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Eighth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 33 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Archambault, Crowley, Kettle and Morgan.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Seventh Legislative Day of the 2018 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber *Jordan Hevanor*, of Wakefield, RI. She is a cofounder of the “Women’s Project” and one of the organizers of the “Women’s March,” to be held this Saturday at the Statehouse.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Metts and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber, students from Bryant University Shadowing Day. Bryant University students participate in this day where they have the opportunity to visit a work place that interests them and meets their educational goals. The students attending today are interested in government and in learning about the opportunities to intern through the State Government Internship Program. The Bryant University students in attendance today are *Robert McCabe* ’18 - Management; Politics and Law, he is from Massachusetts, and *Emily Nunez* ’20 - Spanish: Politics and Law, she is from Cranston in Senator Miller’s district. The Bryant University staff in attendance today are *Denise Gormley*, Senior Coordinator Academic Internship Program, and *Veronica Mansour*, Associate Director, Career Services.

APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR

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



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

January 18, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64.14-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the I-195 Redevelopment Commission:

Elizabeth C. Huidekoper

For a term expiring October 3, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

January 18, 2018

The Honorable Dominick Ruggerio
President of the Senate
State House Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Thursday, January 18, 2018.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley
Senate District 16

Read and placed on file.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
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January 18, 2018

The Honorable Dominick Ruggerio
President of the Senate
State House Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Thursday, January 18, 2018, due to illness. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine J. Morgan
DEPUTY MINORITY WHIP

Read and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2044

BY Metts, Quezada, Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

{LC3447/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Metts requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Metts moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, and Sosnowski

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

Senate Bill No. 2045

BY Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Algieri, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TWIN RIVER AND THE TIVERTON GAMING FACILITY (Authorizes state-operated sports wagering at Twin River/Tiverton facilities effective when authorized by federal law/court decision regulated by lottery division with no wagering on RI college teams.)

{LC3938/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

Senate Resolution No. 2046

BY DiPalma, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION THANKING DR. FRANCISCO TRILLA FOR HIS VOLUNTEER EFFORTS IN PUERTO RICO ASSISTING NUMEROUS PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE MARIA

{LC3303/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2047

BY DiPalma, Metts, Ciccone, Euer, Calkin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ADOPT "AN AMERICAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY" PROGRAM

{LC3215/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2048

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - LIFE INSURANCE (Requires that the department of business regulation provide a mandatory disclosure notice, at no cost to insurers, to certain life insurance policy holders regarding their rights and alternatives to lapse or surrender.)

{LC3500/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2049

BY DiPalma, Satchell, Paolino, Felag, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Redefines extraordinary costs associated with the education of special education students.)

{LC3198/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2050

BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Conley, McCaffrey, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT (Refines the law on guidelines for concussions at school and youth programs so that an adult trained in recognizing the symptoms of a concussion is required to be present during all events.)

{LC3860/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2051

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Requires that the board of elementary and secondary education adopt a competency-based/proficiency-based learning policy whereby students can earn credits through demonstration of competency.)

{LC3673/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2052

BY Satchell, Gallo, Seveney, Jabour, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS (Creates a process for the department of education relating to the collection and organization of information concerning the workload and scope of the duties and responsibilities performed by school social workers.)

{LC3456/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Resolution No. 2053

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RHODE ISLAND WATER RESOURCES BOARD AND WATER SUPPLY

{LC3902/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2054

BY Calkin, Quezada, Coyne, DiPalma, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY SITING (Requires carbon-emissions-reduction goals be considered in energy plant siting proceedings.)
{LC3374/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2055

BY Lynch Prata, Sosnowski, Coyne, Goodwin, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CARE OF DOGS (Repeals exception which allows hunting dogs to be kept outdoors in cold weather.)
{LC3344/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2056

BY Gallo, Ciccone, Picard, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES-- LIABILITIES AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in values of motorcycles from sales tax.)
{LC3686/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2057

BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Conley, Felag, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Requires the tax administrator to commence any action for collection of personal income tax due and payable within ten (10) years of April 15 of the year the tax return was or would have been filed.)
{LC3848/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2058

BY Calkin, Quezada, Satchell, Euer, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Establishes a surtax on the business corporation tax for publicly traded corporations subject to SEC disclosure and reporting requirements, if corporation's ratio of compensation for its CEO to median worker is equal to or greater than 100 to 1.)
{LC3377/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2059

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the calculation of the permanent foundation education aid to school districts, and makes an adjustment based upon students residing in qualified low-income housing.)

{LC3677/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2060

BY Lombardi, Miller, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - PAYMENTS TO FIRE COMPANIES (Provides for an appropriation of state funds to cities and towns who are members of the Narragansett Bay marine task force (NBMTF) for the maintenance of boats providing services to Narragansett Bay.)

{LC3854/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2061

BY Ciccone, Quezada, Metts, Lombardi, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Requires the general assembly to appropriate a minimum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in capital financing to Rhode Island Housing & Mortgage Finance Corporation (RIHMFC) for the development of affordable housing for the homeless.)

{LC3539/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2062

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permits a municipality, in which twelve percent (12%) of the housing in a municipality qualifies for low-income housing, to charge a tax up to ten percent (10%) of the current year's gross scheduled rental income.)

{LC3681/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2063

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Increases the maximum tax for qualifying low-income housing from eight percent (8%) to ten percent (10%) of the property's previous year's gross scheduled rental income.)

{LC3680/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2064

BY Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS - AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Increases compensation paid by the airport corporation to the city of Warwick for municipal services at the T.F. Green Airport.)

{LC3780/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2065

BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Conley, McCaffrey, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Enacts a ten (10) year limitations statute on collection actions for any due and payable sales and use estate personal income business corporation tax effective July 1, 2018.)

{LC3849/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2066

BY DiPalma, Pearson, Conley, Lynch Prata, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - WITHHOLDING OF TAX (Provides that non-resident withholding requirement for a corporation that sells real estate be consistent with the seven percent (7%) corporate income tax rate.)

{LC3908/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2067

BY Felag, DiPalma, Seveney, Ciccone, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows \$15,000 modification of retirement income in "pensions" and "annuities" line of federal tax return.)

{LC3427/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2068

BY Satchell, Metts, Cote, Conley, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MICRO ZONE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT (Creates micro zones in distressed areas to stimulate economic revitalization/employment opportunities/business development through redevelopment of abandoned industrial/commercial structures.)

{LC3463/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2069

BY Calkin, Quezada, Satchell, Miller, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CHILD CARE--STATE
SUBSIDIES (Increases the child care provider reimbursement rate by five percent (5%).)
{LC3375/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2070

BY Calkin, Quezada, Satchell, Euer, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE
PURCHASES (Directs department of administration to promulgate regulations giving
preferences in the awarding of state contracts to certain business enterprises.)
{LC3371/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2071

BY Felag, Crowley, Goldin, Metts, Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides
that for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019a taxpayer entitled to a federal earned-
income credit shall be allowed a state earned-income credit equal to 18% of the federal earned-
income credit.)
{LC3437/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2072

BY Satchell, Archambault, Calkin, Euer, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX
(Establishes a nineteen percent (19%) carried interest fairness fee for investment management
services in order to tax the carried interest income of hedge fund and private equity investors as
traditional ordinary earned income.)
{LC3459/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2073

BY Satchell, Conley, Jabour, Pearson, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX
CREDITS 2013 (Provides that applicants for historic tax credits shall have ninety (90) days after
the date of the commission's written determination certifying the rehabilitation to pay the
required three percent (3%) non-refundable fee to the division of taxation.)
{LC3457/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2074

BY Picard, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Increases the maximum tax on qualifying low-income property from eight percent (8%) of the previous year's gross scheduled rental income to ten percent (10%) of the prospective year's gross scheduled rental income.)
{LC3682/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2075

BY Satchell, Calkin, Seveney, Miller, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides for the imposition of a two (2%) tax increase on personal income over two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).)
{LC3462/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2076

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNICIANS (Provides for the licensing and regulation of central service technicians.)
{LC3751/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2077

BY Archambault, Satchell, Sosnowski, Miller, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SURPRISE OUT-OF-NETWORK BILLS FOR EMERGENCY AND OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES (Protects people with health insurance from surprise medical bills for emergency and other services by requiring a non-participating health care provider to bill an insured party only for a co-payment, or deductible.)
{LC3732/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2078

BY Satchell, DiPalma, Conley, Gallo, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES OMBUDSPERSON ACT OF 2018 (Creates ombudsperson program for developmental disabilities attached to department of administration with ombudsperson selected by committee named by governor to advocate on behalf of affected adults.)
{LC3458/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2079

BY Calkin, Quezada, Satchell, Miller, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED (Increases the income eligibility limit for medical assistance coverage for seniors and disabled individuals from one hundred percent (100%) to one hundred thirty-three percent (133%) of federal poverty level.)

{LC3373/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2080

BY DiPalma, Miller, Lombardi, Sheehan, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (Amends the definition of "individualized program plan" for purposes of the state's division of developmental disabilities to include evaluation of skill sets taught by outside sources.)

{LC3199/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2081

BY DiPalma, Miller, Lombardi, Goldin, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- THE LICENSURE, INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FACILITIES (Requires Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals to make or cause to be made annual unannounced inspections and investigations of community residences.)

{LC3212/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Resolution No. 2082

BY Calkin, Quezada, Seveney, Goldin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING AN IMPROVED "MEDICARE FOR ALL" SINGLE PAYER PROGRAM THAT WOULD PROVIDE UNIVERSAL, COMPREHENSIVE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

{LC3595/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2083

BY Calkin, Quezada, Satchell, Miller, Euer, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES (Authorizes HHS to apply for waivers to ensure for housing, healthcare, and mental and behavioral health care services for the homeless.)

{LC3370/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2084

BY Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - WATER SUPPLY (Allows the town of Smithfield to charge interest on delinquent water payments at a rate of not more than twelve percent (12%) per annum.)
{LC3726/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2085

BY Raptakis, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 330 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1997 ENTITLED "AN ACT TO CREATE A SEWER AUTHORITY FOR THE TOWN OF COVENTRY AND TO AUTHORIZE SAID TOWN TO PLAN, CONSTRUCT, FINANCE, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN SEWAGE WORKS" (Amends Coventry's sewer system enabling legislation to allow appropriations from town tax fund for wastewater system sewers/projects only after voter approval.)
{LC3348/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2086

BY Euer, Satchell, Goldin, Felag, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Requires DOT to identify the impact of Rhode Works projects and the realignment of the Newport Bridge ramps on Rhode Island small business commercial areas.)
{LC3362/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2087

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Cena, Sr., to join Marissa Giammarco and Kyle Sawaia in marriage on or about May 12, 2018, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC3207/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2088

BY Archambault, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Provides that the state board of elections would be subject to the rule-making provisions of the "administrative procedures act".)
{LC3738/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2089

BY Archambault, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Authorizes a law enforcement or animal control officer to hold an animal confined in a motor vehicle up to 72 hours pending a district court hearing as to medical costs, fees, charges, and/or surrender of physical possession and ownership of the animal.)
{LC3715/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2090

BY Gallo, Coyne, Euer, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW (Prohibits the use of electro
shock therapy on children under the age of sixteen (16).)
{LC3683/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2091

BY Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES (Expedites the foreclosure
procedure on vacant property.)
{LC3730/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2092

BY Calkin, Quezada, Sheehan, Seveney, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Prevents the director of the department of corrections from
restricting in-person visitation of inmates in the event that the department implemented
electronic visitation or contact, such as skype, between inmates and visitors.)
{LC3603/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2093

BY Seveney, DiPalma, Coyne, Calkin, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ELECTRONIC RECORDING (This act
would authorize a city or town clerk/recorder of deeds, at the clerk's/recorder's option, to accept
electronic documents for recording real property and land records and to index and store those
documents.)
{LC3292/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2094

BY Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Patrick J. Cafferty to join Lindsay Mary Nagel and Christopher Robert Lacek in marriage on or about June 9, 2018, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC3879/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2095

BY Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kayla Benoit to join Jessica Marie Either and Alex Dylan Beauregard in marriage on or about September 16, 2018, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.)
{LC3353/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2096

BY Ciccone, Goodwin, Felag, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES-ASSAULTS (Provides that assaults on police officers and other officials be punished by no less than one year but no more than three years' incarceration.)
{LC3592/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2097

BY Felag, Euer, Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thomas Deegan Douglass to join Meaghan Siobhan Dendy and James Everett Case in marriage on or about May 19, 2018, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC3787/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2098

BY Felag, Pearson, Seveney, Algieri, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Exempts fire districts without tax or policy making authority from certain posting requirements of the open meetings act.)
{LC3418/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2099

BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Conley, McCaffrey, Nesselbush
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- LAW PRACTICE (Requires duly admitted members of the bar of this state to acquire and maintain malpractice insurance in the minimum amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).)
{LC3850/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2100

BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Conley, Nesselbush, Jabour
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Provides that houses, condominiums, or other residential dwelling units, regardless of the number of rooms, which are used and/or advertised for rent for occupancy would be exempt from the state sales or hotel tax.)
{LC3851/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2101

BY Archambault, Metts, Conley, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Redefines "first-time offender" and would permit individuals with a record of up to two (2) misdemeanor convictions to be eligible for expungement.)
{LC3733/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2102

BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Conley, McCaffrey, Nesselbush
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Requires a landlord to produce proof of at least \$100,000 general liability policy for persons injured on premises due to landlord's negligence before proceeding with eviction action.)
{LC3853/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2103

BY Calkin, Quezada, Satchell, Euer, Goldin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - OVERTIME WAGES (Exempts certain executive, administrative, and professional employees from overtime pay if their weekly wages exceed one thousand thirty-six dollars (\$1,036), an increase from the current two hundred dollars (\$200).)
{LC3372/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2104

BY Raptakis, Paolino, Sheehan, Cote, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes office of inspector
general which would be charged with preventing fraud and mismanagement of public funds,
regardless of their source and would oversee all state programs and operations.)
{LC3864/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight.

Senate Bill No. 2105

BY DiPalma, Seveney, Felag, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE (Requires the
veterans' cemetery to bear the cost of funeral processions originating from Aquidneck Island
crossing the Newport Bridge at the rate per vehicle in the funeral procession.)
{LC3211/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2106

BY Felag, Seveney, Coyne, Raptakis, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT
COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER
STATE CONSTRUCTIONS -- NEW RHODE ISLAND VETERANS HOME RECREATION
ROOM (Names the recreation room at the Rhode Island Veterans Home as the "Michael
Andrade Memorial")
{LC3871/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2107

BY Satchell, Pearson, Lombardi, Archambault, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- WINE DIRECT
SHIPPER LICENSE (Creates a wine direct shipper license to allow for shipment of limited
amounts of wine through the mail to eligible customers.)
{LC3460/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2108

BY Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF MODERN CONDOMINIUMS, INC.
{LC3924/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2109

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY PESTICIDE CONTROL REGULATIONS (Extends the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study pesticide control regulations from March 1, 2018, to March 30, 2018, and said commission expires on June 1, 2018.)
{LC3910/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2018-S 2043

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF JOSEPH MERRITT & COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon the motion of Senate Majority Leader McCaffrey, Seconded by Senate Minority Leader Algiere, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by Unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS – 0:

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Nesselbush announces that the Women of the Senate will meet in the Senate Lounge at the rise of the Senate.

Senator Nesselbush announces that the Women of the General Assembly will meet Tuesday at the rise of the Senate in the Library.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Maryellen Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri the Senate adjourns at 4:36 o'clock P.M.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR HAROLD M. METTS**

Dear Lord,

Please keep us mindful that the powers given to us in our respective positions were ordained by you for you for good; and not for evil (Romans 13: 1-4)

You showed us what you require (in Micah 6: 8), **justice, mercy, and humility before you.**

- Help us, O Lord, to guard against debilitating pride.
- Help us to love you; and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.
- Help us to respect opposing views; and stop demonizing each other.
- Help us to pray for our leaders and each other.
- Help us to Bring Dr. King's Dream to fruition for a beloved community.
- And as we perform our duties, help us, O Lord, to internalize the spirit of Mathew 5: 16 that says:

"Let your light shine before men, that they see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

This we ask in Jesus name.

Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALANDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018:

1. **2018-S 2046**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION THANKING DR. FRANCISCO TRILLA FOR
 HIS VOLUNTEER EFFORTS IN PUERTO RICO ASSISTING NUMEROUS PEOPLE
 SUFFERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE MARIA
 {LC3303/1}

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2018-S 2108**
 BY Jabour
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF MODERN CONDOMINIUMS, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.