STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS



JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the sixth day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen.

Volume 142, No.52 Thursday, May 28, 2015 Fifty-Second Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:36 o'clock P.M.

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 Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

ABSENT – 2: Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Fifty-First Legislative Day of the 2015 proceedings is read in part.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

Senator Picard from the Committee on Commerce, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

House Bill No. 5959

(Public Utilities Commission) BY Azzinaro, Carnevale, Craven, Kennedy ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Expands the division of public utilities and carriers' authority to adopt safety standards related to pipeline facilities including, storage, transportation and distribution of natural gas and flammable gas.) {LC1786/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Gallo from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Appointment of Daniel P. McConaghy VICE Mathies Santos to the Rhode Island Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2018.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

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

Senate Bill No. 914 BY Ruggerio, Ciccone, Archambault, O`Neill, Nesselbush ENTITLED, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE (Amends the charter provisions of the North Providence town charter.) {LC2691/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Senator Fogarty, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

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Senate Bill No. 194 SUB A BY Lynch, Pichardo, Miller, Goodwin, Ruggerio ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MINIMUM WAGES (Provides an increase in the minimum wage from nine dollars (\$9.00) to ten dollars and ten cents (\$10.10) per hour on January 1, 2016.) {LC694/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 273 BY Doyle, Fogarty, Picard, Lombardo, Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY (Requires the director of labor and training to consider representatives from industries participating in non-trade apprenticeship programs when making appointments to the apprenticeship council.) {LC473/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 276 BY Gallo, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Lynch ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Prohibits employers from discriminating against employees due to pregnancy or medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth.) {LC851/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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

Senate Bill No. 71 SUB A BY Sosnowski ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Entitles a surviving relative to receive a purple heart plate transfer upon the death of the recipient.)

 $\{LC112/A/1\}$

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 286
BY DiPalma, Nesselbush, Algiere
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING
AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Reduces the licensing fee to \$500 for any distillery producing less than 50,000 gallons per year and grants a tax exemption to distilleries doing business in RI for at least 12 months.)

{LC821/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 357 BY Pichardo, Metts, Crowley, Goodwin, Miller ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special registration plate to honor César E. Chávez.) {LC950/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 359 BY Sheehan, O`Neill, Cote, Conley, Sosnowski ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES, AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Corrects the designation of a bridge in North Kingstown named the "Second Lieutenant Matthew Coutu Memorial Bridge.") {LC858/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 355 SUB A BY Picard ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- THE RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT (Extends the commercial learner's permit from the current ninety days to one hundred eighty days and would establish learner's permit fees.)

{LC1205/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 449 SUB A BY Jabour, Sosnowski ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Permits the division of motor vehicles to create a special registration plate for state public colleges and universities.) {LC1581/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 450 SUB A BY Felag, Doyle, Walaska, Jabour, Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Permits the division of motor vehicles to create a special registration plate for private colleges and universities within the state.) {LC1825/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 646 BY Pichardo, Paiva Weed, Felag, Crowley, Goodwin ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Gives veterans priority for housing rental subsidy and housing retention assistance under the Rhode Island housing resource act.) {LC1519/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator McCaffrey from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

House Bill No. 6076 BY Shekarchi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows James E. O'Neil, Esq., to join Julia Surdut and Nicholas Young in marriage on or about June 6, 2015, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.) {LC2480/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 6118 BY Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Scott Christopher McGowan to join Alicia Lombardi and Laura Rose Gauvin in marriage on or about June 14, 2015 in the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC2511/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 6120 BY Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thomas Pangburn to join Amanda Baker and Ryan G. Knuth in marriage on or about June 6, 2015, within South County, Rhode Island.)

{LC2573/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 6039 SUB A

(Secretary of State) BY Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS (Amends provisions relative to benefit corporations issuance of annual reports, and the recording of the first such annual report.) {LC2303/A/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

Also:

House Bill No. 5667 BY Marshall, Winfield, Carnevale ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Increases to 15 the membership of the Rhode Island Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council.) {LC1822/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

House Bill No. 5635 BY Jacquard, Nunes ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - RESIDENTIAL SECURITY DEPOSITS (Allows landlords to withhold from a security deposit paid by a vacating tenant, reasonable cleaning and trash disposal expenses they have incurred.) {LC1469/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

House Bill No. 5871 (Judiciary) BY Craven, Keable ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS (Provides that review of final judgments in post conviction relief proceedings be sought by the filing of a petition for writ of certiorari.) {LC1840/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

House Bill No. 6035 SUB A

(Secretary of State) BY Kennedy, Shekarchi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS - RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT (Requires filing of certificate of good standing from taxation division to accompany certain filings with secretary of state/establishes conversions procedure for limited partnerships to other business entities.) {LC2349/A/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

House Bill No. 5888

(Rhode Island College) BY Messier, Amore ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Would name the School of Social Work located at Rhode Island College the "Carol J. Guardo Hall.") {LC1698/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

House Bill No. 5940 (Rhode Island College) BY O'Brien, McKiernan, Morin, Marshall, Slater ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the high-rise residence hall located in the student residential sector of campus at Rhode Island College in Providence, "Gary M. Penfield Hall.") {LC1697/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Also:

House Bill No. 6185

BY Costa, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES, AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Corrects the designation of a bridge in North Kingstown named the "Second Lieutenant Matthew Coutu Memorial Bridge.")

{LC2660/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GENERAL TREASURER

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

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS STATE HOUSE

May 20, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-10.1-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the R.I. Public Finance Management Board:

Patricia M. Anderson of West Warwick

VICE Stephen Woerner

for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Seth Magaziner General Treasurer

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS STATE HOUSE

May 22, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-10.1-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the R.I. Public Finance Management Board:

Shawn J. Brown of Middletown

VICE Vacant Position

for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Seth Magaziner General Treasurer

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS STATE HOUSE

May 27, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 35-10-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the R.I. State Investment Commission:

Marie J. Langlois of Providence

VICE Daniel Reilly

for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Seth Magaziner General Treasurer

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS STATE HOUSE

May 27, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 35-10-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following re-appointment to the R.I. State Investment Commission:

Marcia B. Reback of Providence

for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Seth Magaziner General Treasurer

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 951 BY Algiere, Morgan, Walaska, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RONALD KENNEDY {LC2769/1}

Senator Algiere requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Algiere moves passage, seconded by the Senators Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a rising vote.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 952 BY Ruggerio, Goodwin, Miller, Ciccone, Jabour ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Establishes a tax assessment schedule for land located within the I-195 Redevelopment District.) {LC2764/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 953 BY Paiva Weed, DiPalma, Ruggerio ENTITLED, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NEWPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY," PASSED AT THE JANUARY, 1854 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND OF THE SEVERAL ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF AND IN ADDITION THERETO (Exempts from taxation the real and personal property of the Newport Historical Society.) {LC2798/1}

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Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 954 BY Goldin ENTITLED, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY," PASSED AT THE JUNE, 1822 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND OF THE SEVERAL ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF AND IN ADDITION THERETO (Exempts from taxation the real and personal property of the Rhode Island Historical Society.) {LC2797/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 955 BY O'Neill, Cote, Fogarty ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION - NORTH SMITHFIELD (Converts the North Smithfield real estate tax freeze program for the elderly into a deferral program.) {LC2786/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 956 BY Ruggerio ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Mario Martone to join Cassandra Carolan Yates and Ryan Michael Simko in marriage on or about July 25, 2015, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC2795/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 957 BY Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Norman Beliuear to join Dana Ciampanelli and Michael Mezt, Sr. in marriage on or about September 12, 2015, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.) {LC2783/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 958 BY McCaffrey ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Frank S. Lombardi to join Nicolas DePaola and Vanessa DiPaolo in marriage on or about August 8, 2015, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.) {LC2782/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 959 BY DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES --TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN (Permits the town of Middletown to grant a proposed Class BV liquor license within 200' feet of a church.) {LC2787/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2015-S 948

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING RABBI MARC S. JAGOLINZER FOR FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS FAITH AND THE COMMUNITY

2. 2015-S 949

BY Lombardo **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM P. LONARDO Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algiere, the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

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IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015:

1. Appointment of Bernard V. Buonanno III VICE Maeve Donohue to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2019.

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

Senator Picard seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Jabour, Miller, Morgan and Goldin moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

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

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

Appointment of Harry Winthrop (Representing Local Government) VICE Peder Schaefer to the Rhode Island State Labor Relations Board for a term expiring August 1, 2021.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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2. Appointment of Donna M. Sams (Representing Minority Business and Small Business) VICE Roland Fiore (Resigned) to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2017.

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

Senator Picard seconded by Senators Gallo, Ruggerio, Goodwin and Morgan moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

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

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS-0:

3. Appointment of Mary F. Lovejoy VICE Shannon E. Brawley (Resigned) to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2016.

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

Senator Picard seconded by Senators Gallo, Ruggerio, Jabour, Morgan, Algiere, O'Neill, Coyne and Lombardi moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

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

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS-0:

4. Appointment of Mary Jo Kaplan (Representing Small Business) VICE Jerauld C. Adams to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2019.

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

Senator Picard seconded by Senators Lombardo, Gallo, Jabour, Goldin, Morgan and Algiere moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

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

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

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5. Appointment of Michael F. McNally (Representing Small Business) VICE Stanley Weiss to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2019.

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

Senator Picard seconded by Senators Gallo, Lombardo, Morgan, Cote and Coyne moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

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

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS-0:

6. Appointment of Vanessa Toledo-Vickers VICE Elizabeth Francis (Resigned) to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2018.

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

Senator Picard seconded by Senators Gallo, Pichardo, Morgan, Algiere and Lombardo moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

Senator Morgan discusses the appointment.

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

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS-0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Goldin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Carol Rubenstein, daughter of Lila Sapinsley.

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7. Appointment of Nicole Everline Alexander-Scott, M.D. (Director of the Department of Health) VICE Michael Fine, M.D. (Resigned) Director of the Department of Health

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Senator Miller seconded by Senators Metts, Nesselbush, Crowley, Doyle, Walaska, DaPonte, Goodwin, Algiere, Ottiano, Sheehan and Jabour moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

Senator Goldin discusses the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Goldin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber newly appointed Director of the Department of Health Nicole Everline Alexander-Scott.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to Her Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator DiPalma announces that the Joint Committee on Health and Human Services and Committee on Finance will meet on, Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Nesselbush announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Jabour announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Jabour announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet on Tuesday, June 2, at 3:30 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

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

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet on Monday, June 1, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Metts announces that the Committee on Education will meet on Tuesday, June 2, at 3:30 o'clock P.M. in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Kettle and upon suggestion of Senator Algiere the Senate adjourns at 4:56 o'clock P.M. in memory of Ronald Kennedy.

JOSEPH R. BRADY Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR MARK W. GEE

Gracious God, as we gather today to observe Rhode Island Agriculture Day. We thank you for the rich variety of your bounty our food from the many parts of our state both above and below the water. We pray for those who grow, prepare, catch and distribute the food we eat. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 02, 2015:

1. 2015-Н 5959

BY Azzinaro ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Commerce recommends passage in concurrence.

2. 2015-H 6076 BY Shekarchi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

3. 2015-H 6118 BY Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

4. 2015-H 6120 BY Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 03, 2015:

1. Appointment of Harry Winthrop (Representing Local Government) VICE Peder Schaefer to the Rhode Island State Labor Relations Board for a term expiring August 1, 2021.

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

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 02, 2015:

1. 2015-S 99 BY Goldin ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

2. 2015-S 114 BY Kettle ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - INCOME TAX REFUNDS -STATE TAX OFFICIALS

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

3. 2015-S 303 BY Goldin ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 03, 2015:

1. Appointment of Daniel P. McConaghy VICE Mathies Santos to the Rhode Island Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2018.

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

2. 2015-S 54

BY Pearson **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --OPEN MEETINGS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. 2015-S 914

BY Ruggerio **ENTITLED**, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

4. 2015-S 194 SUB A

BY Lynch

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MINIMUM WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

5. 2015-S 273

BY Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

6. 2015-S 276

BY Gallo **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

7. 2015-S 71 SUB A

BY Sosnowski **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

8. 2015-S 286

BY DiPalma **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES --MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

9. 2015-S 355 SUB A

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- THE RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

10. 2015-S 357

BY Pichardo **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

11. 2015-S 359

BY Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE 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.

12. 2015-S 449 SUB A

BY Jabour **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

13. 2015-S 450 SUB A

BY Felag **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

14. 2015-S 646

BY Pichardo **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.