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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 35 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Picard, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 3: Senators Ciccone, Perry, Pichardo.

**INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Sixth Legislative Day of the 2012 proceedings is read in part.

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

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senators Ottiano and Cote and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Captain David Cote recipient of the Military Times 2011 Marine of the Year award.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2069**

**BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, Ciccone, Jabour, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PASQUALE D'AMICO

Senator Ruggerio requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Gallo and Jabour.

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2070**

**BY** Ottiano

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING CHIEF JEFFREY CARL LITTLEFIELD ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY AFTER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR NATION {LC472/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2071**

**BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GIFT CERTIFICATES {LC409/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2072**

**BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - SECURITY

{LC408/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2073**

**BY** Tassoni, Doyle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - COMMERCIAL LEASING AND

OTHER SERVICES {LC367/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2074**

**BY** Tassoni, Ottiano, Lynch

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

{LC381/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2075**

**BY** Gallo, Miller, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Jabour

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PRIVATE SCHOOLS {LC292/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2076**

**BY** O'Neill, Cote, Bates, Maher, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

{LC680/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2077**

**BY** DeVall, Crowley, DiPalma, Gallo, Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION {LC183/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2078**

(by request)

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - PAYMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES {LC54/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2079**

**BY** Tassoni, Doyle, DiPalma, Cote, DeVall

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL {LC396/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2080**

**BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM {LC404/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2081**

**BY** Tassoni, DiPalma, Cote, Doyle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENT {LC363/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2082**

**BY** Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRED HYDRONIC HEATERS {LC487/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2083****BY** Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Lombardo, DiPalma, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PROPER MANAGEMENT OF UNUSED PAINT {LC178/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2084****BY** DeVall, Crowley, Nesselbush, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- SALE OR ADOPTION OF SPAYED OR NEUTERED CATS {LC186/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2085****BY** Jabour, Pinga, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AIR POLLUTION {LC710/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2086****BY** McCaffrey, Lynch**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CITY OF WARWICK - SEWER AUTHORITY {LC80/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2087****BY** Tassoni, DiPalma, Cote, Nesselbush, DeVall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION {LC376/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2088****BY** Tassoni, Ottiano, Lynch**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS {LC426/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2089**

**BY** Maher, Shibley, Kettle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - WEST GREENWICH {LC356/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2090**

**BY** Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEATH AND SAFETY -- CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE ACT {LC558/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2091**

(by request)

**BY** Cote, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION {LC423/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2092**

**BY** Felag, Bates, Ottiano

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY {LC327/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2093**

**BY** Felag, DiPalma, Ottiano

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS {LC325/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2094**

**BY** DiPalma, Lynch, Lanzi, Ottiano, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION --  
PAYMENT OF STATUTORY FEES {LC271/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2095**

(by request)

**BY** Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS IN THE  
TOWN OF WESTERLY {LC446/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2096**

**BY** DaPonte, Crowley, Nesselbush, Doyle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO ISSUE TAX  
ANTICIPATION NOTES PAYABLE IN FISCAL YEAR 2013 {LC653/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2097**

**BY** Crowley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RECORDING OF INSTRUMENTS  
{LC527/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2098**

**BY** DiPalma, Gallo, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Hodgson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT  
{LC55/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2099**

**BY** Fogarty, Maher, Nesselbush, Tassoni, Shibley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES {LC441/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2100**

**BY** Walaska, Lynch, McCaffrey, Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS {LC686/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2101**

**BY** Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC336/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2102**

**BY** Walaska, McCaffrey, Lynch

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ENTERPRISE ZONE {LC688/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2103**

**BY** Lanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS AND INSTALLATION OF SYSTEMS {LC657/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:



**Senate Bill No. 2104****BY** Sosnowski, Felag, DiPalma, Bates, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX  
{LC569/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2105****BY** Felag, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ALTERNATIVE FUEL TAX CREDIT  
{LC334/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2106****BY** Tassoni, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX  
{LC383/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2107****BY** Tassoni, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ASSESSMENT {LC369/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2108****BY** Felag, Ottiano, Bates, Fogarty, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND  
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC331/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2109****BY** Sosnowski, Felag, DiPalma, Bates, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC571/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2110**

**BY** Lanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION  
{LC658/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2111**

**BY** Crowley, Picard, Moura

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES TAX EXEMPTION {LC565/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2112**

**BY** Bates, Hodgson, Walaska, Sosnowski, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC415/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2113**

**BY** Crowley, Picard, Moura

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX -  
ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTS DISTRICT {LC566/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2114**

**BY** Hodgson, Gallo, Bates, Doyle, Ottiano

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM {LC366/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2115**

**BY** Crowley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE ARCHIVES {LC529/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2116**

**BY** Tassoni, Ottiano

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES {LC659/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2117**

**BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC407/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2118**

**BY** Tassoni

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC97/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2119**

**BY** Tassoni, DeVall, Cote, Pichardo, Pinga

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM {LC76/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2120**

**BY** DiPalma, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - EXEMPTIONS FOR ARTISTS - TIVERTON {LC56/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2121**

**BY** Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES {LC570/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2122**

**BY** Tassoni, Nesselbush, DeVall

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION {LC341/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2123**

**BY** Miller, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Felag, Bates

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ELIMINATING EXCISE TAX FOR QUALIFIED ELECTRIC PLUG-IN DRIVE VEHICLES {LC468/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2124**

**BY** Miller, Sosnowski, DaPonte, DiPalma, Jabour

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION {LC45/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2125****BY** Miller, Felag, Bates, Sosnowski, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE INCENTIVE {LC467/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2126****BY** Kettle, Maher, Pinga, Shibley, Ottiano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET {LC343/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2127****BY** DiPalma, Ottiano, Perry, Tassoni, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS IN RESTAURANTS {LC135/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2128****BY** O'Neill, Cote, Bates, Maher, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - LICENSING OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS {LC678/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2129****BY** Nesselbush, Fogarty, Sosnowski, Cote, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE {LC414/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2130****BY** Tassoni, DiPalma, Cote, DeVall, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS {LC379/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2131**

**BY** DiPalma, Pichardo, Tassoni

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS {LC136/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2132**

**BY** Bates

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS --  
BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL COURT {LC447/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2133**

(by request)

**BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC405/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2134**

**BY** Tassoni, DiPalma, Cote, Nesselbush, DeVall

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION  
{LC377/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2135**

**BY** Bates

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC389/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2136**

(By Request)

**BY** Cote, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY {LC422/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2137**

**BY** Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JUDGMENTS, ORDERS AND DECREES -- INTEREST ON JUDGMENTS {LC497/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2138**

**BY** O'Neill, Jabour, Metts, Cote, Bates

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS {LC96/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2139**

**BY** Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS {LC490/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2140**

(By Request)

**BY** Cote, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY {LC421/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2141**

**BY** Walaska, Lynch

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC432/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2142**

**BY** Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - TORT LIABILITY {LC495/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2143**

**BY** Shibley, Kettle, Cote, Pinga

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION {LC345/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2144**

**BY** Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC435/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2145**

**BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SNOW PLOWS AND SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT {LC665/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2146**

**BY** Fogarty, Tassoni

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE - UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY {LC443/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:



**Senate Bill No. 2147****BY** DeVall, Crowley, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - ASSAULTS {LC184/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2148****BY** Bates, Ottiano, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY (would exempt land held by nonprofit corporations for cemetery purposes from adverse possession or prescription) {LC464/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2149****BY** Hodgson, Kettle, Doyle, Felag, Ottiano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (would change the word "arrest" to "stop" to describe the action a police officer from one city or town crosses into another city or town in close pursuit takes) {LC375/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2150****BY** Jabour, Crowley, Pinga**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (would eliminate the provision that prohibits classified employees or members of the personnel appeal board from seeking nomination or becoming a candidate for elective state office) {LC662/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2151****BY** Crowley, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (would include convictions for petty misdemeanors involving domestic violence when determining if the defendant qualifies for enhanced penalties for domestic violence offenses subsequent to a first conviction for a domestic violence offense) {LC530/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2152****BY** Tassoni, DiPalma, Cote, DeVall, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FAILURE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT (would decrease the amount of child support arrearage constituting a felony from ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) {LC378/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2153****BY** Gallo, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (would eliminate the waiting requirement for a grandparent to file a miscellaneous petition for visitation) {LC475/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2154****BY** Tassoni, Doyle, DiPalma, Cote, DeVall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (would place Methylone, MDPV, Mephedrone and other compounds commonly known and marketed as "bath salts", on Schedule 1 of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act) {LC395/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2155****BY** Tassoni, Doyle, DiPalma, Cote, DeVall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (would add the hallucinogenic drugs Salvia Divinorum (Salvinorin A or Divinorin A), Datura stramonium (gypsum weed or jimson weed) and synthetic cannabinoids (synthetic marijuana) to the RI Controlled Substances Act Schedule I, the misuse) {LC394/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2156****BY** Tassoni, DiPalma, Cote, Nesselbush, DeVall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN - PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (would give foster parents, pre-adoptive parents or relatives providing care for a child the right to attend hearings with respect to the child, file reports with the court and receive verbal and written notice of the results of the hearing) {LC393/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2157**

**BY** Tassoni, Doyle, DiPalma, Cote, Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE (would provide that gubernatorial appointees to certain quasi-public corporations be subject to the advice and consent of the senate) {LC365/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2158**

**BY** DiPalma, Picard, Ottiano, Algieri, Hodgson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (would extend the notification requirements regarding the dismissal, suspension or lay-off of teachers from March 1 to June 1) {LC53/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2159**

**BY** Crowley, Lanzi, Fogarty, DiPalma, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - MERIT SYSTEM (would provide that highway maintenance operators shall be eligible for overtime work despite being granted sick leave during the same payroll period) {LC590/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2160**

**BY** Fogarty, Tassoni

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GENERAL ASSEMBLY) {LC442/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2161**

**BY** Felag, Pichardo, Lanzi, Fogarty, Metts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFERS' LICENSES (would require every applicant for instruction permit or license to state his or her veteran's status issued to that applicant by the United States department of defense) {LC35/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2162**

**BY** Kettle, Pinga, Shibley, Maher, Cote

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (would submit to the electors of the state a non-binding referendum question concerning whether or not union membership would be a requirement of employment) {LC604/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2163**

**BY** DiPalma, Bates, Algieri, Tassoni, Crowley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (would allow the holder of a manufacturer's license to make sales not in excess of 375 ml per visitor of distilled spirits/72 oz per visitor of malt beverages at the licensed place of the manufacturer to visitors in conjunction with a tour and/or tasting) {LC58/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2164**

**BY** Cote, Picard, Bates, Pinga, O'Neill

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM (would provide a detailed process by which a proponent of a voter initiative and referendum proposal would present the proposal to the secretary of state, the general assembly and the governor) {LC418/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2165**

**BY** Fogarty, Tassoni

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR BI-PARTISAN PREPARATORY COMMISSION TO ASSEMBLE INFORMATION ON CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR A VOTE BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS ON THE HOLDING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIV SECTION 2 OF THE RHODE ISLAND CONSTITUTION {LC438/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2166****BY** Cote, Picard, Bates, Pinga, O'Neill**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM) {LC419/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2167****BY** Felag, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - REGULATION OF SALES (would allow holders of Class A liquor licenses to remain open on Sundays until 9:00 p.m. if the following Monday is a holiday) {LC402/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2168****BY** Sosnowski, Felag, DiPalma, Bates, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY (would direct the state lottery division to conduct an instant game known as the "Scratch-A-Tick Game" during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013) {LC560/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2169****BY** Crowley, Hodgson**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE WYATT DETENTION FACILITY {LC556/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2170****BY** Paiva Weed, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF HENRY R. "RICK" HOLE {LC478/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2171****BY** Fogarty, Maher, Nesselbush, Tassoni, Shibley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (would allow mobile/manufactured homes which are a part of a mobile/manufactured home park to be counted as low and moderate income housing for purposes of compliance with the requirements of the city/town's comprehensive land use plan) {LC439/1}

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2172****BY** Felag, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (would limit the valuation of farmland/real and tangible property associated with the agricultural operations on farmlands to \$2,500,000 for purposes of imposition of taxes by the state upon transfer of the estates of decedent farmers after 7/1/2012) {LC329/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2173****BY** Felag, Walaska, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (would allow bus drivers and monitors to administer epinephrine under certain circumstances) {LC564/1}

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

**TRANSMITTAL**

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri and upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, the Senate adjourns at 4:33 o'clock P.M. in memory of Pasquale D'Amico.

JOSEPH R. BRADY  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR MICHAEL J. PINGA**

Help us to acknowledge our dependence on You, Lord. Instill in us Your Truth so that we may be true public servants to the people of our State. Amen.

**Appendix**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012:**

- 1. 2012-S 2070**  
**BY Ottiano**  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING CHIEF JEFFREY CARL LITTLEFIELD ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY AFTER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR NATION

Ordered on the Consent Calendar

- 2. 2012-S 2169**  
**BY Crowley**  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE WYATT DETENTION FACILITY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar

- 3. 2012-S 2170**  
**BY Paiva Weed**  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF HENRY R. "RICK" HOLE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar