

## State of Rhode Island

# 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 Sixth day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Six.**

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Thursday, January 29, 2026

Eighth Legislative Day

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, President of the Senate, at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

### **ROLL CALL**

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT –34:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissailon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**ABSENT – 4:** Senators Euer, Kallman, Mack, and Sosnowski.

### **INVOCATION**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Seventh Legislative Day of the 2026 proceedings is read in part.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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**State of Rhode Island**



**Senate Chamber**

**Committee on Housing and Municipal Government**

**Committee on Commerce**

**Committee on Environment and Agriculture**

January 28, 2026

The Honorable Valarie Lawson  
President of the Senate  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 316  
Providence, RI 02903

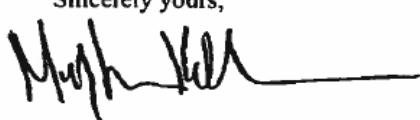
Dear Madam President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber Thursday, January 29, 2026, because I have responded to a call from our Minnesota peer legislators to affirm the values of democracy and the responsibility vested in every lawmaker to defend it that our forebears have passed down to us.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Meghan E. Kallman  
Senator District #15

Placed on file.

SENATOR  
DAWN EUER  
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## State of Rhode Island



Committee on  
Judiciary

Committee on  
Special Legislation &  
Veterans' Affairs

Committee on Rules,  
Government Ethics & Oversight

## Senate Chamber

January 29, 2026

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

Dear President Lawson:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber today, Thursday, January 29, 2026.

Please record my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn Euer".

Dawn Euer  
Senator - District 13

SENATOR  
TIARA T. MACK  
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## State of Rhode Island



## Senate Chamber

Committee on Commerce

Committee on Education

Committee on  
Housing & Municipal Government

January 29, 2026

The Honorable Valerie Lawson  
President of the Senate  
State House, Room 318  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Lawson:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Thursday, January 29, 2026.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Tiara Mack".

Tiara Mack  
Senator District 6

SENATOR  
**DAVID P. TIKOIAN**  
District 22

SENATE MAJORITY WHIP

## State of Rhode Island



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## Senate Chamber

January 29, 2026

Ms. Helena S. Reid  
Secretary of the Senate  
State House, Room 220  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam Secretary:

I respectfully request the withdrawal of my name as a co-sponsor of 2026 Senate Bill S-2293 entitled, N ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT.

This legislation is assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David P. Tikoian".

David P. Tikoian  
Senate Majority Whip  
Senator - District 22

SENATOR  
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## State of Rhode Island



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## Senate Chamber

January 30, 2026

Ms. Helena S. Reid  
Secretary of the Senate  
State House, Room 220  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam Secretary:

I respectfully request the withdrawal of my name as a co-sponsor of 2026 Senate Bill S-2293 entitled, N ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT.

This legislation is assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stefano V. Famiglietti  
Senate District - 4

Placed on file.

SENATOR  
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## State of Rhode Island



## Senate Chamber

CHAIR  
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Health and Human Services

VICE-CHAIR  
Committee on  
Education

Committee on  
Housing and Municipal Government

Permanent Joint Committee on  
State Lottery

February 2, 2026

**Mrs. Helena Reid**  
Secretary of the Senate  
State House, Room 220  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam Secretary:

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that the following bill be withdrawn at the sponsor's request.

The legislation I would like to have withdrawn is Senate Bill S-2120. I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that appears to read "Melissa Murray".

**Senator Melissa Murray**  
Senate District 24

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR**

The Honorable President presents the following communication from His Excellency, The Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

August 14, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64.19-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Secretary of Commerce:

**Stefan Pryor**

Vice

Elizabeth M. Tanner Esq.

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKee".

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Valarie J. Lawson Senate President  
Honorable Frank A. Ciccone, III, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz Senate Minority Leader

**RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903**

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**  
**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairman LaMountain, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

***The Appointment of Shannon G. Signore, Esq. VICE Daniel A Procaccini as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court***

Placed on the Calendar.

***The Appointment of Alberto Aponte Cardona, Sr. VICE Patricia K. Asquith as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court***

Placed on the Calendar.

***The Appointment of Andrea M. Iannazzi VICE Debra E. DiSegna as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court***

Placed on the Calendar.

***The Appointment of Michael J. McCaffrey VICE Melissa R. DuBose as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court***

Placed on the Calendar.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**

**Senate Resolution No. 2336**

**BY de la Cruz**

**~~ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 25TH THROUGH JANUARY 31ST, 2026, AS "NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND~~**

**{LC3514/1}**

**Recommended for Immediate Consideration**

**Senate Resolution No. 2337**

**BY Gu**

**~~ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 12TH ANNUAL "PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK" FROM JANUARY 26TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND~~**

**{LC4609/1}**

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gu requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gu moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, and Vargas.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

### **GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Gu and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Patrick Quinlin and Doctor Christopher Malgieri.

#### **Senate Resolution No. 2338**

**BY Ujifusa**

**ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JANUARY 30, 2026, AS  
"FRED KOREMATSU DAY OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE CONSTITUTION"  
{LC4364/1}**

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Ujifusa requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ujifusa moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

Senators Ujifusa and Zurier speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

### **GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Ujifusa and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Gregory Bowman, Dean RWU School of Law, Anne Proctor, Professor, Elizabeth Rosner, Professor, and Fernanda Righi, Professor.

**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 Felag announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet at the Rise of the Senate in Room 211.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Bill No. 2339**

(Governor/Attorney General)

**BY** Bissaillon, Famiglietti, Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT (Hospital Conversions act amended to authorize AG and DOH to permit expedited review application for hospital insolvency proceedings. Sunsets in one year.)  
{LC4678/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2340**

(Governor/Attorney General)

**BY** DiPalma, Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2026 RELATING TO ROGER WILLIAMS MEDICAL CENTER AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOSPITAL AND AUTHORIZING THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO PROVIDE FINANCING SUPPORT TO ASSIST THE SALE OF THE HOSPITALS TO CHARTERCARE HEALTH OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.  
{LC4729/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2341**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Entitles disabled and military voters to utilize electronically transmitted ballots.)  
{LC3679/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2342****BY** Lawson, LaMountain, Bissaillon**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --****RESTRICTIONS ON SELF-SERVICE CHECKOUT STATIONS ACT** (Places limits on the number of self-service checkout stations a grocery store can have and on the workload of employees assigned to monitor those checkout stations.)

{LC4473/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2343****BY** Paolino, Dimitri, Rogers, Patalano, Thompson, Pearson, DiPalma, Ujifusa, Burke, Gu**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES** (Expands the duties of the small business ombudsman, by also having the ombudsman serve as the Rhode Island commerce corporation's small business advocate.)

{LC3301/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2344****BY** Felag, Burke, Tikoian, Murray, Lauria, Vargas, DiMario**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTERCHANGE FEES** (Prohibits the charging of interchange fees on taxes and gratuities.)

{LC4573/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2345****BY** Ujifusa, E Morgan, Murray, Lauria, DiPalma, Acosta, Bell, DiMario, Zurier**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --****BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT ACT -- RHODE ISLAND****BROADBAND OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2026** (Enacts the Rhode Island Broadband Oversight and Accountability Act of 2026.)

{LC4129/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2346**

BY DiPalma, Tikoian, Ciccone, Britto, Gallo, Urso

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION** (Establishes property, tangible, sales and use tax exemptions as incentives for the location of qualified data centers in Rhode Island.)

{LC4263/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2347**

BY Britto, McKenney, DiPalma, Burke, Bissaillon, Felag

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS** (Extends certain protocols applicable to motor vehicle manufacturers to their distributors and factory branches, as well as updates warranty reimbursement and recall obligation policies.)

{LC4342/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2348**

BY Gu, Gallo, Zurier, Urso, Murray, Paolino, Bell, DiPalma, Valverde

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE NATHAN BRUNO AND JASON FLATT ACT** (Directs middle and high schools which issue student identification cards to include on those cards contact crisis telephone numbers for suicide prevention and substance use disorder prevention.)

{LC4732/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2349**

BY DiMario, Gallo, DiPalma, McKenney, Murray, Bissaillon, Pearson, Vargas, Ujifusa, Mack

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HIGHER EDUCATION**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ACT** (Establishes the Higher Education Opportunities for Students with Disabilities Act.)

{LC4514/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2350**

**BY** DiPalma, Gallo, Valverde, E Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

(Requires the department of elementary and secondary education and DOH to adopt policies, rules and regulations for the administration of seizure rescue medications for children who have been medically identified as having epilepsy/seizure disorder.)

{LC4209/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2351**

**BY** Gu, DiMario, Zurier, Britto, Urso, Bell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Removes clean coal as a renewable fuel given priority as an energy generation project.)

{LC4733/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2352**

**BY** McKenney, Britto, Gu, Urso, Vargas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- PROTECTION OF TREES AND PLANTS GENERALLY -- RHODE ISLAND INVASIVE PLANT

MANAGEMENT ACT (Prohibits the importation, transportation, disbursement, distribution, sale, purchase, or possession of any species of non-native (exotic) invasive plants.)

{LC4299/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2353**

**BY** Gu, Burke, Murray, DiMario, Zurier, Britto, Paolino, Bell, Valverde

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- FORCE-FED POULTRY PRODUCTS

{LC4249/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Resolution No. 2354**

BY DiMario, Britto, Zurier, Euer, Vargas, Lauria, Ujifusa, Mack, Bell, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO TERMINATE GAS LINE EXTENSION ALLOWANCES AS PART OF DOCKET 25-45-GE  
{LC4481/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2355**

BY Patalano, LaMountain, Dimitri, Appollonio, Ciccone, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Thompson, Raptakis, Burke  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Allows retired state employees to be reemployed by a municipality with no restrictions and with no loss of their existing retirement benefits.)  
{LC4330/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2356**

BY Raptakis, Rogers, E Morgan, Burke, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Directs the department of environmental management to administer and manage the land and natural resources of the Big River Reservoir.)  
{LC4492/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2357**

BY Felag, Burke, McKenney, Murray, Lauria, DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (Provides that funds or monies collected by designated quasi-public corporations or agencies not be subject to transfer or reallocation by order of the governor or general assembly.)  
{LC4565/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2358****BY** Euer, DiPalma, Ujifusa**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND MATERNAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND EQUITY ACT OF 2026** (Establishes the Rhode Island Maternal Health Improvement and Equity Act of 2026, to establish permanent statewide support for maternal health and to implement the maternal health strategic plan improving maternal health care and access.)

{LC4626/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2359****BY** Valverde, Kallman, DiMario, DiPalma, Lauria, Quezada, McKenney, Britto, Gu, Rogers**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING -- PORTABLE SOLAR GENERATION DEVICES** (Excludes portable solar generation devices intended primarily to offset part of a customer's electricity consumption from the definition of eligible net-metering system.)

{LC3849/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2360****BY** DiPalma, Murray, de la Cruz, Thompson**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRONIC NICOTINE-DELIVERY SYSTEM PRODUCTS** (Reduces the cigarette tax imposed by 75% for any modified risk tobacco product as defined in § 21 U.S.C. 387 k as a tobacco product sold/distributed to reduce the harm/risk of tobacco-related disease associated with commercially marketed tobacco products.)

{LC4196/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2361****BY** Mack, Acosta, DiMario, Murray, Lauria**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.)

{LC3411/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2362**

BY Sosnowski, Ciccone, DiPalma, Murray, Gu, Valverde, Gallo

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT**

(Increases monthly minimum benefit for a spouse, domestic partner, former spouse. Grant a 3.34% COLA for eligible retirees. Provided a modification reducing federal AGI for public pension benefits from the RI employees retirement system.)

{LC4436/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2363**

BY McKenney, Bissaillon, Urso, Tikoian, Britto

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE--LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM** (Establishes the Medicaid fee-for-service reimbursement rates set by the general assembly as the rate floor for Medicaid managed care by home care, home nursing care and hospice providers.)

{LC3421/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2364**

BY Felag, Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Acosta, Zurier, Bissaillon, DiPalma, Gallo, Lauria

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX** (Raises the earned-income tax credit to thirty percent (30%) for the tax years 2027 and beyond.)

{LC4663/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2365**

BY Felag, Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Lauria, Bissaillon, Urso, Murray

**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.)

{LC4571/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2366**

BY Felag, Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Lauria, Bissaillon, Urso, Murray  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX** (Allows a modification to federal adjusted gross income of \$25,000 of social security income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.)  
{LC4561/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2367**

BY Lawson, Tikoian, Ciccone, Murray, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT ACT** (Allows an individual, who is a first-time homebuyer, to contribute funds to a first-time homebuyer savings account with Rhode Island housing to pay for eligible costs to purchase a home and receive tax deductions and exemptions.)  
{LC4559/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2368**

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Burke, Famiglietti, Ciccone, LaMountain, Tikoian, Appollonio, Thompson, Raptakis  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS** (Adds probation officers and parole officers to the definition of "police officer" for purposes of salary payments during line of duty illness or injury.)  
{LC4300/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2369**

BY Urso, Quezada, Gallo, Zurier, Murray, DiPalma, Bissaillon  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY EDUCATOR WORKFORCE ACT** (Direct the manage existing workforce development and compensation programs for the early educators workforce.)  
{LC4593/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2370**

**BY** Thompson, Famiglietti, Patalano, Burke, Dimitri, Quezada, Pearson, Tikoian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND TAX AMNESTY ACT OF 2017 (Authorizes the tax administrator to waive interest and penalties on delinquent taxes paid in full during a one week amnesty period. Also reinstates a suspended driver's license upon payment in full.)  
{LC4256/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2371**

**BY** Paolino, Ciccone, Gu, Acosta, Mack, Vargas, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (Establishes a revolving fund to assist first-time home buyers and veterans to purchase a home in Rhode Island by issuing grants of up to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).)  
{LC3308/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2372

**BY** Felag, Urso, Burke, LaMountain, DiPalma, Ciccone, Tikoian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Eliminates the sales tax on taxi services and pet care services.)  
{LC4562/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2373**

**BY** Felag, de la Cruz, Rogers, E Morgan, Ujifusa, Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act to set the regionalization bonus at 2% of the state's share of foundation education aid for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2026, and for each year thereafter.)  
{LC4564/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2374**

BY Felag, Burke, LaMountain, DiPalma, Ciccone, Tikoian

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- ADMINISTRATION** (Changes the teacher and state employees' retirement benefit calculations' cutoff date from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2012, for all retirement members eligible to and who retire on or after the new July 1, 2012, cutoff date.)  
{LC4570/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2375**

BY Raptakis, Thompson, Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers, E Morgan, Patalano

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.)  
{LC4740/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 2376**

BY Felag, Burke, Tikoian, Ciccone, DiPalma, Gallo, Murray, Lauria, Vargas, DiMario

**ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$15,200,000 TO BE USED TO PURCHASE PFAS-FREE FIREFIGHTING GEAR** (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$15,200,000 to cities and towns to purchase firefighter and rescue personnel protective gear which is PFAS free.)

{LC4566/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 2377**

BY Quezada, Tikoian, Ciccone, Bissaillon, Urso, Acosta, Zurier, Pearson, Vargas, DiMario

**ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND FREE CLINIC** (Appropriates the sum of \$200,000 to the Rhode Island Free Clinic.)

{LC4556/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2378**

BY Vargas, Urso, Appollonio, DiMario, Murray, Bell, Valverde, Thompson, Britto, DiPalma  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM** (Authorizes an increase in resource eligibility limits for persons with long-term-care needs who reside at home and requires semi-annual reports from Medicaid certified assisted living facilities and adult day service providers to the EOHHS.)  
{LC3425/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2379**

BY Ujifusa, Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, Appollonio, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Zurier, Acosta  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** (Commencing January 1, 2027, mandates insurers provide health insurance coverage without cost-share requirements for vaccinations recommended by the DOH and mandates the coverage for the medical assistance program and managed care organizations.)  
{LC3650/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2380**

BY Euer, DiPalma, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT** (Prohibits the closure or significant reduction of services of a birthing center without notice, application, financial disclosure, public hearing, and approval by the department of health.)  
{LC4627/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2381**

BY Mack, DiMario, Murray, Lauria, Urso, Acosta, de la Cruz, Vargas, Quezada, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES** (Requires health insurance plans to cover services provided by licensed certified professional midwives. Insurers would be required to report utilization and cost data annually and certain limited benefit policies would be exempt.)  
{LC3393/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2382**

BY Urso, Murray, Quezada, Britto, Euer, Bissaillon, Mack, Bell, Vargas  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES**  
{LC4261/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2383**

BY Mack, DiMario, de la Cruz, Murray, Lauria, Urso, Acosta, Vargas, Quezada, Euer, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES** (Requires health insurance policies to cover licensed certified lactation counselor services for childbearing families. It would also prohibit requiring supervision or duplicate payments for services and mandates annual reporting.)  
{LC3400/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2384**

BY DiPalma, Murray, Urso, Bell, Appollonio, DiMario, Thompson, Valverde  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION** (Prohibits the state, participating ERISA, or any health plan from purchasing referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.)  
{LC4201/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2385**

BY Bissaillon, Murray, LaMountain, DiMario  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUGS** (Prohibits the Rhode Island medical assistance program from requiring prior authorization or a step therapy protocol for the coverage of a medication classified as an anticonvulsant or antipsychotic.)  
{LC4629/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2386**

BY DiPalma, Murray, Appollonio, DiMario, Thompson, Vargas, Valverde  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES** (Requires health insurance providers to provide insurance coverage for pharmacists' services.)  
{LC4266/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2387**

BY DiPalma, Murray, Urso, Bell, Appollonio, DiMario, Thompson, Valverde  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM** (Establishes the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program for the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada, to provide savings to Rhode Island consumers.)  
{LC4218/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2388**

BY McKenney, Bissaillon, Urso, Tikoian, Britto  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY-- DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR NEW HEALTHCARE EQUIPMENT AND NEW INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES**  
{LC3423/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2389**

BY DiPalma, Burke, Britto, Murray, Felag, McKenney, Gu, Gallo, Zurier  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS** (Makes changes to the access to public records act, including clarifying various provisions, increasing the sanctions for knowing and willful violations of the law, and making certain traffic accident data and preferred license plate information public.)  
{LC4662/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2390**

BY Patalano, Ciccone, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson, Raptakis, Burke, Dimitri, LaMountain

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GIFT CARD FRAUD** (Makes offenses against gift card holders subject to the penalties for larceny.)

{LC4306/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2391**

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Ciccone, LaMountain, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Quezada, Appollonio, Thompson, Raptakis

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF REAL ESTATE** (Requires public auctions by any city or town of real estate or an interest therein to only be done in person and not by electronic or remote procedures unless authorized by court order.)

{LC4320/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2392**

BY Britto, DiMario, DiPalma, Gu, McKenney, Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Zurier, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT** (Allows parents or guardians to have access to GPS data of the bus or other motor vehicle used to transport students to and from school.)

{LC4470/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2393**

BY Patalano, Ciccone, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson, Raptakis, Burke, Dimitri, LaMountain

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS** (Requires those with a public records request to provide identifying information.)

{LC4359/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2394**

BY Bissaillon, Britto, McKenney, LaMountain, Mack  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS' PROPERTY ACT** (Adopts the uniform partition of heirs property act.)  
{LC4610/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2395**

BY Thompson, Dimitri, Burke, Ciccone, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Appollonio, Patalano, Raptakis, Paolino  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS** (Allows a person over 18 to purchase a stun gun or electronic dart gun and prohibits the sale of a stun gun or electronic dart gun to a person under 18 and criminalizes using a stun gun or electronic dart gun in a crime or against a police officer.)  
{LC4248/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2396**

BY McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, Appollonio, Bissaillon  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION** (Extends time for a party to apply for stay of arbitration to 180 days; invalidates any provision that penalizes a party for seeking legal representation; requires arbitrator to provide notice of default to a party for failure to pay fees.)  
{LC4516/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2397**

BY Urso, Tikoian, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Britto, Dimitri, Patalano, Appollonio, Paolino  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS** (Increases penalties for a second or subsequent offense with a fine of not less than \$500 or no more than two thousand \$2,500 and up to 2 years imprisonment, for violating the law on the care of dogs.)  
{LC3221/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2398**

**BY** Dimitri, Famiglietti, Patalano, Appollonio, Tikoian, Thompson, Burke, Rogers, Paolino  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE  
(Makes it a felony to file a false police report of a crime carrying a sentence of imprisonment of not less than five (5) years.)

{LC4357/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2399**

**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.)

{LC3416/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2400**

**BY** DiPalma, Zurier, E Morgan, Acosta, de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Requires that all agencies' final rules, promulgated pursuant to the administrative procedures act, be approved by general assembly action, but in no case later than December 31 of the year it is promulgated, before it can become effective.)

{LC4222/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2401**

**BY** Gallo, Vargas, LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS  
(Authorizes the city of Cranston to establish a housing division within its municipal court.)

{LC4296/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2402**

BY Raptakis, Burke, Appollonio, Patalano, Thompson, DiPalma, Murray, Ciccone, Tikoian, de la Cruz

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES** (Increases penalties for a variety of motor vehicle offenses.)  
{LC3466/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2403**

BY Raptakis, Dimitri, Burke, Patalano, Thompson, Famiglietti, Ciccone, Tikoian

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES** (Requires that the license plates of a vehicle be confiscated by a police officer if the owner was arrested for driving while their license was suspended, revoked or cancelled for refusing to submit to a chemical test or for operating under the influence.)

{LC4421/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2404**

BY Mack, Acosta, Lauria, DiMario, Euer, Bissaillon

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS** (Allows citizens of a city or town who are at least sixteen (16) years of age to register to vote and to vote in school committee elections in municipalities where school committees are elected entities.)  
{LC3396/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2405**

BY McKenney, Tikoian, DiPalma, Gallo, LaMountain, Felag, Burke, Britto, Bissaillon, Gu

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HAZING** (Enlarges definitions of prohibited acts that constitute hazing, make principals, coaches, athletic directors and others responsible for knowingly failing to take reasonable measures to prevent hazing and punishes serious injury.)

{LC4031/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2406**

BY Lawson, DiPalma, Murray, LaMountain, Gallo

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- AGE-APPROPRIATE DESIGN CODE** (Requires that any covered entity that develops/provides online services, products, or features that children are reasonably likely to access shall consider the best interest of children when designing/developing such online service, product, or feature.)

{LC4205/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2407**

BY Valverde, Acosta, DiMario, Britto, Gallo, Lauria, DiPalma, Paolino, McKenney

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS** (Changes the maximum term of employment for a superintendent from three (3) to five (5) years.)

{LC4469/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2408**

BY Mack, Valverde, Vargas, Quezada

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES** (Commencing January 1, 2027, this act would increase the minimum wage for employees receiving gratuities, from the current three dollars and eighty-nine cents (\$3.89) to six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$6.75) per hour.)

{LC3387/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2409**

BY Thompson, Famiglietti, Burke, Patalano, Dimitri, Quezada, Pearson, Vargas, Tikoian

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION** (Recognizes that municipal employees have the opportunity to utilize binding arbitration and establishes new factors for the arbitrators to consider. These factors include comparisons of wages/hourly conditions of employment in similarly skilled jobs.)

{LC4253/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2410**

**BY** Thompson, Famiglietti, Burke, Patalano, Dimitri, Quezada, Pearson, Vargas, Tikoian  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PEACE OFFICER MAXIMUM WORKDAY AND OVERTIME COMPENSATION** (Establishes a maximum hourly workday for all peace officers as defined in § 12-7-21 and a violation rate of pay of double time and a half.)

{LC4255/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2411**

**BY** DiPalma, Burke, Tikoian, Famiglietti  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS** (Authorizes a blanket permit and fee to allow the movement of self-propelled cranes which are in excess of size and weight load requirements, to move on state highways.)

{LC4231/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2412**

**BY** McKenney, Felag, Bissaillon, Urso, Britto  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES** (Establishes a motor vehicle license plate to honor Governor Roger Williams.)

{LC4596/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2413**

**BY** Lauria, Felag, Lawson, Valverde, Gallo, Tikoian, DiPalma, Ciccone, Quezada, Raptakis  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES** (Allows for a special RI license plate to raise awareness for colon cancer. The plate would be designed by the partnership to reduce cancer in RI and honoring the late Maryellen Goodwin.)

{LC4664/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2414**

BY Felag, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Murray, Lauria, Vargas, DiMario  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --**  
REGISTRATION FEES (Disabled veteran license plate may be transferred to veterans' spouse  
or issued to veteran or veterans spouse.)  
{LC4568/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2415**

BY Felag, Raptakis, LaMountain, DiPalma, Ciccone  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING**  
AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Allows for the holder of a manufacturer's license to be able to  
sell one one-sixth (1/6) barrel keg of malt beverage, produced on the premises, per day.)  
{LC4563/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2416**

BY Felag, Raptakis, Burke, LaMountain, Murray, Vargas  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY**  
CHILD ACT (Defines "military-connected student", "advance enrollment" and "open  
enrollment" to give them flexibility in choosing a school district.)  
{LC4577/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Resolution No. 2417**

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, 2027, and whose life would expire on November  
6, 2027.)  
{LC3417/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2418**

BY Lawson, LaMountain, Gallo, Lauria, Britto

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --**

REGISTRATION FEES (Includes veterans 75 years or older with a combined service connected disability rating of 70% as eligible for disabled veterans license plates.)

{LC4214/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2419**

BY DiPalma, Acosta, Zurier, Urso

**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.)

{LC4219/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2420**

BY Patalano, Ciccone, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson, Raptakis, Burke, Urso, Dimitri

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --**

NATIONAL GUARD (Allows the dependents of a national guard member, who is in good standing, to be eligible for tuition assistance.)

{LC4301/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2421**

(by request)

BY Tikoian

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Prohibits contractors from submitting a single application to a local review board seeking a comprehensive permit for housing projects in certain circumstances.)

{LC4483/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2422****BY** Euer**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION** (Authorizes the town of Jamestown to authorize, by ordinance, the expansion of the local tax exemption ordinance for seniors.)

{LC4592/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2423****BY** Britto, Bissaillon, McKenney, Ciccone, Urso, Raptakis, Appollonio**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE** (Requires the state building commissioner to implement electronic permitting for any category of state or local permit authorized under state law to significantly impact the expediency of construction and development.)

{LC4348/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2424****BY** Famiglietti, Appollonio, Patalano, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Tikoian, Dimitri, Thompson, LaMountain, Britto**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES** (Requires radon testing within one year of any residential real estate transaction and the installation of a radon mitigation system if unsafe radon levels are present, at the seller's expense.)

{LC4339/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2425****BY** Vargas, Urso, DiMario, Bell, Valverde, Britto, Murray, Thompson**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS** (Authorizes and empower the department of transportation to plant pollinator friendly native species of trees, shrubs, grasses and plants within limits of a roadway, including state highways.)

{LC3422/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senate Majority Whip Tikoian, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Ciccone, the Senate adjourns at 4:28 o'clock P.M.

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

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR WALTER S. FELAG, JR.**

Dear Lord, remind us as legislators we have a great responsibility to our constituents. Help us to emulate your examples of patience, respect, and kindness to all, as we strive to solve the problems and improve the lives of those we serve. Amen.

**Appendix**  
**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026:**

- 1. *The Appointment of Shannon G. Signore, Esq. VICE Daniel A Procaccini as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court***

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

- 2. *The Appointment of Alberto Aponte Cardona, Sr. VICE Patricia K. Asquith as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court***

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

- 3. *The Appointment of Andrea M. Iannazzi VICE Debra E. DiSegna as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court***

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

- 4. *The Appointment of Michael J. McCaffrey VICE Melissa R. DuBose as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court***

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