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Thursday, April 16, 2026

Twenty-Sixth 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 4:04 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 31 Senators present and 7 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT –31: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

ABSENT – 7: Senators Ciccone, Euer, Lauria, Mack, Morgan, Quezada, and Raptakis.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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


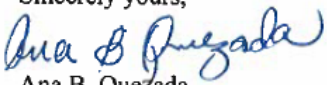
APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator LaMountain 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 ANA B. QUEZADA <i>Deputy Majority Whip</i> District 2</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>	<p>Committee on Judiciary</p>
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<p>April 15, 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 on Thursday, April 16, 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,  Ana B. Quezada Senator District #2</p>		

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State of Rhode Island

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Senate Chamber

April 16, 2026

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

Dear Madam President,

Please be advised that I am unable to attend Senate Session today, April 16, 2026.

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

Sincerely,

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Leonidas P. Raptakis
Senator -- District 33

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April 16, 2026

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

Dear Madam President,

Please be advised that I am unable to attend Senate Session today, Thursday, April 16, 2026.

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

Sincerely,

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Pam Lauria
Senator – District 32

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State of Rhode Island

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Committee on Education

Committee on
Housing & Municipal Government

April 16, 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, April 16, 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 reads "Tiara Mack".

Tiara Mack
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State of Rhode Island

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Veterans' Affairs

Committee on Rules,
Government Ethics & Oversight

Senate Chamber

April 16, 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, April 16, 2026.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Euer
Senator - District 13

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Chairwoman Gallo, from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Reappointment of David Kim to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Reappointment of Amy Leidtke to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Kara Kunst VICE Suzanne Augenstein to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Maggie Anderson VICE Marisa Angell Brown to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Michael Rose VICE Dominique Alfandre to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of André Herrera-Quinonez VICE Jennifer Fonseca to the Rhode Island State Council of the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2028.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Chairman Felag, from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

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}

Placed on the Calendar.

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}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 3219****BY** Thompson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 16, 2026, AS "RHODE ISLAND MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC6180/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Thompson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Thompson, Urso, and Murray speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Thompson and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber from the Rhode Island Manufacturers Association's 2026 Award winners; the recipient of the Henry D. Sharpe Award, West Warwick Welding, Louis Campisani, joined by his wife, Karen, the Al Lubrano MVP Award winner, Steve Ilmrud of Hexagon Manufacturing Intelligence, accompanied by his wife, Lisa. The Next-Gen Leadership Award, Ronald A. Fasano of the Fasano Corporation, who is here with his wife, Kaitlin Armstrong, and his parents, Ronald and Mary Fasano, Nicholas Jones of ChemArt, the recipient of the Manufacturing Innovation Award, who is joined by ChemArt CEO Hamilton Davison, President's Award recipient, Benjamin White of Taco, Inc., Partner of the Year Award winner, David Spencer of Atlantic Paper & Supply, the dedicated members of the Rhode Island Manufacturers Association who have played a vital role Craig Pickell, Chair, Board of Directors, Chris Goodwin, Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Bob Nangle, Immediate Past Chair, Kevin Papa, Treasurer, Joe Mattiello, RIMA Board of Directors, Melissa Travis, RIMA President & Chief Executive Officer, from POLARIS MEP, Christian Cowan from the URI Research Foundation/401 Tech Bridge, Matt Watson, Director of Polaris MEP, and Rhode Island Manufactures Association First ever Chairman's Award, US Veteran David A. Brown.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 3220****BY** Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING FAMILY MEDICINE PHYSICIANS
FOR THEIR SERVICE AND ADVOCACY
{LC6296/1}

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, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Ujifusa, Urso and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Katharina de Klerk, Christopher Klaus, Ashley Le-Pham and Ayesha Gurnani, Christine Nevins-Herbert, Meghan Gould, Sara Watson, Petraneia Smith, Max Cohen, Diana Wohler, Jordan White, Jennifer Buckley, Nicole Siegert and Charles Hackett.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 3221****BY** Kallman, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL TO BE "HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC3741/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Kallman requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Kallman and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Pauline Getzoyan, RI Holocaust & Genocide Education Commission (RIHGEC) chair, Dave Bartos, RIHGEC vice-chair, Rhonda Marro, RIHGEC secretary, Geralyn Ducady, RI Depart.of Education representative, Todd Grimes, RI Association of School Principals representative Kannyka Pouk, Carly Reich, RI Association of School Committees representative, Scott Sutherland, RI School Superintendents Association representative Dave Weed, Wendy Joering, Director of the Sandra Bornstein Holocaust Education Center.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 3222****BY** Gallo, Burke**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 16, 2026, TO BE "COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC3815/1}

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, Bell, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber President of the Community College of Rhode Island, Dr. Rosemary A. Costigan and Amy Kempe, Chief of Staff.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 3223****BY** Lawson

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SANDRA BERUBE ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER 33 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS A SENIOR STAFF MEMBER WITH THE RHODE ISLAND STATE SENATE
{LC6235/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Tikoian requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Dimitri and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Senior Staff Member of the Rhode Island State Senate Sandra Berube and her niece Melany Coffey.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026:****1. 2026-S 3218****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BASEBALL ICON DAVEY LOPES AND EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON HIS PASSING

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2026-H 8229**BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, 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 – 31: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026:****1. 2026-S 2409****BY** Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

Senator Thompson moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Appollonio, Bell, Britto, Burke, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, and Vargas.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 28 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 28: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Pearson, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 3: Senators de la Cruz, Paolino, Rogers.

2. 2026-S 2925**BY** Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

Senator Burke moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, LaMountain, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, and Vargas.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 28 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 28: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Pearson, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 3: Senators de la Cruz, Paolino, Rogers.

3. 2026-S 3119**BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

Senator Tikoian moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Britto, Burke, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, LaMountain, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, and Vargas.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 29 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 29: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 2: Senators de la Cruz, Rogers.

4. 2026-S 2750**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT
JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES
AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

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

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 31: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

5. 2026-S 3176**BY** Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CROOK POINT BRIDGE AUTHORITY ACT

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

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

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 31: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

6. 2026-H 7049 as amended**BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

Senator Burke moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, McKenney, Patalano, Pearson, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Vargas, and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote, with 30 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Pearson, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 1: Senator Paolino.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

Senator Tikoian would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Senator Louis P. DiPalma and Senator Ana B. Quezada.

Senator Tikoian would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Sound System Technician Al Greene and Senate Parliamentarian Robert L. Ricci.

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.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 3224**

BY Valverde, DiMario, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (Prohibits the operation of any thermal waste conversion facility such as pyrolysis within the Quonset Point/Davisville Industrial Park.)
{LC6352/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Resolution No. 3225

BY DiMario, Valverde, Euer

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY SLUDGE MANAGEMENT IN RHODE ISLAND
{LC6351/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Resolution No. 3226**BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARY ANN JOHNSON
{LC6322/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 3227**BY** Burke, Ciccone, Bissaillon, Mack, Famiglietti, Kallman, Patalano, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CITY OF PROVIDENCE: TRANSFER OF PORTION OF STATE INCOME TAXES OF NEW EMPLOYEES OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (Provides that a portion of state income taxes from employees working at not-for-profit healthcare institutions, health service institutions, and educational institutions be allocated to the city of Providence.)
{LC4021/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 3228**BY** Ciccone, Bissaillon, Raptakis, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- AUTOMATED TRAFFIC VIOLATION MONETARY SYSTEMS (Extends the sunseting of the "Don't Block the Box" automated traffic detection systems from January 15, 2027, to January 15, 2030.)
{LC4028/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 3229**BY** de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2026, TO BE "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC6256/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 3230**BY** de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2026, AS "AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC6255/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 3231**BY** DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2026 BOND REFERENDA (Submits the state's 2026 capital development program relating to green bonds requesting the issuance of general obligation bonds totaling \$60,000,000 for approval of the electorate at the general election to be held in November, 2026.)
{LC6364/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

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}

Placed on Calendar.

House Bill No. 7043 SUB A**BY** Azzinaro, Kennedy, Phillips, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Requires that applicants for a retail liquor license in the town of Westerly acquire commercial, general-liability, liquor liability and property damage insurance coverage in the amount of \$300,000.)
{LC3381/A/1}

Placed on Consent Calendar.

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:

House Bill No. 7029 SUB A

BY Boylan, McGaw, Potter, Donovan, Fogarty, Speakman, Azzinaro, Kislak, Bennett, Hopkins **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Permits a nurse who has the appropriate knowledge, credentials and clinical competency, to provide home services foot care, which includes routine foot and nail care, as well as implementing a plan of care that includes hygiene and fingernails.)

{LC3130/A/2}

Placed on Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

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

House Bill No. 7661

BY McGaw, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Enables the town of Portsmouth to adopt, repeal, or modify their tax classification plan for any tax year on and after December 31, 2026.)

{LC5089/1}

Placed on Consent Calendar.

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}

Placed on Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 7662

BY Cortvriend, Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Middletown to adopt by ordinance, a veterans' property tax exemption to any veteran, who was honorably discharged, or discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, regardless of dates or periods of service.)

{LC4881/1}

Placed on Consent Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senate President Pro Tempore Gallo, the Senate adjourns at 5:02 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

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}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 8229

BY Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

{LC5952/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR MATTHEW L. LAMOUNTAIN

Lord, we ask you to keep us safe and healthy over the vacation break and allow us to return refreshed so we may continue to serve in the best interests of our people. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026:

1. ***The Reappointment of David Kim to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.***
Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
2. ***The Reappointment of Amy Leidtke to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.***
Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
3. ***The Appointment of Kara Kunst VICE Suzanne Augenstein to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.***
Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
4. ***The Appointment of Maggie Anderson VICE Marisa Angell Brown to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.***
Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
5. ***The Appointment of Michael Rose VICE Dominique Alfandre to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.***
Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
6. ***The Appointment of André Herrera-Quinonez VICE Jennifer Fonseca to the Rhode Island State Council of the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2028.***
Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

7. **2026-S 3226**
BY McKenney
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARY ANN JOHNSON

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

8. **2026-S 3229**
BY de la Cruz
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2026, TO BE "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

9. **2026-S 3230**
BY de la Cruz
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2026, AS "AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

10. **2026-H 7227**
BY J. Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage in concurrence.

11. **2026-H 7029 SUB A**
BY Boylan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage in concurrence.

12. **2026-H 7043 SUB A**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

13. **2026-H 7661**
BY McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

14. **2026-H 7151**
BY Finkelman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

15. **2026-H 7662**
BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026:**

- 1. 2026-S 2876**
BY Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
- 2. 2026-S 2877**
BY Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
- 3. 2026-S 2755**
BY Zurier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
- 4. 2026-S 3203**
BY Famiglietti
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
- 5. 2026-S 2391**
BY Patalano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF REAL ESTATE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.