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Thursday, February 05, 2026

Tenth Legislative Day

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 4:03 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

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

ABSENT – 3: Senators Gu, Pearson, and Sosnowski.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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


APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

<p>SENATOR VICTORIA GU District 38</p> <hr/> <p>Room 308 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>MOBILE: 401-388-0696 OFFICE: 401-276-5535 sen-gu@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>CHAIR Committee on Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Environment and Agriculture</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Housing & Municipal Government</p>
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February 5, 2026


The Honorable Valarie Lawson
President of the Senate
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street, 3rd 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, February 5, 2026.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Victoria Gu
Senator District #38

Placed on file.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Thomas Straub, Intern at Providence College.

Upon suggestion of Senator LaMountain and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber The Honorable Paul A. Suttell, The Honorable Michael B. Forte, The Honorable Jeanne E. LaFazia, The Honorable Erin Lynch Prata, The Honorable Joseph Montalbano, The Honorable Joseph J. McBurney, The Honorable John “Jack” McBurney, The Honorable David Cruise, The Honorable Mary McCaffrey, The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, The Honorable Steve Alves, The Honorable Frank Lombardi, The Honorable Roger Picard, The Honorable Dennis Algiere, Julie Hamil, Esq., State Court Administrator, and from the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court, George Mason.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026:****1. 2026-S 2426****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ANTHONY DELUCA

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

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

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

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.

Senator LaMountain moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Appollonio, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, LaMountain, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas, and Zurier.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative, and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 1: Senator Mack.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator LaMountain and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber *newly appointed Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court Shannon G. Signore.*

Upon suggestion of Senator Urso and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Alexis Signore, Chasity Mattiello, Karen Torti, Patrick Youngs, Stephanie Madan, Michelle Goulet Wood, Mary Katherine Duffy Rollinson, Ken Rollinson, Christine Kennedy, Mike Kennedy, Maria Deaton, Meagan Thomson, Gretchen Lizarda, Julie Ward, Lynda Marsden, Stacey Erickson, Scott Erickson, Meghan McDonough.

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.

Senator LaMountain moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

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

YEAS – 36: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, 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 LaMountain and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber *newly appointed Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court Alberto Aponte Cardona.*

Upon suggestion of Senator Raptakis and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber the Family of Alberto Aponte Cardona, Daughter Angie and her husband Ben, and their children, Luci and Lucas Perez, Children Madisen Cardona, Alberto Cardona, Nicole Cardona, Angel Cardona, Mason Cardona, Brother Angelo Garcia, Brother Luis Aponte, Family and Friends, Luis Estrada, Jayden Estrada, Roberto Escaler, and Erica Ramirez.

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.

Senator LaMountain moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Appollonio, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative, and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 1: Senator Bell.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator LaMountain and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber ***newly appointed Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court Andrea M. Iannazzi.***

Upon suggestion of Senator McKenney and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber the Family of Andrea M. Iannazzi, Father Donald Iannazzi, Mother Ann Marie Iannazzi, Cousins Helynn Baxter, Joseph Baxter, Samantha Baxter, and Ashley Lemieux.

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.

Senator LaMountain moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Gallo, LaMountain, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, and Urso.

Senators Bell and Rogers speak on the advice and consent.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 27 members voting in the affirmative, and 8 members voting in the negative and 1 member abstained as follows:

YEAS – 27: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Gallo, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, and Urso.

NAYS – 8: Senators Acosta, Euer, Kallman, Mack, Ujifusa, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

ABSTAINED – 1: Senator Felag.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator LaMountain and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber *newly appointed Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court Michael J. McCaffrey.*

Upon suggestion of Senator Bissaillon and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber the Family of Michael J. McCaffrey, Deirdre McCaffrey, Wife, Michael McCaffrey Jr., Son, Cailin McCaffrey, Daughter, Brenna McCaffrey, Daughter, Deirdre McCaffrey, Daughter, John McCaffrey, Brother, Margaret McCaffrey, Sister-in-law, Brendan McCaffrey, Nephew, Gene McCaffrey, Brother, Bill McCaffrey, Brother, Elizabeth Alfonso, Aunt, Susan Audet, Cousin, Feliz Gill, Brother-in-law, and Dan Ryan.

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.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7005

BY Boylan, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Barrington to provide a tax dollar credit reduction for legally blind persons by ordinance.)
{LC3126/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 7007 as amended

(Secretary of State)

BY O'Brien, Shanley, Solomon, Dawson, Biah, McEntee, Noret, Read, Azzinaro, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Entitles disabled and military voters to utilize electronically transmitted ballots.)
{LC3125/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7045

BY Donovan, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes the town of Bristol to apply the owner-occupied tax rate for mixed-used properties where the residential portion is owner-occupied.)
{LC3159/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 7046**BY** Donovan, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Blithewold, Inc., located at 101 Ferry Road, Bristol, Rhode Island.)
{LC3146/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 7047**BY** McGaw, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes the town council of Little Compton to establish a homestead exemption for residential dwellings.)
{LC3550/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 7049 as amended**BY** Baginski, Paplauskas, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Requires that the primary election date, statutorily the eighth Tuesday preceding the biennial state elections, shall be held on the Wednesday when Labor Day is the day before said Tuesday. No other filing deadlines would be affected.)
{LC3210/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7151**BY** Finkelman**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.)
{LC3859/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 7223**BY** Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the new coveside dog park, located at Haines Memorial State Park in Barrington "The Christine Conrad Lane Memorial Dog Park.")
{LC4376/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2427****BY** Lauria, Euer, DiMario, Ujifusa, Felag, Valverde, Vargas, Britto, Gallo, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (Requires the public utilities commission to provide for a classification of service for retail electricity consumers that are large energy use facilities.)
{LC4836/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2428**BY** Euer, Quezada, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Lauria, Lawson, Patalano, McKenney, Kallman, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits any person from employing dynamic or surveillance pricing practices in the sale of goods or services to consumers in Rhode Island.)
{LC4221/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2429**BY** Ciccone, Felag, Burke, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Requires all public utilities to maintain a customer service facility within the state to perform services such as addressing customer inquiries and accepting bill payments.)
{LC4968/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2430

BY Appollonio, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Patalano, Urso, McKenney, Bissailon, Burke, LaMountain, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT (Requires anyone engaged in the sale of goods or services, and who offers a discount to its customers' for utilizing automatic payment systems, via ACH or EFT or similar payment systems, provide the same discount to any person who is sixty-five (65).)
{LC4831/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2431

BY Famiglietti, Thompson, Appollonio, Burke, Dimitri, Patalano, Murray, Bissailon, LaMountain, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Permits on and after July 1, 2027, for an insurer to consider the zip code in which the vehicle is garaged provided that the calculation of the zip code is segmented by the municipality where the vehicle is garaged.)
{LC4703/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2432

BY Tikoian, Dimitri, Acosta, Felag, LaMountain, Zurier, Patalano, Urso, Ciccone, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- GUARANTEED ADMISSION FOR EAGLE SCOUT AND GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS (Grants automatic admission to state public institutions for qualified Eagle Scout and Gold award recipients from the Girl Scouts.)
{LC4552/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2433

BY Tikoian, Gallo, DiPalma, Ciccone, Felag, Burke, Murray, McKenney, Paolino, LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES -- QUALITY OF EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION AND SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE THROUGH VOLUNTARY QUALITY RATING SYSTEM (Would establish certain presumptions pertaining to early childhood education programs operating in RIDE-certified school buildings.)
{LC4914/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2434**BY** Paolino, Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAILING SCHOOL CHOICE ACT

(Permits students at failing schools to enroll in any public school and also established the Rhode Island education revitalization fund to provide funding to the school choice program.)

{LC3302/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2435**BY** E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND

GUARDIANS IN PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION ACT (Enables parents to review public school learning materials/object if the parent decides that the material is harmful. Also a parent may withdraw their student from the activity or class where the material is used and request an alternative assignment.)

{LC3298/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Resolution No. 2436**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING THE JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE IN RHODE ISLAND

(Amends the membership of the permanent legislative commission on child care with twenty-seven (27) members to ensure that the state has high quality and affordable childcare and early learning services network.)

{LC4683/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2437**BY** Valverde, Kallman, Lauria, Euer, DiPalma, McKenney, DiMario, Gu, Bell, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL

(Authorizes the department of environmental management to issue and enforce rules and regulations to implement and enforce the provisions of the food waste ban.)

{LC4753/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2438

BY Valverde, Kallman, Lauria, Euer, DiPalma, McKenney, DiMario, Gu, Mack, Vargas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING
AND REFUSE DISPOSAL (Amends the certain provisions relative to school waste recycling
and refuse disposal and requires reports of waste audits by educational entities and reports of
program participation by vendors.)
{LC4754/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2439

BY Vargas, Lauria, Appollonio, Murray, Bell, Valverde, Britto, Thompson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL
(Restricts application of pesticides and rodenticides at schools and childcare centers and requires
schools to provide copies of notice to parents and guardians.)
{LC3437/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2440

BY E Morgan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
ADJUDICATION OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES (Prohibits the state, municipalities, or courts from
attempting to collect any motor vehicle violation fines or costs, after more than seven (7) years
of the fine becoming final.)
{LC3295/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2441

BY Valverde, Kallman, Lauria, Euer, DiPalma, McKenney, DiMario, Gu, Bell, Mack
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
COMPOSTING AND ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION (Establishes Compost Fund to award
grants related to reducing the amount of solid waste generated in the state.)
{LC4752/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2442**BY** Paolino, Mack, Rogers, DiPalma, Appollonio, Thompson, Quezada, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT (Establishes the first-time home buyer savings program act. Allows modifications to federal adjusted gross income for \$50,000 in contributions and \$150,000 of interest and dividends included in federal adjusted gross income.)
{LC3304/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2443**BY** Rogers, Tikoian, Britto, DiPalma, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Redefines what constitutes a farm by reducing the amount of revenue from farm products required to be sold from \$10,000 to \$2500. It also expands the farm to include all agricultural operations, including forestry.)
{LC4446/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2444**BY** Gu, DiPalma, Zurier, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales tax scalp hair prosthesis or wig that are necessary due to hair loss from a medical condition.)
{LC4475/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2445**BY** DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Prohibits state agencies from entering into software contracts that limit the agency's ability to install or run the software of the agency's choosing on their hardware.)
{LC4625/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2446

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Adds probation and parole officers to the list of state law enforcement professionals, for purpose of retirement on service allowance.)

{LC4843/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2447

BY Kallman, Valverde, DiPalma, Murray, Lauria, Euer, Ujifusa, Acosta, Zurier, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDIT FOR FOOD DONATION (Provides a tax credit for food donations by qualified taxpayers to nonprofit organizations up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year.)

{LC4427/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2448

BY Ujifusa, Bell, Valverde, Euer, Murray, Urso, Mack, Acosta, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (Establishes a performance audit division within the office of the auditor general.)

{LC3249/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2449

BY Valverde, Kallman, Lauria, Euer, DiPalma, McKenney, DiMario, Gu, Mack, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from sales tax energy storage systems, as defined in § 39-33-1.)

{LC4741/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2450**BY** Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Requires that the tax imposed upon the conveyance of any real property that is located in more than one municipality to be allocated between or among the municipalities in proportions to the assessed value of the property located in each municipality.)
{LC4867/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2451**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Generates an estate tax discharge upon the recording of a statement by the executor or other estate representative that the value of the decedent's gross estate does not require a state or federal tax filing.)
{LC4689/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2452**BY** DiMario, Acosta, Britto, Zurier, Mack, McKenney, Gallo, Valverde, Murray, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME (Provides \$100,000 to support the mental health and emotional well-being of children in OST settings.)
{LC4834/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2453**BY** Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian, Thompson, Felag, Patalano, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the waiver of interest on overdue taxes for commercial properties.)
{LC4809/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2454**BY** Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian, Thompson, Felag, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- INSURANCE BENEFITS (Provides that adjunct faculty members at any state college or university who teach at least 50% of the hours regularly worked by full-time faculty in a semester be eligible for the same medical benefits as other full-time state employees.)
{LC4812/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2455**BY** LaMountain, Bissaillon, Patalano, Murray, Felag, Urso, Appollonio, DiPalma, Britto, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates insurance coverage for scalp cooling treatments for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy to prevent hair loss during chemotherapy treatments.)
{LC3420/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2456**BY** E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CONSUMER PROTECTION FROM INDEMNIFIED (LIABILITY-FREE) PRODUCTS ACT (Prohibits mandating indemnified products to consumers in certain circumstances.)
{LC3332/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2457**BY** Lauria, Euer, DiMario, Ujifusa, Felag, Zurier, Valverde, Kallman, Gallo, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND KRATOM ACT (Provides that all kratom products for sale would be stored and kept in a locked case, until sold.)
{LC4760/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2458**BY** Appollonio, Murray, E Morgan, LaMountain, Thompson, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (Requires the state to implement the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact no later than July 1, 2026.)

{LC4830/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2459**BY** Ujifusa, Mack, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Acosta, Murray, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND BAN ON THE CORPORATE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Ban on the Corporate Practice of Medicine Act.)

{LC4727/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2460**BY** Mack, Murray, DiMario, Valverde, Lauria, Kallman, Lawson, Vargas, Gu, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Amends the current law on health insurance coverage for fertility diagnostic care, standard fertility preservation services, and fertility treatment and requires coverage for any medically necessary ovulation-enhancing drugs and medical services.)

{LC4606/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2461**BY** Gallo, Burke, DiPalma, Tikoian, LaMountain, Ciccone, Murray, McKenney, DiMario, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Prohibits dental insurers from refusing to honor directions to pay from insured, modifying benefits to be paid. Requires providers to accept payment by virtual credit card as unfair claims practices.)

{LC4818/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2462

BY Ujifusa, Tikoian, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Mack, Murray, Acosta, Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires the secretary of the executive office of health and human services to monitor and mandate changes to the price-setting practices of pharmacy benefit managers to prohibit the spread pricing payment model.)
{LC3260/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2463

BY Ujifusa, Mack, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Acosta, Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- PHYSICAL THERAPY COPAY (Limits copays, coinsurance or office deductibles for services of a physical therapist to the amount authorized for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath on or after January 1, 2027.)
{LC4928/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2464

BY Ujifusa, Ciccone, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Mack, Murray, Acosta, Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Requires a report to be produced that focuses on prescription drug prior authorizations by January 1, 2027.)
{LC3263/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Resolution No. 2465

BY Ujifusa, Ciccone, Tikoian, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Murray, Mack, Acosta, Quezada
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROTECT PATIENTS AND TRADITIONAL MEDICARE FROM MEDICARE ADVANTAGE
{LC3266/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2466

BY Ujifusa, DiPalma, Murray, Mack, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Zurier, Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE -- FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES (Provides for fair pharmacy reimbursement from a pharmacy benefit manager, and also provides anti-discrimination prohibitions in regard to non-affiliated pharmacies or pharmacists.)
{LC3516/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2467

BY Ujifusa, Ciccone, Tikoian, de la Cruz, DiMario, Kallman, Mack, Lauria, Valverde, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (Prohibits health insurance providers from requiring preauthorization for in-network mental health or substance use disorder services.)
{LC3570/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2468

BY Ujifusa, Ciccone, DiMario, Lauria, Mack, Valverde, Kallman, Murray, Acosta, Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT (Limits the use by insurers of step therapy, a protocol that establishes a specific sequence in which prescription drugs for a specified medical condition are covered by an insurer, by allowing medical providers to request step therapy exceptions.)
{LC4381/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2469

BY DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends the zoning ordinances to allow the town to restrict occupancy to one unrelated person per bedroom in a dwelling, up to a five (5) bedroom unit. Units with more than five (5) bedrooms may be limited to five (5) unrelated persons per unit.)
{LC4833/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2470**BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Permits the town of Barrington to assess an annual dog licensing fee of seven dollars (\$7.00).) {LC4837/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2471**BY** McKenney, LaMountain, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS (Permits municipalities to enter into contracts with the department of transportation for the municipality to perform minor and routine maintenance work on state highways, roadways, and shoulders located within the municipality.) {LC4699/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2472**BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC4838/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2473**BY** Bell, Vargas, Euer, McKenney, DiMario, Valverde, Mack, Murray, Kallman, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- RHODE ISLAND INCLUSIVE HOME DESIGN ACT (Addresses any single-family construction, townhouse construction, and multi-family construction complying with the Standards for Visitable Units of the ANSI' Standards for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities.) {LC4799/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2474**BY** Ciccone, Urso, Tikoian, Felag, Burke, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Requires landlords of residential properties built before 1978 to register lead hazard mitigation information with the department of health and the information would remain private and only accessible by specific entities.)
{LC4815/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2475

(by request)

BY DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY (Provides that the cost of maintaining and repairing or restoring an easement or right-of-way shall be shared by each owner of a benefited property and their costs shall be determined by and commensurate with the municipal appraisal of each property.)
{LC4227/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2476**BY** Ciccone, Urso, Tikoian, Felag, Burke, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (Substitutes "housing resources commission" with "department of health" for lead hazard mitigation purposes. It also makes it easier for a property owner to release funds put into an escrow account, if needed to make required repairs or improvements.)
{LC4814/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2477**BY** E Morgan, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BORN-ALIVE INFANT PROTECTION ACT (Provides equal Medicare for infants born-alive as a result of abortion procedure/natural delivery with violations subject to criminal penalties for medical personnel/loss of license/civil action for damages.)
{LC3343/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2478**BY** E Morgan, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Criminalizes the knowing and intentional failure of a physician, nurse, or other licensed medical person to provide reasonable medical care and treatment to an infant born alive as a felony.)
{LC3337/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2479**BY** Kallman, Mack, Acosta, Quezada, Euer, Felag, DiPalma, Gu, Lauria, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' DUE PROCESS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY ACT -- ICE OUT ACT (Prohibits law enforcement agencies from hiring individuals who was hired as a sworn officer of the US Immigration and Customs enforcement Agency on or after January 20, 2025 and would apply prospectively to an individual hired on or after October 1, 2026.)
{LC4600/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2480**BY** Kallman, DiPalma, Thompson, Raptakis, Murray, Mack, Lauria, Urso, Dimitri, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Makes traffic accident data a public record, subject to federal law.)
{LC4452/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2481**BY** Tikoian, Burke, LaMountain, Patalano, Thompson, Dimitri, Famiglietti, McKenney, Raptakis, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM (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.)
{LC3162/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2482

BY Raptakis, Appollonio, Burke, Patalano, Urso, Thompson, Murray, Famiglietti, Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES--VIOLATIONS (Amends the section of law relative to violations for driving after denial, revocation or suspension of a license and expands the list of offenses for which an unlicensed motorist would be in violation.)
{LC3463/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2483

BY E Morgan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MEDICAL ETHICS DEFENSE ACT (Establishes the right of healthcare providers and payers to refuse to engage in medical services that violate their conscience.)
{LC3347/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2484

BY E Morgan, Rogers, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Paolino, Raptakis, Appollonio, DiPalma, LaMountain, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- COST (Provides that fees for costs charged for search, retrieval or copying of public records shall be waived for members of the general assembly who certify that they are acting in their official capacity.)
{LC3299/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2485

BY E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (Provides for a parents' bill of rights related to the health, education and welfare of their minor children.)
{LC3318/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2486**BY** E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, Dimitri, Thompson, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Requires verification of an applicant's date of birth and either a Rhode Island driver's license number or state identification number on all applications seeking mail ballots and emergency mail ballots.)
{LC3291/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2487**BY** Britto, LaMountain, DiMario, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Murray, McKenney, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DIGITAL ELECTRONICS RIGHT TO REPAIR ACT (Establishes a digital electronics right to repair, which allows for digital electronic equipment and parts that are sold in this state on or after January 1, 2026, to be repaired at an independent repair provider.)
{LC4369/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2488**BY** Kallman, Ciccone, Mack, Acosta, Vargas, Euer, McKenney, Felag, Lawson, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- BAIL BOND AGENTS AND BAIL BOND RECOVERY AGENTS (Prohibits bail bond agents and bail bond recovery agents from engaging in civil immigration enforcement, define such conduct as unprofessional, and subject violators to professional discipline under Rhode Island law.)
{LC4343/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2489**BY** Felag, Raptakis, McKenney, LaMountain, Famiglietti, Dimitri, Patalano, Lauria, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS – DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION (Amends the definition of “domestic violence” to include the coercive control of another, resulting in a pattern of behavior that in purpose or effect unreasonable interferes with another person’s free will or personal liberty.)
{LC4934/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2490

BY Dimitri, Thompson, Famiglietti, Patalano, E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows automatic voter registration for Rhode Islanders applying for hunting and fishing licenses.)

{LC4657/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2491

BY LaMountain, Britto, Burke, Gallo, Ciccone, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE (Changes the date for the election of delegates to the conventions from the fourth Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday in March 2028.)

{LC4766/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2492

BY Ujifusa, Bell, Kallman, Lauria, Valverde, Euer, Urso, Mack, Acosta, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND HEALTHCARE TRANSACTION OVERSIGHT ACT (Requires a healthcare entity to submit written notice to the attorney general and the department of health of any material change transaction at least 180 days prior to that transaction.)

{LC4169/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2493

BY Raptakis, Patalano, Thompson, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Burke, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases the penalties for reckless driving from a misdemeanor first offense to a felony, with a penalty of up to five years in prison and a fine of between one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and five thousand dollars (\$5,000).)

{LC4510/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2494**BY** Gu, Bell, Kallman, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FINANCING CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (Provides for "litigation financing" regulation by DBR.)

{LC4731/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2495**BY** LaMountain, McKenney, Felag, Burke, Gallo, Tikoian, DiPalma, Murray, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Directs the state department of education to establish an anti-hazing policy in student athletics.)

{LC4829/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2496**BY** Britto, McKenney, Euer, DiMario, Lauria, Murray, Appollonio, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Allows a pregnant member or member that has given birth in the past six (6) months to appear remotely and permits any member that participates in a meeting remotely to vote at that meeting, provided that the meeting is held in person.)

{LC4599/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2497**BY** Bissaillon, Ciccone, LaMountain, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Amends sections of the Rhode Island cannabis act relating to the residency requirements for applicants for issuance of a license or certificate to own a cannabis establishment.)

{LC4844/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2498**BY** Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian, Thompson, Felag, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- INSPECTION OF PERSONNEL FILES (Expands the obligations of employers to create, maintain and retain their employees' personnel records, it requires that records be retained for at least 3 years after employee's termination. It also increases the financial penalties for each violation.)
{LC4810/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2499**BY** Gu, DiPalma, Zurier, Urso, Ciccone, Burke, McKenney, Bell, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USE AND FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Creates a comprehensive statutory framework to address and regulate the use of artificial intelligence in the workplace, considering the interests of employers and employees.)
{LC4709/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2500**BY** Raptakis, de la Cruz, Paolino, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- E-VERIFY COMPLIANCE (Establishes the E-Verify compliance program which would require all non-governmental employers within the state with 3 or more employees to apply to participate in the federal E-Verify program and to agree to participate in the program, if accepted.)
{LC3456/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2501**BY** Famiglietti, Thompson, Burke, Dimitri, Patalano, Murray, Bissaillon, LaMountain, Tikoian, Urso, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Beginning on July 1, 2026, allows state union employees to negotiate longevity payments in their collective bargaining agreements.)
{LC4713/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2502**BY** Ciccone, Urso, Felag, Burke, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --

WORKPLACE PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY ACT (Protects bullying/psychological abuse in workplace inflicted upon employees by employers/co-employees/provides civil remedies to affected employees/fines against employers/imprisonment/fines against co-employees.)

{LC3684/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2503**BY** Famiglietti, Thompson, Appollonio, Burke, Dimitri, Murray, Bissaillon, LaMountain**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.)

{LC4707/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2504**BY** Ciccone, Urso, Felag, Burke, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --

WAREHOUSE WORKER PROTECTION ACT (Requires employers to provide each employee of a warehouse distribution center, upon hire, with written description of quotas applicable to the employee within defined time periods and adverse employment action for failure to meet the quota.)

{LC5054/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2505**BY** Famiglietti, Thompson, Appollonio, Burke, Patalano, Murray, Bissaillon, LaMountain, Tikoian, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING

FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Includes the governor's commission on disabilities in the decision making process for the disability parking enforcement enhancement program and requires an annual report be submitted to the governor's commission.)

{LC4715/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2506**BY** Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS (Adds pickles and relish to those foods not requiring refrigeration which are permitted to be manufactured and sold as a farm home food product.)
{LC4828/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2507**BY** Quezada, Thompson, Kallman, Acosta, Valverde, Mack, Raptakis, Appollonio, Euer, Famiglietti

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES (Recognizes the Seaconke Wampanoag tribe as a Native American Indian tribe for the limited purpose of assisting this tribe in establishing eligibility for federal benefits and privileges.)
{LC4554/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2508**BY** Ciccone, Urso, Burke, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows holders of a Class P license to purchase alcoholic beverages from either a retail or wholesale establishment in the State of Rhode Island.)
{LC4918/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2509**BY** Quezada, Thompson, Kallman, Acosta, Valverde, Mack, Raptakis, Appollonio, Euer, Famiglietti

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES (Provides a procedure for a Native American tribe to petition the state for recognition.)
{LC4555/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senate Majority Whip Tikoian, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Ciccone, and upon suggestion of Senator Hanna M. Gallo the Senate adjourns at 4:56 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Delores Melillo.*

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR MARK MCKENNEY

Lord ...

On this day we are called upon to give advice and consent for judges ... to persons who have navigated a lengthy process, & are being recommended to us for our approval.

We pray for ourselves, as Senators who have the responsibility of consenting to the placement of judges on Rhode Island courts.

We pray that you grant our judges the assistance they need to serve with justice & mercy & compassion.

Recognizing the difficult rulings they are called upon to make, we pray that they be held safely ... in the palm of your hand ... while performing their noble work.

**We pray as Amos did - that they exercise the power they hold so that justice may run down like a river, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
(Amos 5:24):**

We pray as in the Psalms (82:3-4) that our judges defend the weak and the orphaned, maintain the rights of the afflicted and the destitute, rescue the weak and the needy, and deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

As Abraham Lincoln prayed, we ask that our judges ensure that the cause of truth, justice, and humanity shall in no way suffer at their hands.

We pray that our judges will stand against injustice, uphold the law, and defend and protect the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Rhode Island.

We ask that you aid them, as you help us: to do our best, to remember that we are servant leaders, and to strive to ensure that all Rhode Islanders are treated fairly and impartially under the law.

Amen.

State of Rhode Island



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VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

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☐ 2025-H

☒ 2025-S

(Bill Number)

Appointment of Michael J. McCaffrey

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

V. Susan Sosnowski

Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date 02/04/26

Senate District 37

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island

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On this 4th day of February, 2026 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator V. Susan Sosnowski, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

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Appointment of Shannon G. Signore, Esq

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Appointment of Alberto Aponte Cardona, Sr.

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VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

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

☐ 2025-H

☒ 2025-S

(Bill Number)

Consent Calendar

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

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

☒ APPROVE

☐ DISAPPROVE

Respectfully Submitted,

V. Susan Sosnowski

Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date 02/04/26

Senate District 37

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

On this 4th day of February 2026 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator V. Susan Sosnowski, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

Helena S. Reid
Notary Public Signature

Helena S. Reid
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