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Twenty-seventh Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 38: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, 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, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 0:

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Reverend Angelo N. Carusi from Blessed Sacrament Church to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-sixth Legislative Day of the 2012 proceedings is read in part.

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

### GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Roberts and Secretary of State Ralph A. Mollis.

### FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

#### **House Bill No. 7609**

**BY** Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow Andrew J. Drobiak to join Jill M. Kelly and Darren W. Drobiak in marriage within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island, on or about August 25, 2012.) {LC1663/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### **House Bill No. 7553**

**BY** Gallison, Morrison

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow Kathleen J. Xarhakos to join Nicole Bourgelas and Timothy J. Martin in marriage within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island, on or about June 23, 2012.) {LC1599/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### **House Bill No. 7549**

**BY** Ucci

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow Erin Michelle Chabot to join Kelly-Lynne Lafleur and Pedro Julio Alvarez in marriage within the Town of Smithfield, Rhode Island, on or about June 2, 2012.) {LC1623/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7552****BY** Gallison, Morrison**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow Matt McDonough to join Jessica Glidden and Peter Reinhardt in marriage on or about August 4, 2012, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC1482/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7607****BY** Azzinaro, Guthrie, DaSilva, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow Samuel J. Azzinaro to join Mary E. Azzinaro and Christopher Banks in marriage within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island, on or about August 31, 2012.) {LC1742/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

Senator Felag from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 2381****BY** Lanzi, DiPalma, Lynch, Walaska, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (would amend the Law Enforcement Memorial License Plates to be hereinafter called the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Memorial Benefit Fund License Plates.) {LC1463/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2697**

(Dept. of Revenue)

**BY** DiPalma, Lombardo, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - COURTESY PLATES {LC1526/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Senate Bill No. 2783**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Perry, DeVall, Nesselbush, Metts, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (would create new registration requirements with the Rhode Island department of health in regard to the medicinal use of marijuana. The act would establish/identify the position of a "compassion center cardholder," and would set forth certain procedures)

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2784**

**BY** Crowley, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Fogarty, Lynch

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY {LC2188/1}

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators Perry, Lynch, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Shibley, Gallo and Fogarty.

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2785**

**BY** Lombardo, Ruggerio, Algiere, Ciccone, Lanzi

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY {LC2189/1}

Senator Lombardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Aligere, Moura, Lanzi, Pinga, Jabour and Gallo.

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2786****BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, Jabour, Metts, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - TAXATION (would provide that no property owned by any private non-profit institution of higher education or non-profit hospital facility would be exempt from taxation if the property's income were derived from activity not involving education or healthcare)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**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.

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Winfield Hodgson, son of Senator Hodgson

**St. Patrick's Day & St. Joseph's Day Heritage Observance***Words of Welcome***Elizabeth A. Crowley**  
*Honorary Irish Co-Chair***Frank Lombardo III**  
*Honorary Italian Co-Chair**Irish Heritage Address***Peter F. Kilmartin**  
*Attorney General**Italian Heritage Address***Gina M. Raimondo**  
*General Treasurer**Benediction***Maryellen Goodwin**  
*Majority Whip***RECESS**

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate stands at recess at 4:32 o'clock P.M.

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 4:29 o'clock P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**Appendix**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012:**

- 1. 2012-S 2648**  
**BY DiPalma**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 2. 2012-S 2654**  
**BY Maher**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 3. 2012-S 2683**  
**BY DiPalma**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**Appendix****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012:**

1. **2012-S 2157**  
**BY** Tassoni  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -  
ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE  
  
Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2. **2012-S 2334**  
**BY** Doyle  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - LOBBYING  
  
Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3. **2012-S 2419**  
**BY** Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS - CUSTODY AND  
PROTECTION  
  
Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4. **2012-S 2644**  
**BY** McCaffrey  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -  
PROCEDURE GENERALLY  
  
Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012:**

1. **2012-S 2381**  
**BY** Lanzi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -  
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES  
  
Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
2. **2012-S 2697**  
**BY** DiPalma  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -  
COURTESY PLATES  
  
Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage



