

## State of Rhode Island

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# Journal of the Senate

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**JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Seventh day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.**

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Volume 152, No. 10

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Tenth Legislative Day

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### CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, Senate President Pro Tempore, at 4:08 o'clock P.M.

### ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT –35:** Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

**ABSENT – 3:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, Pearson, and Valverde.

### INVOCATION

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator McKenney to deliver the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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


**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Eighth Legislative Day of the 2025 proceedings is read in part.

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

**COMMUNICATION**

The Honorable President Pro Tempore presents the following communication:

<p>SENATOR <b>BRIDGET VALVERDE</b> District 35</p> <hr/> <p>Room 122 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>OFFICE 401-276-5589</p> <p>sen-valverde@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>Committee on Health &amp; Human Services</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Education</p>
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March 10, 2025


The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero  
President of the Senate  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 318  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggiero:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber Tuesday, March 11th and Thursday, March 13, 2025.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,  
  
Bridget Valverde  
Senator District #35

Placed on file.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS****Senate Resolution No. 759****BY** Murray, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH OF 2025, AS "COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1593/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Murray requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Murray moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 760****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 4TH ANNUAL "RI CRAFT BEER WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ON MARCH 7TH THROUGH MARCH 16TH OF 2025 {LC2392/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Murray requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Murray moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Bill No. 761**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Murray, Sosnowski, Valverde, DiPalma, Felag, Acosta

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND BABY BOND TRUST (This pilot program would create a \$3,000 trust for each Rhode Island child ages zero to one year born to a family enrolled in the Rhode Island Works Program (“RI Works”) during the preceding calendar year.)  
{LC1697/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Appendix****CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025:****1. 2025-S 758**

**BY** Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE AND AMENDING THE LANGUAGE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Lawson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the following measures on Today’s Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

**YEAS – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**Appendix****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025:**

1. ***The Reappointment of David Spinella, Esq. as Chief Hearing Officer in the Division of Administration Adjudication in the State Department of Environmental Management for a term expiring March 1, 2030.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Senator Sosnowski moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

2. ***The Appointment of Chris Dodge (Environmental Advocacy Org.) VICE David Prescott to the Derelict and Abandoned Vessel and Obstructed Removal Commission for a term expiring May 31, 2027.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Senator Sosnowski moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

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**NAYS – 0:**

3. *The Appointment of Gregg Marsili (Municipal Harbormaster) VICE Edward Cabral to the Derelict and Abandoned Vessel and Obstructed Removal Commission for a term expiring May 31, 2027.*

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Senator Sosnowski moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

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**NAYS – 0:**

4. *The Appointment of Coral Aiello (Representative of Commercial Fishing) VICE Jasper Coutu to the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council for a term expiring April 1, 2028.*

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Senator Sosnowski moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, Kallman, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 33 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 33:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**5.     *The Appointment of Russell Sylvestre (Representative of Commercial Fishing) VICE Jason Jarvis to the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council for a term expiring April 1, 2026.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Senator Sosnowski moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**6.     2025-S 57**

**BY** Rogers

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Rogers moves passage of the act, seconded by Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**7. 2025-S 199****BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON

Committee on Housing &amp; Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Lauria moves passage of the act, seconded by Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:****8. 2025-S 201****BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

Committee on Housing &amp; Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**



- 9. 2025-S 351**  
**BY** DiPalma  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator DiPalma moves passage of the act, seconded by Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, Euer, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

### **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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Bissaillon announces that the Senate Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the senate in Room 313.

Senator Sosnowski announces that the Senate Committee on Commerce will meet today at the rise of the senate in Room 212.

Senator Britto announces that the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at 4:00 pm in the senate lounge.

Senator Murray announces that the Senate Committee on Education will meet tomorrow at 4:00 pm in Room 313.

Senator Felag announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the senate in Room 211.

Senator Lauria announces that the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the senate in the Senate Lounge.

Senator Patalano announces that the Senate Committee on Labor & Gaming will meet tomorrow at 4:00pm in Room 212.

### RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senate Majority Whip Tikoian, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Lawson, the Senate stands in Recess at 4:34 o'clock P.M.

### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chairman DiPalma, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 28**

**BY** Zurier

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Providence Preservation Society as of September 1, 2025.)

{LC293/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 44**

**BY** Sosnowski, Gu, Valverde

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Grants the town council of the town of South Kingstown the authority to enact a homestead exemption ordinance.)

{LC162/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 674**

**BY** Acosta

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$15,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND/OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR (Authorizes the City of Central Falls to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$15,000,000 to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities in the city.)

{LC2237/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairman Murray, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

**Senate Bill No. 473**

**BY** Lawson, Lauria, Murray, Sosnowski, Britto, DiMario, Valverde

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES** (Extends coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome by removing the sunset date of December 31, 2025, and mandating such coverage.)

{LC2078/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairwoman LaMountain, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

**Senate Bill No. 62**

**BY** DiMario, Zurier, Acosta, Valverde, Murray, DiPalma, Lauria, Kallman, Burke, Thompson

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM** (Removes the requirement that families consent to, and cooperate with the department of human services in establishing paternity and enforcing child and medical support orders as a condition of eligibility for child care assistance.)

{LC601/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

Chairwoman Sosnowski, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

*The Appointment of Dr. Michael Reuter VICE Catherine Hall to the Coastal Resource Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2027.*

Placed on the Calendar.

**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator Murray, In accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Health and Human Services to the Committee to on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 693**

**BY** DiPalma, Vargas, Tikoian, Felag, Ciccone, DiMario, Britto, Thompson, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS (Expands eligibility for the qualified Medicare beneficiary program by increasing the income limit from 100% to 138% of the federal poverty line.)  
{LC1222/1}

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, Senate President Pro Tempore, on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:22 o'clock P.M

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Lawson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and the Senate adjourns at 4:23 o'clock P.M.

**HELENA S. REID**  
*Secretary of the Senate*

**Appendix****INVOCATION****SENATOR MARK P. MCKENNEY**

Dear God, please grant us the wisdom to be aware of the vital needs of the people we are here to serve. Please grant us the courage to meet those needs to the fullest extent of our ability. Grant us the hindsight to know where we've been, the foresight to know where we're going, and the insight to know when we've gone too far. May our neighbors respect us, troubles neglect us, angels protect us, & heaven accept us. Amen.

**Appendix**  
**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025:**

1.     **2025-S 242**  
      **BY** McKenney  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET COMMISSION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

2.     **2025-S 422**  
      **BY** DiMario  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM TO FINANCE ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BONDS AND NOTES ISSUED PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

3.     **2025-S 443**  
      **BY** Sosnowski  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE KINGSTON WATER DISTRICT -- BONDS

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

4.     **2025-S 68 SUB A**  
      **BY** Ciccone  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

5.     **2025-S 594**  
      **BY** McKenney  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2025-2026

Committee on Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight recommends passage.

6. **2025-S 72**  
**BY** Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -  
REGISTRATION FEES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

**Appendix**  
**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025:**

1. *The Appointment of Dr. Michael Reuter VICE Catherine Hall to the Coastal Resource Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2027.*

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. **2025-S 28**  
**BY** Zurier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

3. **2025-S 44**  
**BY** Sosnowski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

4. **2025-S 674**  
**BY** Acosta  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$15,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND/OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

5. **2025-S 473**  
**BY** Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.



6.     **2025-S 62**  
       **BY** DiMario  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND  
       WORKS PROGRAM

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 8.13 of the Rules of the Senate for the Years 2025-2026, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

2025-H

2025-S

(Bill Number)

Consent Calendar

(Advice & Consent, Order of Business, or Amendment Number)

\* If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dominick J. Ruggiero*

Date 03/11/2025

Senator Dominick J. Ruggiero

Senate District 4

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

On this 11th day of March, 2025, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Dominick J. Ruggiero, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.



*Helena S. Reid*  
Notary Public Signature

Helena S. Reid  
Notary Public Printed

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Commission Expiration

RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY LEADER/MINORITY LEADER

*3-11-25*

Date

*Jm*

Initials

RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

*3-11-25*

Date

*ksr*

Initials

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 8.13 of the Rules of the Senate for the Years 2025-2026, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

2025-H

2025-S

(Bill Number)

**Reappointment of David Spinella, Esq**

(Advice & Consent, Order of Business, or Amendment Number)

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Senate District 4

Date 03/11/2025

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- 2025-H
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(Bill Number)

Appointment of Chris Dodge

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Appointment of Greg Marsili

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Appointment of Coral Aiello

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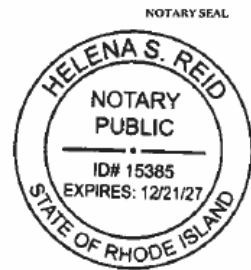
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Appointment of Russell Sylvestre

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2025-S57

(Bill Number)

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2025-S199

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2025-S351

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