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Twenty-Third 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 4:21 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, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Goldin.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-Second Legislative Day of the 2016 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Nesselbush 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**

March 8, 2016

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

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 due to illness.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Gayle L. Goldin
Senator – District 03

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator Pichardo, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Committee on Finance.

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}

Senate Bill No. 2533

BY Felag, Coyne, Pagliarini, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Extends re-evaluations in the Town of Bristol from 2014 to 2019 using valuations as of December 31, 2018.)

{LC5070/1}

Senate Bill No. 2053

BY Walaska, Felag, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Increases the interval of time within which a municipality must conduct an update of its last real property revaluation.)

{LC3145/1}

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2666

BY Nesselbush, Paiva Weed, Goodwin, Gallo, Walaska

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2016, AS "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC5375/1}

Senator Nesselbush requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Nesselbush moves passage, seconded by Senators Coyne, Crowley, Gallo, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Morgan, Nesselbush, Sosnowski, Algieri, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gee, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Walaska.

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

Senate Bill No. 2667

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT 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.)
{LC5369/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2668

BY Sosnowski, Jabour, Felag, Conley, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - STATE CRIME LABORATORY (Makes the director and other positions of the state crime laboratory employees of the council on postsecondary education as opposed to limited appointments positions of the board of governors.)
{LC5183/1}

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2669

BY Coyne, Sosnowski, Archambault, Goldin, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM -- FREE PLAY RECESS (Requires public schools to provide student in grades kindergarten through five (5) with at least twenty (20) minutes of free-play recess each school day.)
{LC5271/1}

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2670

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - UNDERUTILIZED SCHOOL HOUSING (Enables and encourages school committees to make unused and underused school buildings available to other public schools.)
{LC5296/1}

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2671

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Establishes district-charter compacts between charter schools and traditional public schools. Would establish a compact fund from appropriations by the general assembly as well as grants, gifts and bequests.)
{LC5294/1}

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2672**BY** Paiva Weed, Walaska, Gallo, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF (Enables children with significant speech impediments to attend the Rhode Island School for the Deaf.)

{LC4501/1}

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2673**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Goldin, Conley, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Prohibits the advertising of unhealthy food and beverage products in schools.)

{LC4232/1}

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2674**BY** Sosnowski, Conley, Archambault, Goldin, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - LIVESTOCK DEALERS (Requires livestock dealers to follow standards adopted by the livestock welfare and care standards advisory council.)

{LC4437/1}

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2675**BY** Sosnowski, Conley, Archambault, Goldin, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Provides that ratemaking mechanisms shall not be relied upon or cited by the PUC for making adjustments in determining an electric or gas distribution company's cost of capital.)

{LC4439/1}

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2676**BY** Sosnowski, Ruggerio, Walaska, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - GENERAL PROVISIONS (Prohibits the possession of shark fins by all persons except during the ordinary course of preparing the shark for consumption or sale, or with a permit for noncommercial scientific research.)

{LC5285/1}

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2677**BY** Sosnowski, Gallo, Goldin, Conley, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND ENERGY RESOURCES ACT (Requires the establishment of a task force to report on the development of alternative fuel markets.)

{LC4432/1}

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2678**BY** Sosnowski, Kettle, Felag, Conley, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PESTICIDE CONTROL

(Allows the director of DEM to waive registration fees and surcharges upon a finding of limited, special, local need for the product.)

{LC5246/1}

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2679**BY** DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHER RETIREMENT

BENEFITS (Increases the monthly minimum benefits of spouses and domestic partners of retired teachers, and authorizes additional yearly non-compounded adjustments.)

{LC5238/1}

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2680**BY** Pagliarini**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING OF A NEW POLICE STATION IN THE TOWN (Authorizes the town of Portsmouth to issue ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) of general obligation bonds and/or notes in order to design, construct, equip and furnish a new police station.)

{LC5237/1}

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2681**BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF

LOCAL TAXES (Enables the Foster-Glocester Regional School District to set tax rates and levy taxes to pay for the district's local share of educational aid.)

{LC4576/1}

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2682**BY** Morgan, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 286 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1986, 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 FOR THE JOINT USE OF THE PARTICIPATING TOWNS, WITHIN SAID REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ESTABLISHED BY THIS ACT, " AS AMENDED (Bases the composition of the Chariho Regional School on more recent population schedules.)

{LC5305/1}

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2683

(by request)

BY Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts the real and personal property owned by Mount Saint Charles Academy located within the city of Woonsocket from all municipal taxes due and payable on and after July 1, 2018.)

{LC4874/1}

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2684**BY** Felag, Gallo, DiPalma, Ciccone, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - MILITARY RETIREMENT (Excludes for the purposes of Rhode Island state income taxes, the first ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of military retirement income, paid by the state or federal government, to persons sixty (60) years or older.)

{LC5299/1}

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2685**BY** Pichardo, Metts, Nesselbush, Miller, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC TRANSIT-- POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE AUTHORITY (Removes the Rhode Island Transit Authority's bus fare adjustments enacted in fiscal year 2016 budget.)

{LC5204/1}

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2686**BY** DiPalma, Goodwin, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Adds convenience stores to the definition of eating and/or drinking establishments where the local meals and beverage tax shall apply to purchases of a meal or beverage.)

{LC5286/1}

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2687**BY** Pichardo, Metts, Nesselbush, Miller, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Amends the eligibility period for cash assistance under the Rhode Island Works Program.)

{LC5273/1}

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2688**BY** Pichardo, Metts, Ciccone, Nesselbush, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - MICRO BUSINESSES (Supports participation of micro businesses in the economic activity in the state, including state-directed public construction projects and in-state purchases. It requires DOA to compile data and submit an annual report to the governor/general assembly.)

{LC4699/1}

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2689**BY** Ciccone, Cote, Satchell, Goldin, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX (Creates a statewide uniform motor vehicle excise tax rate and would establish a fund to reimburse the cities and towns that will financially lose taxes due to the enactment of the statewide motor vehicle excise tax rate.)

{LC5106/1}

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2690**BY** DiPalma, Archambault, Ciccone, Coyne, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- OPTICIANS (Permits opticians to sell or dispense contact lenses when presented with a prescription from a licensed optometrist or physician.)

{LC5295/1}

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2691**BY** Lynch Prata, Gallo, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Updates definition of visual impairment to conform to federal standard to assure uniform application by cities/towns in granting exemption.)
{LC5352/1}

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2692**BY** Sosnowski, Miller, Conley, Archambault, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits insurance companies from varying the premium rates charged for a health coverage plan based on the gender.)
{LC5256/1}

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2693**BY** DiPalma, Satchell, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOLS ACT [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Allows students who are diagnosed with substance use disorder or dependency to be referred to a Rhode Island recovery high school by a licensed clinician.)
{LC4748/1}

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2694**BY** Gallo, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES - STEP THERAPY PROTOCOL (Allows for a step therapy exception determination when coverage of a prescription drug for the treatment of a medical condition is restricted for use by an insurer, health plan, or utilization review organization.)
{LC5326/1}

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2695**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Establishes limits on the maximum number of patients that may be assigned to a unit's registered nurses in particular health care situations.)
{LC5254/1}

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2696**BY** Miller, Satchell, Goldin, Nesselbush, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Defines freestanding emergency care facilities subject to health care facilities licensing, emergency medical transportation, regulations and determination of need for new health care equipment and new institutional health services purposes.)

{LC5278/1}

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2697**BY** Nesselbush, Miller, Fogarty, Pichardo, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2016 (Promotes the use and management of behavioral health care services which increases insurance coverage for health-related behavioral services.)

{LC5361/1}

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2698**BY** Nesselbush, Crowley, Goldin, Doyle, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT (Requires manufacturers to fully disclose all ingredients of their cosmetics on their product label, as well as on their website. Failure to do so would result in a substantial fine.)

{LC5274/1}

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2699**BY** Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS (Enables any city or town by ordinance to regulate the opening, the presence, the location, and operation of any massage business or parlor within the municipality.)

{LC5229/1}

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2700**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Miller, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES (Includes the majority leader of the senate as a member of the joint committee on legislative services.)

{LC3616/1}

Referred to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2701**BY** Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Ciccone, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows the town of East Greenwich to grant a retailer's Class B license to be located on plat/lot 085 001 212 0000 of the applicable town of East Greenwich tax assessment map.)

{LC5318/1}

Referred to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2702**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, Metts, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (Establishes new Class NB (Neighborhood Bar), Class S (Supper Club) and Class SB (Smoking Bar) licenses and also requires licensees to cooperate with local licensing boards and law enforcement investigating potential violations.)

{LC5190/1}

Referred to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2703**BY** Gallo, Lombardi, Archambault, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES

(Permits class A liquor retail license holders to elect on four (4) occasions annually to serve unlimited samples of wine products which are available for purchase from the licensee's outlet.)

{LC5337/1}

Referred to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2704**BY** Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -

LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS (Requires that legally appointed guardians, whether temporary or permanent, file a durable power of attorney for health care and/or a living will on behalf of their ward within 30 days.)

{LC4392/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2705**BY** Nesselbush, Goodwin, Paiva Weed, Sosnowski, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - STALKING (Prohibits

stalking defined as a course of conduct by anyone who may cause a reasonable person to either fear for their own safety or the safety of a third person or cause a reasonable person to suffer emotional distress. Enumerates penalties for stalking.)

{LC5020/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2706**BY** Metts, Crowley, Jabour, Ciccone, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES

(Prohibits discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income.)

{LC4871/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2707

(Attorney General)

BY Sosnowski, Raptakis, Goodwin, Conley, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR

VEHICLE OFFENSES (Extends the "lookback period" for third and subsequent offenses

involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and for offenses related to failure or

refusal to submit to chemical tests from five (5) years to ten (10) years.)

{LC4514/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2708

(Attorney General)

BY Sosnowski, Raptakis, Goodwin, Conley, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR

VEHICLE OFFENSES (Creates the motor vehicle offense of "driving under the influence of liquor or drugs, resulting in physical injury", a felony punishable by up to three (3) years in prison and a license suspension of up to one year.)

{LC4503/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2709**BY** Goldin, Miller, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY- LILA MANFIELD

SAPINSLEY COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT (Creates Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act to provide mechanism for terminally ill patient to choose to end their life using physician prescribed drugs.)

{LC4742/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2710

(Attorney General)

BY Sosnowski, Raptakis, Goodwin, Conley, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR

VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases penalties for a variety of motor vehicle offenses.)

{LC4504/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2711**BY** Goldin, Conley, Archambault, Pichardo, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits any questioning of a juvenile who is suspected in delinquent or criminal behavior, unless the parent of guardian or attorney of the juvenile is present or the court is satisfied that the juvenile made a knowing waiver of rights.)

{LC4854/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2712

(Attorney General)

BY Metts, Ciccone, Archambault, Jabour, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Allows those persons with less than 6 misdemeanor convictions to file a motion for the expungement.)

{LC4567/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2713

(Attorney General)

BY Conley, Lombardi, Lombardo, Coyne, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Removes requirement that information contained in any prescription drug monitoring database be provided to law enforcement only pursuant to a search warrant, if in connection with a specific investigation.)

{LC4573/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2714**BY** DaPonte, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES (Prohibits individuals served with protective orders in domestic abuse/assault from terminating/disrupting utility service without prior court approval.)

{LC5239/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2715**BY** Archambault, DiPalma, Lynch Prata, Jabour, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Provides that the state board of elections be subject to the rule-making provisions of the "administrative procedures act".)

{LC5329/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2716**BY** Coyne, Conley, Crowley, Archambault, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Provides that any applicant for employment or volunteer activity of a religious organization, undergo a national background check at the request of said religious organization, as a condition of employment.)

{LC4840/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2717**BY** Coyne, Crowley, Archambault, Goldin, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Makes hearings on child abuse or neglect cases open to the public. It would also provide that the director of DCYF disclose findings and facts of investigations when there is a fatality or near fatality of a child.)

{LC4738/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2718**BY** Sosnowski, Kettle, Felag, Conley, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - TRESPASS AND ACTIONS FOR POSSESSION (Allows the owner of open space land or holder of an interest in a conservation easement to bring an action in superior court to prevent encroachment of the land and to recover damages.)

{LC4440/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2719**BY** Crowley, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS (Makes extensive changes to the election laws including the definition of what a vote is and how to store ballots in cases of disputed results.)

{LC5338/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2720**BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christine Elyse Keller to join Ryan M. Farrenkopf and Jayce M. Diaz in marriage on or about September 3, 2016, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC5298/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2721**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, Goldin, Ciccone, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS-HEALTHY AND SAFE FAMILIES AND WORKPLACES ACT (Requires all employers to provide their employees with a minimum level of paid sick and safety leave including time to care for the employee's family members.)

{LC5320/1}

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2722**BY** Walaska, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE (Permits employees covered by employer-sponsored disability insurance to opt out of state temporary disability insurance program, provided employer submits documentation confirming coverage.)

{LC3152/1}

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2723**BY** Goldin, Miller, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE (Expands TDI benefits, change the calculation of the taxable wage base; to state and municipal employees; increases the maximum number of weeks an employee can collect TDI and TCI; and expands TCI benefits for the care of siblings and grandchildren.)

{LC4882/1}

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Resolution No. 2724**BY** Sosnowski, Sheehan, Crowley, Jabour, Walaska**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT COMMERCE RI, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, INTEGRATE SEAFOOD MARKETING AND BRANDING LOGO WITH THE STATE'S TOURISM AND REBRANDING CAMPAIGN

{LC5135/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2725**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ORCHARD FARMS AND STONE HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ON BEING RECOGNIZED AS COMMENDED SCHOOLS BY THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

{LC5269/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2726**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Kettle, Felag, Picard**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SOUTH COUNTY
ARTIFICIAL LIMB & BRACE ON BEING NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR FORTY
YEARS OF DEDICATED AND EXEMPLARY TREATMENT OF VETERANS
ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER PATIENTS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
{LC5172/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. Reappointment of Charles A. Lombardi to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation for a term expiring July 1, 2019.

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
2. Appointment of Maria F. Barry, CPA VICE Jose V. Monteiro to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation for a term expiring July 1, 2020.

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
3. Appointment of Ernest P. Baptista Jr. VICE Antonio Pires to the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission for a term expiring January 31, 2019.

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
4. Appointment of Maureen E. Maigret, RN VICE Sandra Cullen to the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission for a term expiring January 31, 2019.

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
5. Reappointment of Cheryl Merchant (Employer Representative) to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2019.

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

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 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, 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:

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. **2016-S 2261**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the desk.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Metts announces that the Committee on Education will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

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 Cote announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 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 310 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Kettle the Senate adjourns at 4:31 o'clock P.M.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR DONNA M. NESSELBUSH**

Dear Lord, remind us that all men and women are created equal, that they are bestowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among them are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016:

1. **2016-S 2392**
 BY Paiva Weed
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE PERFORMANCE
 INCENTIVE FUNDING ACT OF 2016

 Committee on Education recommends passage.
2. **2016-S 2110**
 BY Archambault
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
 STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3. **2016-S 2217**
 BY Doyle
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL
 INSTITUTIONS - PAROLE BOARD

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4. **2016-S 2225**
 BY Doyle
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW - PAROLE BOARD

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
5. **2016-S 2253**
 BY Metts
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
 OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES - SCHOOL BUS DRIVER ANNUAL
 TRAINING

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
6. **2016-S 2255**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
 MOBILE TELEPHONE USE

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. **2016-S 2402**
 BY Gallo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
8. **2016-S 2069 SUB A**
 BY Ruggerio
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
 GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and
passage of Substitute A.
9. **2016-S 2236**
 BY Doyle
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
 APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
10. **2016-S 2506**
 BY McCaffrey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -
 ELECTRICIANS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
11. **2016-S 2073**
 BY Coyne
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT
 JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES
 AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
12. **2016-S 2127 SUB A**
 BY Felag
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT
 JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES
 AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite
postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

13. 2016-S 2330**BY** Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- RENAMING BRIDGE #550 LOCATED ON ROUTE 95 AND THE PAWTUCKET RIVER IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

14. 2016-S 2482**BY** Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - THE NAMING OF STATE CONSTRUCTIONS - EAST BAY BIKE PATH

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Joseph Brady
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016:

1. **2016-S 2724**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT
 COMMERCE RI, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE RHODE ISLAND
 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, INTEGRATE SEAFOOD
 MARKETING AND BRANDING LOGO WITH THE STATE'S TOURISM AND
 REBRANDING CAMPAIGN

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2016-S 2725**
 BY Lombardi
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ORCHARD FARMS
 AND STONE HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ON BEING RECOGNIZED AS
 COMMENDED SCHOOLS BY THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF
 EDUCATION

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. **2016-S 2726**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SOUTH COUNTY
 ARTIFICIAL LIMB & BRACE ON BEING NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR
 FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED AND EXEMPLARY TREATMENT OF
 VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER PATIENTS IN THE LOCAL
 COMMUNITY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Joseph R. Brady
Secretary of the Senate