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Twenty-Second 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 4:14 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

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

ABSENT – 2: Senators Bell and Valverde.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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



APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-First Day of the 2026 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Burke 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 BRIDGET VALVERDE District 35</p> <hr/> <p>Room 122 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>OFFICE 401-276-5561 sen-valverde@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>Committee on Health & Human Services</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Education</p>
<p>April 2, 2026</p>		
<p>The Honorable Valarie Lawson President of the Senate Rhode Island State House 82 Smith Street, 3rd Floor, Room 316 Providence, RI 02903</p>		
<p>Dear Madam President:</p>		
<p>Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber Thursday, April 2, 2026.</p>		
<p>I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.</p>		
<p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p>		
<p>Sincerely yours,  Bridget Valverde Senator District #35</p>		

Placed on file.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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

Senate Bill No. 2116 SUB A

BY Urso, McKenney, Ciccone, Murray, Valverde, Bell, Vargas, Lawson, de la Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES
(Permits a certified foot care nurse to provide certain at-home foot care, including routine foot and nail care including nail clipping. DOH determines fair and reasonable license and renewal fees for nurses providing services.)
{LC3721/A/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

The Appointment of Will Tsonos as Chair of the Life Science Hub of Rhode Island for a term expiring January 1, 2030.

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 3155

BY Thompson, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION
(Exempts from taxation the property of the non-profit Mount St. Rita Health Centre located in Cumberland, RI. The exemption would be effective as of December 31, 2025.)
{LC6234/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 3177****BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2026, TO BE "FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3812/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Gallo, Raptakis, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber from the Rhode Island Civic Learning Coalition; Hillary Lariar, Janie Lee Segui, Kayden Xavier, Destiny Cruz, Andy MacMannis, Victor Capellan, and the Rhode Island General Treasurer James A. Diosa.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Vargas, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Marcy Reyes, CEO & Founder FLY Initiative, Alexandra Castillo, Director of Programming - FLY Initiative Org, Dr. Rosey Ok – Educator.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 3178****BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MARCH 31, 2026 AS
“ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS
DAY” IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC6269/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Meredith Sheehan, Government Affairs Director, Alzheimer's Association, Rhode Island Chapter, James Sheehan, former State Senator, Frank Spinella, Chair of the Board of Advisors, Alzheimer's Association, Rhode Island Chapter, Caleb Empig, Brown University Student, Lloyd Sho-Akai-Dennis, Brown University Student, and Susan Hartson, Advocate, lost her husband to early-onset Alzheimer's and now is a staunch advocate.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026:****1. 2026-H 7005****BY** Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

2. 2026-H 7045**BY** Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

3. 2026-H 7047**BY** McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

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 – 36: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Raptakis, Quezada, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas, and Zurier.**NAYS – 0:**

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026:**

1. ***The Appointment of Associate Justice Joseph A. Montalbano VICE Presiding Justice Alice B. Gibney as Presiding 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, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Raptakis, Quezada, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas, and Zurier.

Senators LaMountain and Famiglietti discuss the advice and consent.

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, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Raptakis, Quezada, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0: Senators

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator LaMountain and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the chamber ***newly appointed Presiding Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court, Joseph A. Montalbano.***

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators LaMountain, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Quezada and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the chamber newly appointed Presiding Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court, Joseph A. Montalbano, his wife Linda Montalbano, Associate Justice Jeffrey A. Lamphear, Associate Justice Richard Raspallo, Associate Justice R. David Cruise, Associate Justice Kevin McHugh, Associate Justice Joseph McBurney, Christopher Smith, Magistrate John F. McBurney III, Magistrate Mark Welch, Associate Judge Michael McCaffrey, Timothy Healey, Glen Sparn, Laura Hoopis Manosh, Associate Justice Erin Lynch Prata, former Senate President M. Teresa Paiva Weed and Steve Burke, Chief Clerk of Providence Superior Court.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Ciccone and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the chamber Dan Bianco, Chris Sabitoni, Adam Lupino, Tom Casale, former Rhode Island State Senator Edward Morrone, and Dan Ryan.

2. 2026-S 2385**BY Bissaillon****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Bissaillon moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Pearson, Raptakis, Quezada, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, and Vargas.

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

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

NAYS – 0:

3. 2026-S 2462**BY** Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Ujifusa moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, LaMountain, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Urso, Vargas, and Zurier.

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

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

NAYS – 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Senator DiMario announces that the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet at the Rise of the Senate in Room 212.

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

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

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.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7064

BY Shallcross Smith, Bennett, Fogarty, McNamara, Perez, Carson, Casimiro, Azzinaro, Donovan, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS (Changes the direct client contact hour requirements for applicants for licensure of marriage and family therapist associate and applicants for licensure of marriage and family therapist.)

{LC3825/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

House Bill No. 7227

BY Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows for the issuance of a Class B liquor license for the property located at 150 Broadway in the city of Providence.)

{LC4393/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs.

House Bill No. 7554

BY Fogarty, Kazarian, Handy, Ajello, Lombardi, Carson, Shallcross Smith, Spears, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES (Expands meaning of bomb threats and false reports to include any warning or threat of the existence of an explosive device and allows judge to impose conditions of bail to include extreme risk protection orders, no trespass orders and counseling.)

{LC4404/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7568

BY Noret, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Nardone, Place, Speakman, Costantino, Read, Solomon, Santucci

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

{LC3888/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

House Bill No. 7666**BY** Chippendale, Santucci, Newberry, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Paul J. Rao to join Spencer Rao and Michaela Smith in Marriage on or about June 20, 2026, within the Town of Foster, Rhode Island.)

{LC5196/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7923

(Dept. of Health)

BY Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Revises sections of the uniform controlled substances act to remove specific opioid dosage requirements and revise the uniform controlled substances act in accordance with current standards of professional practice.)

{LC5258/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

House Bill No. 8232 as amended**BY** Chippendale, Santucci, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EMBRACING THE TOWNS OF FOSTER AND GLOCESTER (Changes the date of the regional school district financial meeting for the Foster-Glocester regional school district to March 24, 2026.)

{LC5988/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

House Bill No. 7738**BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Speakman, Boylan, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Establishes a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2031, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor.)

{LC3193/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 3179****BY** Murray, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES (Prohibits the use of genetic information for purposes of determining eligibility, setting premium rates, or imposing preexisting condition exclusions for life insurance, disability insurance, or long-term care insurance.)

{LC4847/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 3180**BY** Thompson, Britto, Murray, DiPalma, Tikoian, Ciccone, Sosnowski, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- VETERINARY PRACTICE (Authorizes veterinarians to establish a client-patient relationship through electronic means, subject to limitations and requirements such as Vet making a good faith effort to determine if care should be provided through telemedicine instead of in person.)

{LC6245/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 3181**BY** DiPalma, Gu, Felag, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ciccone, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE BLUE WAVE BOND FOR COASTAL PREPAREDNESS -- 2026 BOND REFERENDUM (Proposes a bond measure authorizing the State of Rhode Island to issue up to \$100,000,000 in general obligation bonds, subject to voter approval, to fund coastal preparedness and resilience projects.)

{LC6244/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 3182**BY** Ciccone, Burke, Famiglietti, Raptakis, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FORESTRY AND FOREST PARITY ACT (Establishes sales and use tax exemptions for commercial forest product operations and creates a new motor vehicle registration for "forestry vehicles".)

{LC6272/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 3183**BY** DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Thompson**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO 401 TECH BRIDGE TO STUDY AND EXPLORE SEAGLIDERS IN RHODE ISLAND (This resolution would make an appropriation of \$250,000 to 401 Tech Bridge to study and explore seaglidgers.)

{LC6247/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 3184**BY** Ciccone, Burke, Famiglietti, Raptakis, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Details each of those limited emergency circumstances where a registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurses, may safely administer anesthesia such as critical life-saving or emergency situations where there is imminent threat to life or limb.)

{LC6266/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 3185**BY** de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- DAM MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (Exempts property that consists of the lake bed and Wilson's Reservoir in the town of Burrillville from taxes.)

{LC6271/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 3186**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR (Proposes a bond measure to authorize the Town of Jamestown to issue up to three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in general obligation bonds, subject to voter approval, to support affordable housing projects in Jamestown.)

{LC6261/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 3187**BY** DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF RENTAL OF MOTORIZED BICYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS AND MOTORIZED TRICYCLES IN NEW SHOREHAM (Permits the town council of the town of New Shoreham to enact an ordinance that limits a license holder from renting or leasing more than thirty-four (34) motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized tricycles.)
{LC6273/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 3188**BY** Famiglietti, LaMountain, Dimitri, Bissaillon, Patalano, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS-LIABILITY LIMITATIONS (Changes the definition of owner to exclude the state and municipalities for the purposes of liability limitations relating to public use of private lands.)
{LC5219/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 3189**BY** Famiglietti, LaMountain, Dimitri, Bissaillon, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE (Repeals the collateral source rule in medical malpractice actions.)
{LC5216/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 3190**BY** Famiglietti, LaMountain, Dimitri, Bissaillon, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DECISIONS, SPECIAL FINDINGS AND ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES (Adds the doctrine of assumption of risk to the current comparative negligence statute.)
{LC5221/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 3191**BY** Famiglietti, McKenney, Patalano, LaMountain, Dimitri, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE (Provides that for purposes of all civil actions, the fair and reasonable charge for certain medical and dental services is the amount billed by the licensed healthcare provider.)

{LC5215/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 3192**BY** Famiglietti, LaMountain, Dimitri, Bissaillon, Patalano, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ABUSE IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Removes the intent requirement relative to the definitions of "abuse" within the chapter on "abuse in healthcare facilities" and amends the definitions of "abuse" and "neglect" with regard to elderly affairs by deleting the element of willful conduct.)

{LC5223/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 3193**BY** LaMountain, Burke, Famiglietti, Bissaillon, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Provides for punitive damages in civil actions where there is willful or wanton conduct or a reckless disregard for health, safety and welfare.)

{LC5226/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 3194**BY** LaMountain, Burke, Famiglietti, Bissaillon, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE -- MANDATORY ARBITRATION PROVISION (Increases the minimum claim amount necessary to require a matter involving motor vehicle liability be submitted to mandatory arbitration.)

{LC5217/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 3195**BY** LaMountain, Burke, Famiglietti, Bissaillon, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Provides for mandatory uninsured motorist coverage.)

{LC5229/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 3196**BY** McKenney, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LITIGATION LENDING AGREEMENTS (Makes litigation loan agreements subject to state usury laws.)

{LC5225/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 3197**BY** Dimitri, Patalano, LaMountain, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSE OF ACTION (Permits a signed release to be transmitted to the party responsible for paying the settlement or their attorney by electronic means.)

{LC5220/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 3198**BY** Dimitri, Patalano, LaMountain, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Requires that insurance policies for property damage, personal injuries, and indemnification other than payment of compensation for workers compensation, state policy limits and no amount of the policy may be used to pay costs to defend a claim.)

{LC5218/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 3199**BY** Dimitri, LaMountain, Famiglietti, Patalano, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS (Provides a specific cause of action for violations of the rights of nursing home patients chapter.)

{LC5214/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 3200**BY** McKenney, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Prohibits an employer, employment agency, labor organization, or employee, to commit any act declared to be an unlawful employment practice; individuals would be held personally liable for such conduct.)

{LC5222/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 3201

(Secretary of State)

BY LaMountain, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Makes several amendments to provide for an online nomination paper portal for election nomination papers.)

{LC6162/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 3202

(Secretary of State)

BY Dimitri, LaMountain, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Amends the refiling process for rules and regulations under the administrative procedures act by implementing a confirmation and attestation system to confirm agency rules and regulations are active and effective.)

{LC6161/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 3203**BY** Famiglietti, Tikoian, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows for the issuance of a Class BV license for the property located at 1706 Mineral Spring Avenue in the town of North Providence.)

{LC6252/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 3204**BY** Pearson, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE CUMBERLAND LODGE #14, FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

{LC6253/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

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

Senate Bill No. 2270**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SITUS AND OWNERSHIP OF TAXABLE PROPERTY (Clarifies that buildings on leased land in the town of South Kingstown shall be taxed as real estate whether or not the leases are in writing or recorded.)

{LC3981/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

Senate Bill No. 2292

BY DiPalma, LaMountain, Burke, Tikoian, McKenney, Paolino, Raptakis, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISARMING A PEACE OFFICER (Makes it a felony for any person to remove or attempt to remove any firearm or other weapon or any communication device from any peace officer or investigator of the department of attorney general.)
{LC4203/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2725

BY Bissaillon, Burke, Acosta, Mack, Dimitri, LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Increases the fees charged for filings and writs of execution in the district court, superior court and family court.)
{LC5187/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 3099

BY Tikoian, Ciccone, LaMountain, Bissaillon, McKenney, Burke, Raptakis, Quezada, Dimitri
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT (Changes the term of drug court to recovery court.)
{LC6102/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Ciccone, the Senate adjourns at 4:51 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JOHN P. BURKE

Dear God, we are grateful for the privilege of serving in this Senate. Keep us ever mindful that we are here to serve those who have elected us. Amen.

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, APRIL 02, 2026****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}

Transmitted to Governor.

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}

Transmitted to Governor.

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}

Transmitted to Governor.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026:

1. 2026-S 3204

BY Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE CUMBERLAND LODGE #14, FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026:

1. *The Appointment of Will Tsonos as Chair of the Life Science Hub of Rhode Island for a term expiring January 1, 2030.*

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

2. **2026-S 3155**
BY Thompson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

3. **2026-S 2116 SUB A**
BY Urso
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

4. **2026-S 2270**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SITUS AND OWNERSHIP OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

5. **2026-S 2292**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISARMING A PEACE OFFICER

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

6. **2026-S 2725**
BY Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. **2026-S 3099**
BY Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.