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Thursday, March 13, 2025

Eleventh Legislative Day

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 4:24 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT –37: 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, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

ABSENT – 1: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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


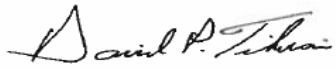
APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Paolino 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 DAVID P. TIKOIAN District 22</p> <hr/> <p>SENATE MAJORITY WHIP</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>Room 319 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>Office: 401-276-5563 sen-tikoian@rilegislature.gov</p>
<p>March 13, 2025</p> <p>Mrs. Helena S. Reid Secretary of the Senate State House Room 220 Providence, RI 02903</p> <p>Dear Mrs. Secretary:</p> <p>Pursuant to Rule 4.1 of the Senate Rules, I would like to respectfully request that the following bill be withdrawn:</p> <p>Senate Bill No. 238 BY McKenney, Bissaillon, Gallo, Gu, Lawson, Tikoian, Britto ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- THE FREEDOM TO READ ACT (Promotes free expression and access of information by prohibiting the censorship of library materials.) {LC1099/1} 02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education 03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/12/2025)</p> <p>This legislation has been assigned to the Senate Education Committee..</p> <p>I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>  <p>David P. Tikoian Senate Majority Whip Senator - District 22</p>		

Placed on file.

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Senate Chamber

Committee on Education

SECRETARY
Committee on Judiciary

March 13, 2025

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the Senate
State House, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggerio:

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

I would appreciate it if you could record my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ana B. Quezada".

Ana B. Quezada
Deputy Senate Majority Whip
Senator District 2

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 762****BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 14TH AS A DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE HISTORY OF THE SYMBOL
{LC2400/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 763**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANN D. MCCAFFREY
{LC1824/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Bissaillon requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Appollonio and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber The Honorable Mary McCaffrey, The Honorable Michael McCaffrey, Deidre McCaffrey, and Michael McCaffrey.

Senate Resolution No. 764

BY Ruggerio, McKenney, DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ELEANOR C. BOWERS

{LC1919/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator McKenney requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator McKenney and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Sue Nolin, Richard Nolin, Maureen Gallagher, Fred Stone, and Julio Cresci.

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.

Senator McKenney moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, 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, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, 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, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:**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.

Senator DiMario moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, Kallman,

LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: 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, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

3. 2025-S 443

BY Sosnowski

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE KINGSTON WATER DISTRICT --
BONDS**

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage of the act, 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: 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, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

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.

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

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 34 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 3: Senators Euer, Mack, and Morgan.

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.

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

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: 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, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

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.

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: 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, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Morgan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber from the 2nd Amendment Coalition; Don Haining, Mark Wilhelm, and Angel M. Sosa.

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 Burke announces that Kaitlyn Alves from Senate Constituent Services will be leaving us to pursue another occupation.

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

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

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

Senator Bissaillon announces that the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet today at the rise of the senate in Room 212.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senate Majority Whip Tikoian, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Lawson, and upon suggestion of Senator Tikoian the Senate stands in Recess at 4:57 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Ann D. McCaffrey and Eleanor C. Bowers.*

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES 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. 196

BY Murray, Bell, McKenney, Euer, Lauria, Thompson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES (Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2026.)
{LC999/1}

Placed on Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Chairman Bissaillon, from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

The Appointment of Deborah J. Goddard VICE Stefan Pryor to the RI Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation for a term expiring July 1, 2025.

Placed on Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 765****BY** Gu, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Establish a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2030, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor.)
{LC2152/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 766**BY** Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Forbids a motor vehicle liability insurance carrier from considering the zip code of where an insured lives for purposes of calculating their policy premium.)
{LC1515/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 767**BY** Zurier, Valverde, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GENETIC INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT (Establishes the Genetic Information Privacy Act, which would require a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company, as defined, to provide a consumer with certain information regarding the company's policies and procedures regarding use of genetic data.)
{LC556/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 768**BY** Burke, Ciccone, Tikoian, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTERCHANGE FEE RESTRICTION ACT (Creates the interchange fee restriction act restricting interchange fees on sales and use tax or excise tax when payment is made with a credit or debit card.)
{LC2426/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 769**BY** Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT (Mandates state and electric distribution companies develop proposals and encourage off shore wind power development and give priority in those projects to providing employment and business opportunities to workers from disadvantaged communities.)
{LC2230/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 770

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Gu, Ciccone, DiPalma, Murray, LaMountain, Britto, Bissaillon, Sosnowski, Mack, Kallman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Provides that stores offering food product discounts must provide the same discounts to in store customers that are offered to customers using electronic digital coupons.)
{LC1925/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 771**BY** Murray, Thompson, DiPalma, Acosta, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires every public school to have a policy regarding the use of personal electronic devices on school grounds.)
{LC1681/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 772**BY** Bissaillon, Appollonio, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (Increases the number of state child care licensing inspectors to meet the national recommended average of one inspector for every fifty (50) to sixty (60) child care providers.)
{LC2372/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 773

BY Acosta, Zurier, Mack, DiPalma, Murray, Bissaillon, McKenney, Paolino, Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Provides that the school year for all public schools, including traditional public and public charter schools, independent charter schools, and mayoral academies, would start on the same date of each calendar year.)
{LC2381/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 774

BY DiMario, Lawson, Gallo, Murray, Bissaillon, Valverde, McKenney, DiPalma, Zurier, Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Expands council on elementary and secondary education and board of education and makes teacher of year and student advisory chair voting members on each.)
{LC2013/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 775

(Attorney General)

BY McKenney, Lawson, Gu, Sosnowski, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Replaces the coastal resources management council with a state department of coastal resources and transfer all of the powers and duties between the two (2) authorities.)
{LC1019/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 776

BY Felag, Tikoian, Patalano, Burke, Ciccone, Raptakis, DiPalma, Murray, LaMountain, Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases the federal adjusted gross income threshold for modification for taxable social security income. Amends references to federal adjusted gross income as pertains to modification of taxable retirement income from certain pension plans or annuities.)
{LC2444/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 777**BY** Ciccone, LaMountain, Dimitri, Burke, Appollonio, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Requires that present and former employees, active and retired members, and beneficiaries receiving any retirement, disability or death allowance receive a \$2,000 increase per year.)

{LC2378/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 778**BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Provides a tax upon the endowment of a private institution of higher education equal to two percent (2%) upon each dollar over \$1,000,000,000.)

{LC820/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 779**BY** Mack, Acosta, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- WEALTH TAX (Imposes a wealth tax on Rhode Island individuals and entities at a rate of one percent (1%) of worldwide wealth.)

{LC2281/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 780**BY** Rogers, E Morgan, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Adds administrator of community confinement and the home confinement coordinator to the state retirement system.)

{LC2456/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 781**BY** Sosnowski, Tikoian, DiPalma, Britto, Rogers, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Redefines "farm" by reducing the amount of revenue from farm products required to be sold from ten thousand (\$10,000) to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500).)

{LC2421/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 782**BY** Ciccone, Raptakis, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Removes the definition of "totally and permanently disabled" from the general law affording college tuition paid by the state to the spouse and children of active members of the police force who are killed or disabled during duty.)

{LC1751/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 783**BY** Vargas, DiPalma, Britto, LaMountain, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOLICITATION BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS (Increases the threshold limit for charitable organizations with an annual gross income of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more.)

{LC1682/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 784**BY** Bissaillon, Mack**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$750,000 TO WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$750,000 to WaterFire Providence.)

{LC2371/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 785**BY** Vargas, Lawson, Mack, DiPalma, Zurier, McKenney, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BILINGUAL, DUAL LANGUAGE AND WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHERS INVESTMENT ACT (Authorizes the office of postsecondary commissioner to expand bilingual and dual language teacher certificates in urban schools through two scholarship programs for students and teachers, with eligibility requirements and donations.)

{LC2351/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 786**BY** Bissaillon, Lawson, Murray, DiMario, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits prior authorization or a step therapy protocol for the prescription of a nonpreferred medication on their drug formulary used to assess or treat an enrollee's bipolar disorder, schizophrenia or schizotypal.)

{LC2368/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 787**BY** Mack, Murray, Lauria, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS (Supports the role of independent family council and makes the waiting list transparent by requiring nursing facilities with more than thirty percent (30%) self-pay residents to admit applicants on a first-come-first-served basis for non-private rooms.)

{LC2043/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 788**BY** Gallo, Lawson, Tikoian, DiPalma, Zurier, Murray, Mack, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS (Removes the age restriction for benefits coverage/requires, after 1/1/26, for policies issued or renewed include coverage for reimbursement for provider services at a rate equal to, or greater than, Medicaid establishments of EOHHS.)

{LC2413/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 789

(Dept. of Health)

BY Murray, Valverde, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires the disclosure of the transfer of certain assets of healthcare facilities and provides penalties for failing to file healthcare facility ownership information.)

{LC1426/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 790

BY Gallo, Tikoian, DiPalma, Ciccone, LaMountain, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSING OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS (Changes the name of "applied behavior assistant analyst" to "assistant applied behavior analyst" and makes several changes to provide consistency in the certification language for behavioral analysts.)
{LC2414/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 791

BY Bissaillon, Tikoian, Lawson, Murray, DiMario, Appollonio
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits insurance companies from paying a rate that is less than the approved Medicaid rate set by the executive office of health and human services.)
{LC2367/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 792

BY Gallo, Sosnowski, Thompson, Burke, Murray, LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND KRATOM ACT (Authorizes and regulates the distribution of the product known as "kratom.")
{LC2405/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 793

BY Gu, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE-- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Increases individual, group, and Medicaid insurance rates of reimbursement for ambulance and wheelchair van services to be equal to reimbursement rates provided by Medicare for the same medical services.)
{LC2439/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 794

BY DiMario, Murray, Lauria, Valverde, Ujifusa, Thompson, Urso, Appollonio, Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Authorizes emergency medical service agencies to transport individuals to alternative facilities for treatment and permits licensed providers for mental health disorders to treat patients within the community.)
{LC1167/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 795**BY** DiMario, Valverde, Lawson, Murray, Euer, Kallman, Britto, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Increases the maximum fill for non-opioid, non-narcotic controlled substances found in schedule II, so that a ninety-day (90) supply may be dispensed at any one time.)

{LC1819/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 796

(Dept. of Health)

BY Murray, Valverde, Gu, Lawson, Sosnowski, Urso, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (Provides a duty upon midwives, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to obtain a blood specimen of pregnant women within thirty (30) days after the first professional visit.)

{LC1422/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 797**BY** Murray, DiMario, Mack, Ciccone, Bissaillon, Kallman, Valverde, Acosta, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS

(Updates the Homeless Bill of Rights to add rules governing encampments, including the right to clean and sanitary conditions and impose penalties for violations of the rights set forth in this chapter in the amount of \$500 per violation.)

{LC1787/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 798**BY** Mack, Kallman, DiMario, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- MULTIFAMILY HOUSING

ACT (Requires single-family residential zoning in municipalities with populations of over forty-thousand (40,000) to allow middle housing and mandates that those municipalities adopt zoning regulations for middle housing.)

{LC822/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 799**BY** Bissaillon, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Codac, Inc., a Rhode Island nonprofit domestic corporation, located at 45 Royal Little Drive in Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC2370/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 800

(Judiciary)

BY DiMario, LaMountain, Thompson, Ciccone, Tikoian, Lawson, Patalano, Appollonio
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Allows retired state employees who worked for the unified judicial system as certified or qualified court interpreters to be employed or reemployed for a limited period in a given year.)
{LC1667/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 801**BY** DiPalma, Murray, Sosnowski, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Extends the voluntary extension of care (VEC) program for all children in the care and custody of the state.)
{LC2416/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 802**BY** DiMario, Murray, Valverde, Quezada, Ujifusa, Urso, Lauria, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Requires the department of human services to provide childcare assistance to families, including those served through DCYF, who meet the requirements of a protective services category as defined in CFR 98.20 (a)(3)(ii).)
{LC2247/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 803**BY** Burke, Appollonio, Ciccone, Tikoian, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Adds a provision that allows a tenant to pay the last month's rent or any other prepaid rent. It also increases the amount that a security deposit can be requested from one to two (2) months of rent.)

{LC2415/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 804**BY** Euer, Appollonio, McKenney, Burke, Rogers, E Morgan, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Ujifusa, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Extends the repayment period for toll violations, and requires the RI transit and bridge authority to notify frequent violators by certified mail that their driver's license may be in jeopardy for failure to pay toll violations.)

{LC254/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 805**BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- THE EQUITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND BUDGET EQUITY IMPACT ACT (Requires the Rhode Island general assembly to address its legislation with attention to equity and the impact its legislation will have on Rhode Island's diverse and various communities.)

{LC825/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 806**BY** Bissaillon, DiPalma, LaMountain, Patalano, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (Provides that compensation comparability studies of senior management, documents discussed at an open meeting, annual contracting reports, list of current salaries and positions, and all policies and procedures of public corporations be made public.)

{LC2374/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 807**BY** Bissaillon, Urso, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Requires public bodies to offer translation services for all open meetings of said bodies.)

{LC2369/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 808**BY** DiPalma, Murray, Sosnowski, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Provides that all extended benefits offered by DCYF to foster children shall be extended to children placed in guardianship.)

{LC2417/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 809**BY** Mack, Acosta, Zurier, Gu, Ujifusa, Quezada, Euer, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Grant sRhode Island's family court jurisdiction to make findings for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status petitions, including determinations about dependency, parental reunification, and the child's best interest, for minors under twenty-one (21) years.)

{LC1158/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 810**BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Decriminalizes certain commercial sexual activity. It would also include human trafficking as a racketeering activity and would allow expungements of certain convictions in § 11-34.1 after one year.)

{LC837/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 811

BY Mack, Euer, Kallman, Acosta, Valverde, Quezada, Pearson, McKenney, Bell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE
BODY CAMERAS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACT -- THE WILLIE
WASHINGTON, JR. ACT (Establishes The Body Cameras for Correctional Facilities Act which
mandates all department of corrections staff with direct supervision rolls to wear body cameras
while on duty in their assigned facility.)
{LC1289/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 812

BY LaMountain, Vargas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
EMINENT DOMAIN (Allows the department of environmental management to acquire
established foot paths by eminent domain in order to provide public access to streams, rivers,
lakes and ponds.)
{LC2432/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 813

BY Dimitri, LaMountain, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Thompson, Burke, McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
NONTRANSPARENT WINDSHIELDS AND WINDOWS (Exempts members of the Rhode
Island judiciary from the restrictions on nontransparent windshields and windows in their motor
vehicles.)
{LC2244/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 814

BY Dimitri, Patalano, Tikoian, Burke, Appollonio, Raptakis, Vargas, Paolino, Rogers, de la
Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE
(Makes it a misdemeanor to knowingly file a false report of misconduct of any law enforcement
official, public safety official, or hospital staff.)
{LC2218/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 815**BY** Patalano, Thompson, Vargas, Tikoian, Britto, Dimitri, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Allows the board of elections to tabulate mail ballots in local special elections in the same manner as in tabulate mail ballots in statewide elections.)

{LC1235/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 816**BY** DiPalma, Gallo, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag, Patalano, Appollonio, Raptakis, McKenney, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS (Creates the deceptive and fraudulent synthetic media in election communications chapter to regulate the use of synthetic media in elections.)

{LC2300/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 817**BY** Tikoian, LaMountain, McKenney, Patalano, Thompson, Raptakis, Rogers, de la Cruz, Burke, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD TENANT ACT (Defines squatter as a person occupying a dwelling unit who is not authorized by the property owner, landlord or tenant to occupy the unit and provides remedies for property owner including police assistance to remove a squatter.)

{LC2423/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 818**BY** Dimitri, Bissaillon, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Eliminates the "doubt" about culpability requirement and replace it with "unwilling" or "unable" to pursue charge(s) in cases for persons sentenced to imprisonment for violations of suspended sentence.)

{LC2326/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 819**BY** Dimitri, Patalano, LaMountain, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING

AUTHORITIES (Requires the local board of canvassers to publish early voting dates, hours, and location, at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation and to publish the same on the municipality's website for the duration of in-person early voting period.)

{LC2180/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 820

(Secretary of State)

BY DiMario, Burke, Acosta, Pearson, McKenney, DiPalma, Euer, Mack, Lawson, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE

ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF

SUFFRAGE (Would propose to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment regarding eligibility to vote and to be a candidate.)

{LC1330/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 821**BY** Appollonio, Burke, Raptakis, Thompson, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND

EXTORTION (Considers state government caseworkers or investigators "public officials" for purposes of the prohibition on making threats to public officials.)

{LC2424/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 822**BY** Raptakis, Patalano, Tikoian, Appollonio, Thompson, Burke, Quezada, McKenney,

Sosnowski, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT,

EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION (Provides that when 2 or more individuals associate to accomplish the crime of shoplifting, that they would be deemed to be associated for the particular purpose of shoplifting and be guilty of a felony.)

{LC1037/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 823**BY** LaMountain, Raptakis, Dimitri, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST (Expands the definition of peace officers to include juvenile program workers and shift coordinators at the department of youth, children and families.)

{LC2360/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 824**BY** LaMountain, Lawson, Murray, DiPalma, Gu, Sosnowski, Urso, Bissaillon, McKenney, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND GENDER AFFIRMING CARE HEALTH DATA PRIVACY ACT (Creates the reproductive freedom and gender affirming care health data privacy act.)

{LC2361/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 825

(General Treasurer)

BY Ciccone, DiPalma, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Funds the state crime victim compensation program through an additional one dollar (\$1.00) fine on traffic violations, exclusive of violations related to the parking of vehicles.)

{LC1701/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 826**BY** DiPalma, Gallo, Ciccone, Lawson, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (Establishes a seven (7) member public-private partnership infrastructure oversight commission to approve all requests for proposals submitted for public-private partnership construction of qualified facilities.)

{LC1601/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 827

BY Appollonio, Burke, Ciccone, Patalano, Euer, McKenney, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Tikoian, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS (Allows casino workers to receive overtime pay for working Sundays and Holidays.)

{LC2406/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 828

BY Ciccone, Raptakis, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Includes police officers to fire fighters who are unable to perform duties as a result of heart disease, stroke or hypertension to be presumed to have suffered an in-the-line-of-duty disability, unless contrary evidence is presented.)

{LC1742/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 829

BY Murray, Thompson, Sosnowski, Valverde, Lawson, Ciccone, Bissaillon, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS – RHODE ISLAND BONE MARROW AND ORGAN DONOR LEAVE ACT (Mandates paid leave by allowing qualified employees to take medical leave to undergo donation procedures, medical tests, and recovery related to being a living organ donor, or bone marrow transplant donor.)

{LC1257/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 830

BY Tikoian, Lawson, Felag, LaMountain, E Morgan, Raptakis, Appollonio, Urso, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (DMV to provide credit for portions of unused voluntarily cancelled vehicle registrations.)

{LC2447/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 831**BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SAFEGUARD RHODE ISLAND AGAINST THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (Creates an 11-member commission to study and provide recommendations to safeguard Rhode Island against use of nuclear weapons, and who would report back no later than August 6, 2026, and whose life would expire on November 6, 2026.)

{LC1555/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 832**BY** DiPalma, Zurier, Acosta, McKenney, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Permits continuation of instructor-led virtual instruction for drivers' education for two-year period. Board of education required to provide report comparing test scores of virtual versus in-person instruction to house speaker and senate president.)

{LC1179/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 833**BY** Tikoian, Lawson, Felag, LaMountain, E Morgan, Raptakis, Appollonio, Urso, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Provides that when a registrant voluntarily cancels the registrant's motor vehicle registration, that person receives a credit for the time remaining on the original registration to be applied to a future registration.)

{LC2448/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Matthew L. LaMountain, Deputy Senate President Pro Tempore, on Tuesday, March 18th at 4:19 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Lawson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and the Senate adjourns at 4:21 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR THOMAS J. PAOLINO

Dear God, we ask that you be with us today in our thoughts and actions as we try to work for the benefit of all our constituents. Amen.

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025:

1. *The Appointment of Deborah J. Goddard VICE Stefan Pryor to the RI Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation for a term expiring July 1, 2025.*

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

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 196**
BY Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

6. **2025-S 473**
 BY Lawson
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
 INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

7. **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 242

(Bill Number)

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

Dominick J. Ruggerio

Date 03/13/2025

Senator Dominick J. Ruggerio

Senate District 4

NOTARY

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State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

On this 13th day of March, 2025, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Dominick J. Ruggerio, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.



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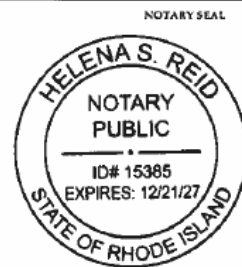
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