1-4. Restriction on tolling. -- No act authorizing tolls on any vehicle, other than those subject to tolls as of December 31, 2015, shall take effect until it has been approved by the majority of those electors voting in a statewide referendum. The secretary of state shall certify the results of the statewide referendum."
15. On page 8, line 32, by deleting the language "42-31.1-6" and inserting in place thereof the language: "42-31.1-5".
16. On page 9, by deleting the language on lines 4 and 5.
17. On page 9, line 6, by deleting the number "(3)", and inserting in place thereof the number "(1)".
18. On page 9, line 7, by deleting the letters "(c)", and inserting in place thereof the number "(2)".
19. On page 9, by deleting all the language on lines 11 through 18.
20. On page 9, line 19, by deleting the language "42-13.1-9", and inserting in place thereof the language: "42-13.1-6".
21. On page 9, lines 21 and 22, by deleting the language "the operation and maintenance of the toll facility, and".
22. On page 9, line 22, by inserting a period "." after the language "bridges".
23. On page 9, by deleting all the language on lines 23 through 34.
24. On page 10, by deleting all the language on lines 1 through 27.
25. On page 10, line 28, by deleting the language "42-13.1-14" and inserting in place thereof the language: "42-13.1-7".

26. On page 10, line 34, by deleting the language "42-13.1-15" and inserting in place thereof the language "42-13.1-8".
27. On page 11, line 21, by deleting the language "42-13.1-16" and inserting in place thereof the language "42-13.1-9".
28. On page 12, line 5, by deleting the language "42-13.1-17" and inserting in place thereof the language "42-13.1-10".
29. On page 12, line 10, by deleting the number "3" and inserting in place thereof the number "2".
30. On page 13, line 30, by deleting the number "4" and inserting in place thereof the number "3".
31. On page 15, line 31, by deleting the number "5" and inserting in place thereof the number "4".
32. On page 18, line 11, by deleting the number "6" and inserting in place thereof the number "5".

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR PAGLIARINI

Senators Pagliarini, DiPalma and Jabour discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails upon a roll call vote with 10 Senators voting in the affirmative and 25 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 10: Senators Algiere, Cote, Gee, Jabour, Kettle, Morgan, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Raptakis, Sheehan.

NAYS- 25: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Goldin, Goodwin, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sosnowski, Walaska.

Senator Raptakis seconded by Senator O'Neill offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2016 -- S 2246 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FUND -- TOLLS

Madam President:

I hereby move to amend 2016 -- S 2246 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FUND -- TOLLS", as follows:

1. By deleting all the language following the enactment clause, and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created consisting of thirteen (13) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island Senate, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; three (3) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Administration, or designee; one of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, or designee; one of whom shall be Chairman of the Board for the Rhode Island Trucking Association, or designee; one of whom shall be the Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police, or designee; one of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority, or designee; two (2) of whom shall be members of the public, one to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu of a legislator, provided that the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader of the political party which is entitled to the appointment, consents to the member of the general public.

The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and analysis of all aspects of future motor vehicle tolling including, but not limited to, automobiles, tractor trailers, and other commercial vehicles.

Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at the call of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson.

Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information, documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than May 2, 2016, and said commission shall expire on July 2, 2016."

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR RAP TAKIS

Senators Raptakis, Morgan and DiPalma discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails upon a roll call vote with 10 Senators voting in the affirmative and 25

Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 10: Senators Algiere, Cote, Gee, Jabour, Kettle, Morgan, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Raptakis, Sheehan.

NAYS- 25: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Goldin, Goodwin, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sosnowski, Walaska.

Senators Pagliarini, DiPalma, Metts, Miller, Algiere, Crowley, Ciccone, Kettle, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Lombardi, Raptakis, Lynch Prata, Morgan, Pearson, Cote, Goodwin, Pichardo, DaPonte, Sheehan, Doyle, Pagliarini, Lombardi, Raptakis, Miller, Pagliarini, Ciccone, DaPonte, DiPalma, Ruggerio discuss the act.

Senator DaPonte moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Miller, Nesselbush, Lynch Prata, Coyne, Goldin, Metts.

The act is read and passed, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 25 Senators voting in the affirmative and 12 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 25: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Pearson, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 12: Senators Algiere, Cote, Gee, Jabour, Kettle, Morgan, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2387

BY Crowley, Nesselbush, Algiere, Doyle

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOSEPH C. SADLIER

{LC4730/1}

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senator Ruggerio.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2388

BY Doyle, Paiva Weed, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardi

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE MUTTER FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JOHN A. MUTTER, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT

Senator Doyle requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Doyle moves passage, seconded by Senator Lombardi.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2389

BY Ruggerio, Goodwin, Paiva Weed, Lynch Prata, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 6-12, 2016, TO BE "WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC4866/1}

Senator Ruggerio requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Gallo, Lynch Prata, Sosnowski, Coyne, Goldin.

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

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measure:

House Bill No. 7409 SUB A as amended

(Governor)

BY DeSimone, Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Carnevale, Ucci

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 imposes tolls on such roads.)
{LC4326/A/1}

Senator DaPonte moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Ruggerio and McCaffrey.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, upon a roll call vote with 25 Senators voting in the affirmative and 12 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 25: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lombardi,

Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Pearson, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 12: Senators Algieri, Cote, Gee, Jabour, Kettle, Morgan, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Picard, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan.

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 Bill No. 2390

BY O'Neill, Pagliarini, Cote, Sheehan, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education, pursuant to rules promulgated by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, to develop curricular material on financial literacy.)

{LC3383/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2391

BY DaPonte, Gallo, O'Neill, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Appropriate public education made available to a disabled child until their twenty-first birthday or completion of program in which they are enrolled as of their twenty-first birthday.)

{LC3203/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2392

BY Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Gallo, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE FUNDING ACT OF 2016 (Adds a performance-based component to the state funding formulas for CCRI, RIC and URI.)

{LC3949/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2393**BY** Felag, DiPalma, Walaska, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - FEES FOR STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES - VETERANS (Authorizes state run higher education institutions to waive application and transcript fees for veterans.)

{LC4655/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2394**BY** Felag, DiPalma, Walaska, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Amends general laws to reference the new council on elementary and secondary education and makes teacher certification provisions for military personnel.)

{LC3840/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2395**BY** Sosnowski, Gee, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Requires school districts, on an annual basis, make public and furnish to the department of education a comprehensive assessment matrix detailing and summarizing the district's assessment system.)

{LC4445/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2396**BY** Goldin, Miller, Raptakis, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HOLOCAUST GENOCIDE EDUCATION (Requires the inclusion of instruction on holocaust and genocide studies in the curriculum for all middle and high school students.)

{LC4684/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Resolution No. 2397**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (If approved, requires the state to ensure that all students have the opportunity to achieve at high levels, and provide for judicial enforcement.)

{LC4663/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2398**BY** Cote, Kettle, Lombardi, O'Neill, Gee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE BRIGHT TODAY SCHOLARSHIP AND OPEN ENROLLMENT EDUCATION ACT (Provides parents of K-12 students with opportunity to enroll their child in an educational program of their choosing with designated public monies to follow the student to school selected by parent.)
{LC4462/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2399**BY** Sosnowski, Conley, Felag, Kettle, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - RI UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT (Makes the underground storage tank review board an advisory board reducing membership from 9 to 7 members, removing \$50,000 in grants for removal/replacement of underground storage tanks, and makes technical changes to the hearing and claim procedures.)
{LC3227/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2400**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Jabour, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- TRUST (Permits the settlor of a trust to provide for a person other than the trustee to direct actions of the trustee, and clearly establishes the legal responsibilities of trust advisors and trust protectors.)
{LC4454/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2401**BY** Archambault, Conley, Lombardi, Miller, Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - POLICE OFFICERS - COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires commission on standards and training to train and instruct police officers and trainees to identify complaints involving mental health/substance abuse emergencies and to develop law enforcement responses to such emergencies.)
{LC4681/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2402**BY** Gallo, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (Permits the college or university that offers driver retraining courses, which are mandated due to a conviction of certain motor vehicle offenses, to determine the tuition rate for the driving course so required.)

{LC4695/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2403**BY** Nesselbush, Miller, Jabour, Conley, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CELL PHONE TRACKING (Requires the issuance of a warrant to obtain cell phone location information subject to emergency situation exceptions.)

{LC4252/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2404**BY** Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - ATTORNEY'S FEES (Attorney fees may be awarded to a prevailing defendant in a breach of contract action.)

{LC3148/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2405**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, McCaffrey, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE - JUDICIAL REVIEW OF PROBATE COURT ORDERS AND DECISIONS (Removes the requirement for appellant of an order or decree of probate court to file request for certified copy of record of the procedures appealed from.)

{LC3206/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2406**BY** O'Neill, Cote, Sosnowski, Picard, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PEDESTRIANS (Requires drivers of motor vehicles to stay at least three feet (3') away from pedestrians.)

{LC4853/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2407**BY** Morgan, Kettle, Gee, Lombardi, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AN ACT RELATING CRIMINAL OFFENSES - UNIFORM ACT ON PREVENTION OF AND REMEDIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING
{LC4876/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2408

(by request)

BY Cote, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY (Limits tortfeasor liability to several only if defendant's act or omission constituted no more than (25% of the plaintiff's damages.)
{LC4460/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2409**BY** Cote, Archambault, Pagliarini, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EMINENT DOMAIN (Prohibits the use of eminent domain powers for economic development purposes.)
{LC4262/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2410**BY** Coyne, Ruggerio, Lombardo, Miller, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN (Raises the legal minimum age to purchase tobacco products and nicotine-delivery systems from eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21).)
{LC4732/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2411**BY** Morgan, Lombardi, Pagliarini, Algiere, Gee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Provides immunity to any person that provides food or wild game to a food pantry, food bank or DEM for ultimate distribution to needy individuals.)
{LC4745/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2412**BY** Cote, Felag, Lombardo, Sheehan, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (Establishes the E-Verify compliance act which would require all non-governmental employers within the state with three (3) or more employees to apply to participate in the federal E-Verify program and to agree to participate in the program, if accepted.)

{LC4455/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2413**BY** Coyne, Nesselbush, Jabour, Lombardi, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AN ACT RELATING CRIMINAL OFFENSES - UNIFORM ACT ON PREVENTION OF AND REMEDIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Establishes penalties and remedies for human trafficking and makes human trafficking and human trafficking for purposes of sexual servitude, forced labor, commercial sexual activity felonies punishable by imprisonment and fines.)

{LC4287/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2414**BY** Pagliarini**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Allows school committees to add items to their agenda by majority vote and amends notice requirements.)

{LC4823/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2415

(Secretary of State)

BY Coyne, Goldin, Felag, Algieri, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION/VOTING EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS

{LC4251/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2416**BY** Pagliarini, Lombardo, Morgan, Kettle, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES-WEAPONS (Specifically allows individuals who possess a valid concealed weapon permit issued by Massachusetts, Connecticut, or Utah to carry a concealed firearm everywhere within Rhode Island.)
{LC4670/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2417**BY** Raptakis, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT AND THE CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT (Amends the charters of the Coventry Fire District and Central Coventry Fire District to provide that no vote at a meeting of either the district would have effect unless at the time of the vote not less than 2% of those eligible are present and voting.)
{LC3907/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2418**BY** Algiere, Pagliarini, Lombardi, McCaffrey, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS (Authorizes a civil action against persons who file frivolous patent infringement claims.)
{LC4654/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2419**BY** Fogarty, Nesselbush, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE-ARREST (Adds juvenile program workers and shift coordinators of the department of children, youth, and families to the definition of peace officer so long as they are engaged in the performance of their official duties.)
{LC4540/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2420**BY** Miller, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Kettle, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - TAXATION AND REGULATION OF MARIJUANA (Removes the state's prohibition on adults using, possessing, and cultivating marijuana for personal use. Establishes a system of regulated marijuana retail distribution to adults 21 and older and imposes taxes at both the wholesale and retail level.)
{LC4368/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2421**BY** Pichardo, Metts, Jabour, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Requires the sealing and destruction of arrest records of persons wrongfully arrested.)

{LC4180/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2422**BY** Raptakis, Jabour, Conley, Cote, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY (Changes the month in which candidates for public office are required to declare their candidacy from June to April.)

{LC4488/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2423**BY** Lynch Prata, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - CAUSES OF ACTION (Creates a cause of action for employees who are discharged or otherwise sanctioned by an employer on account of being required to attend court or other hearing pursuant to a validly issued subpoena.)

{LC3950/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2424**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - GUARANTEED ASSET PROTECTION (Authorizes MV dealers to issue guaranteed asset protection waivers consumers along with consumer protections for waivers effective 1/1/17.)

{LC4531/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2425**BY** Nesselbush, Fogarty, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (Makes the owner of any vehicle not inspected as required by §31-38-4 responsible for any fines or penalties imposed as a result of non-inspection and would prohibit the any law enforcement officer, from citing the operator of said vehicle.)

{LC4715/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2426**BY** Goldin, Satchell, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FREEDOM FROM PRONE RESTRAINT ACT (Prohibits the use of prone restraints in certain facilities requires training of all service providers in the reduction/elimination of restraint and seclusion, and creates an eighteen (18) member commission to study prone restraints.)
{LC4377/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2427**BY** Sheehan, Conley, McCaffrey, Metts, Jabour

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE-ETHICS COMMISSION (Expands Article VI to permit legislators to be questioned by the Ethics Commission for speech/debate occurring in the House or Senate. It would give a legislator the right to a trial de novo and establish the composition of the Ethics Commission.)
{LC4221/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2428**BY** Doyle, Crowley, Conley, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BODY WORKS SERVICES ESTABLISHMENTS (Regulates/establishes licensing requirements/procedures for establishment of/personnel in body works services business as opposed to massage therapists and provides civil/criminal penalties for violations.)
{LC3744/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2429**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Gallo, Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE WESTERN HILLS STEM CLUB MEMBERS ON BEING AWARDED THE "BEST IN STATE" TITLE AT THE 2015-2016 VERIZON APP CHALLENGE FOR THEIR SMART APP
{LC4313/1}

Placed on the Consent Calendar .

Senate Bill No. 2430**BY** Gallo, Picard, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in value of motorcycles from sales and use taxes.)

{LC4696/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2431**BY** Satchell, Ciccone, Archambault, Lombardo, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts automobiles from the imposition of applicable sale and use taxes.)

{LC4550/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2432**BY** Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Provides for the imposition of a two percent (2%) tax increase on personal income over two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) commencing January 1, 2017.)

{LC4154/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2433**BY** Sosnowski, Jabour, Goldin, Conley, Walaska**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 FOR THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF OCEANOGRAPHY CENTER FOR OCEAN EXPLORATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC4627/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2434**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Pichardo, Sheehan, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAX (Eliminates the sales tax on taxi services.)

{LC4061/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2435

(by request)

BY Algiere, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts tangible business/personal property in whole or in part within community's limits subject to authorization of any city/town council.)
{LC4038/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2436**BY** Raptakis, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- BUDGET COMMISSIONS - - CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT (Requires the state to reimburse Central Coventry Fire District for all costs associated with compliance with Pub L. 2014, ch. 31.)
{LC3815/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2437**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Pichardo, Miller, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Includes in the definition of food and food ingredients, for purposes of the sales tax exemption, seeds and plants used to grow food and food ingredients.)
{LC4048/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2438**BY** Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Provides for revenue sharing with municipalities commencing in FY 2017, based upon three percent (3%) of total state income tax revenues. It would also impose a 2% tax increase on personal income over \$250,000 commencing January 1, 2017.)
{LC4378/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2439

(by request)

BY Cote, Lombardi, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts from state taxation certain pension benefits that originate from another state.)
{LC4374/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2440**BY** Sheehan, Nesselbush, Satchell, Raptakis, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - STATE BUDGET- CITIZENS' BUDGET REPORT (Requires the state budget office to produce a citizens' guide to the state budget, to be known as the "Citizens' budget report," that is easily readable and understandable by the general public.)

{LC4322/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2441**BY** O'Neill, Raptakis, Walaska, Sheehan, Gee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE --STATE BUDGET (Requires the governor to submit a zero-based budget.)

{LC4756/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2442**BY** Pagliarini**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Creates enabling legislation for cities and towns relative to new real estate construction and property with damaged buildings.)

{LC4704/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2443**BY** Pagliarini**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SITUS AND OWNERSHIP OF TAXABLE PROPERTY (Provides that taxes on estates in the possession of a tenant for life, or for a term of twenty (20) or more years, would be taxed by a municipality to the tenant when the lease requires the tenant to pay the taxes.)

{LC4705/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2444**BY** Walaska, McCaffrey, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION FEES (Allows owners of vehicles subject to road tolls to register for 2 year period with the same registration fee as would have been applied to a one year registration.)

{LC4834/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2445

(by request)

BY Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Allows for property tax and motor vehicle tax exemption for veterans and their spouses.)

{LC4490/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2446**BY** Pichardo, Crowley, Jabour, Nesselbush, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING -- CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (Provides for a bond referendum which would authorize the issuance of bonds for Affordable Housing in the amount of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000), at the election to be held in November, 2016.)

{LC4565/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2447**BY** Felag, Lombardi, Walaska, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts purchases for telecommunication service purposes from sales and use taxes.)

{LC4345/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2448**BY** Pagliarini**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Removes the failure of a taxpayer to file a notice of account with the local tax board of review as a condition precedent to the filing of a petition for relief in superior court.)

{LC4822/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2449**BY** Sheehan, Cote, Raptakis, Conley, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.)

{LC4324/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2450**BY** Conley, Lynch Prata, Nesselbush, Fogarty, Pagliarini**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- UTILITY BASE RATE (Extends the Renewable Energy Development Fund (REF) program for ten years, from 2017 to 2027.)
{LC4452/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2451**BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Archambault, McCaffrey, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts governmental pensions and military pensions from state income tax.)
{LC4559/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2452**BY** Miller, Felag, Walaska, Sosnowski, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE INCENTIVE (Creates tax incentives for the installation of alternative fuel facilities.)
{LC4549/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2453**BY** Gallo, Pearson, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY (Authorizes Rhode Island Student Loan Authority to refinance loans and invest in its own bonds.)
{LC4791/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2454**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Exempts state employees, who were eligible to retire on June 30, 2012 from inclusion in the defined contribution retirement plan.)
{LC4450/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2455**BY** Gee, Kettle, Raptakis, Morgan, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT (Provides that school districts would not be responsible to pay the costs associated with a student's attendance at a post-secondary institution pursuant to a dual enrollment program.)

{LC3172/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2456**BY** Raptakis, Conley, Paiva Weed, Nesselbush, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIAN (Amends various sections of law relating to the certification, training and licensing of barbers, hairdressers, cosmeticians, manicurists and estheticians.)

{LC4689/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2457**BY** Lynch Prata, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Extends the moratorium on nursing facilities and prohibit the licensing of new facilities through July 1, 2019.)

{LC4872/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2458**BY** Nesselbush, Fogarty, Morgan, Metts, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED RAW AND PACKAGED FOOD PRODUCTS (Requires that all genetically engineered food offered for retail sale in this state have a label disclosing that the food is genetically engineered food upon the occurrence of 4 other states adopting similar labeling laws as specified in this act.)

{LC4829/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2459**BY** Nesselbush, Fogarty, Morgan, Metts, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED RAW AND PACKAGED FOOD PRODUCTS (Requires that all genetically engineered food offered for retail sale in this state contain a label with the disclosure that the food is genetically engineered food.)

{LC4828/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2460**BY** Miller, Coyne, Satchell, Jabour, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires all health insurance providers that provide prescription coverage to provide coverage for opioid antagonists (overdose preventive medicine), and all related devices and services.)

{LC4770/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2461**BY** Miller, Satchell, Nesselbush, Coyne, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires health practitioners/health plan coverage to support clinical practices fostering use of abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug product formulations approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.)

{LC4711/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2462**BY** Archambault, Miller, Nesselbush, Sheehan, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATED TO INSURANCE - SURPRISE BILLS FOR MEDICAL SERVICES (Provides for a dispute resolution process for emergency services and surprise bills for medical services performed by nonparticipating (out-of-network) health care providers.)

{LC4088/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2463**BY** Nesselbush, Miller, Fogarty, Metts, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RHODE ISLAND INFORMATION EXCHANGE ACT OF 2008 (Requires development of a strategic plan regarding interoperability of an electronic health record system.)

{LC3186/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2464**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - HEALTH INSURANCE (Requires health insurance contracts, plans and policies to cover the services of doctors licensed for acupuncture and Oriental medicine.)

{LC4774/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2465**BY** Satchell, Miller, Nesselbush, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - MEANINGFUL ACCESS TO ACCURATE PROVIDER DIRECTORIES (Requires health insurers to maintain accurate and up-to-date directories of all in-network providers, and to provide that information to plan enrollees.)

{LC4782/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2466**BY** Satchell, Goldin, Archambault, Sosnowski, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS (Requires the recertification of food service establishments every three years, and the presence of at least one food safety manager during the hours of operation of food establishments which serve potentially hazardous foods.)

{LC4459/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2467**BY** Walaska, McCaffrey, Ciccone, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Regulates business relationships among pharmacy services providers, group health insurers, and health service organizations by providing department of health oversight.)

{LC4813/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2468**BY** Satchell, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Adds certain due process provisions regarding issuance of subpoenas/inspection of licensee's office to discipline and oversight powers of board.)

{LC4784/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2469**BY** Coyne, Goldin, Miller, Doyle, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES -- CIRCULATING NURSES (Requires hospital and ambulatory surgical facility operating rooms to have at least one circulating nurse present in each operating room during each surgical procedure.)

{LC4647/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2470**BY** Crowley, Jabour, Sosnowski, Miller, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - EMERGENCY SHELTERS (Establishes rules and procedures for licensing emergency shelters including setting minimum standards and prohibiting the charging fees to the residents.)

{LC4678/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2471**BY** Fogarty, Nesselbush, Kettle, Pearson, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Increases from three (3) to six (6) years the interval of time within which a city or town must conduct an update of its last real property revaluation.)

{LC4152/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2472**BY** Morgan, Algieri, Kettle, Pagliarini, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 419 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, 2006, ENTITLED "AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 55 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, 1958, ENTITLED 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWNS OF CHARLESTOWN, RICHMOND AND HOPKINTON, TO JOIN A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, INCORPORATING SAID REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR THE JOINT USE OF THE PARTICIPATING TOWNS, WITHIN SAID REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ESTABLISHED BY THIS ACT,' AS AMENDED" (Would authorize a vote to amend the composition of the Chariho Regional School District's school committee.)

{LC3891/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2473**BY** Ciccone, Satchell, Lombardi, Walaska, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT--SICKNESS AND INJURY PAY FOR CORRECTIONS PERSONNEL (Provides corrections personnel working in security or directly with inmates full pay and benefits, including reimbursement for non-insurance paid medical expenses.)
{LC4700/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2474**BY** Lombardi, Jabour, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - CAREGIVER TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS (Adds siblings to class of workers who can receive temporary disability for caregiver services.)
{LC4867/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2475**BY** Nesselbush, Fogarty, Ruggerio, Lombardo, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Grants employees several additional avenues to help them collect their wages from nonpaying employers, set forth penalties for nonpayment of wages by an employer, and implements a new procedure for filing of claims.)
{LC3216/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2476**BY** Conley, Lombardo, Archambault, McCaffrey, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND (Requires the governor's workforce board to expand job and career opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.)
{LC3200/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2477**BY** Gallo, Lynch Prata, Satchell, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN (Requires issuance of special limited work permits to children 14 years of age who complete a training program to be established by the DLT.)
{LC4693/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2478**BY** Felag, DiPalma, Walaska, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS (Makes it easier for military service members and their spouses to obtain certifications and licenses issued by the department of environmental management.)

{LC3843/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2479**BY** Felag, DiPalma, Walaska, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS (Makes it easier for military service members and their spouses to obtain certifications and licenses issued by the department of labor and training.)

{LC3841/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2480**BY** Jabour, Sosnowski, Pichardo, Metts**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 state public colleges and universities.)

{LC3213/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2481**BY** Felag, DiPalma, Walaska, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS (Makes it easier for military service members and their spouses to obtain certifications and licenses issued by the division of motor vehicles and the department of administration.)

{LC3842/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2482

(by request)

BY Coyne, Felag, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - THE NAMING OF STATE CONSTRUCTIONS - EAST BAY BIKE PATH (Clarifies the entirety of the east bay bike path is named in honor of Thomas Byrnes.)

{LC4238/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2483**BY** Paiva Weed, Algieri, DiPalma, Pearson, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES - RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARDS (Authorizes the establishment of a thermal energy standard which promotes the development of thermal renewable energy technologies.)
{LC5064/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2484**BY** Gallo, Goldin, Lynch Prata**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.)
{LC5113/1}

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Ruggerio the Senate adjourns at 5:03 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR CYNTHIA ARMOUR COYNE**

Lord, we ask you to keep us safe and healthy over the vacation break, and allow us to return refreshed so we may continue to serve in the best interests of our people. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016:

1. **2016-S 2429**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE WESTERN HILLS
 STEM CLUB MEMBERS ON BEING AWARDED THE "BEST IN STATE" TITLE
 AT THE 2015-2016 VERIZON APP CHALLENGE FOR THEIR SMART APP

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

House Bill No. 7409 SUB A as amended

(Governor)

BY DeSimone, Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Carnevale, Ucci

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 imposes tolls on such roads.)

{LC4326/A/1}