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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:19 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – **34**: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 3: Senators Archambault, DaPonte, Sheehan.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

| STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS STATE HOUSE | | |
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| January 22, 2018 | | |
| Dominick Ruggerio President of the Senate State House Room 318 Providence, RI 02903 | | |
| Dear President | | |
| I am writing to inform you that I will be unable to attend session on Thursday, January 23, 2018. | | |
| Sincerely, | | |
| James Sheehan | | |
| Senator | | |
| District 36 | | |

Read and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2110 BY Fogarty, Nesselbush, Sosnowski, Crowley, Quezada ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE IRENE P. SMITH {LC3795/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Fogarty requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Gallo, Sosnowski, Nesselbush, Jabour, Lombardi, Algiere, Kettle, Gee, Morgan, Paolino, Coyne, Conley, Euer

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

Senate Resolution No. 2111

(Governor) BY Lombardi, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE-LINE ITEM VETO {LC3948/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2112

BY Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Ciccone, Lombardo **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT (Applies to settlement of St. Joseph Hospital Retirement Plan settlements/joint tortfeasors' releases.) {LC3528/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2113

BY Ciccone, Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM (Requires that public schools of this state, beginning in kindergarten and continuing through and including grade twelve (12), would annually provide access for every student to at least one field trip to a nature preserve, reserve, or conservatory.) {LC4022/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

BY Archambault, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Coyne ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION (Requires board of education approval of new driver driver education courses with online institutions available for parents/guardians/designees in addition to classroom setting.) {LC3776/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2115

BY Miller, Pearson, Euer, Goldin, Calkin ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Allows students in public schools to possess and use sunscreen.) {LC3697/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2116

BY Euer, Calkin, Sosnowski, Miller, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- THE OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES CONTROL ACT (Regulates activities of offshore drilling for oil and gas in federal waters to minimize adverse effects resulting therefrom within the state's territorial waters and coastline.) {LC3869/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2117

BY Miller, Ruggerio, Pearson, DiPalma, Goldin ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Adds electronic nicotine-delivery systems to the definition of "Tobacco" for tax purposes.) {LC3692/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2118

BY Archambault, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Jabour, Nesselbush ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STUDENT AND RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS (Authorizes the creation of a state sponsored loan program to provide financial assistance to purchase a home and to help pay off student debt.) {LC3741/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2119

BY Crowley, Satchell, Sosnowski, Quezada, Metts ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR EVIDENCED-BASED AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH TO DECREASE MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS IN CHILDREN AND TEENS SERVED THROUGH THE STATE'S HEALTH EQUITY ZONES (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$300,000 to the department of health for evidencebased after school programming for youth to decrease mental health concerns.) {LC3771/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2120

BY Crowley, Goldin, Quezada, Miller, Metts ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - CHILD CARE - STATE SUBSIDIES (Establishes a tiered-rate structure for the child care assistance program, with higher rates paid to licensed child care centers and family child care homes that have achieved higher quality ratings in "BrightStars".) {LC3773/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2121

BY Miller, Conley, Ruggerio, DiPalma, Pearson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LITTLE CIGAR TAX (Requires little cigars tax be imposed in the same manner as cigarette tax with twenty-five percent (25%) of revenue applied to smoking cessation programs and that little cigars be sold in packs of twenty (20) or more.) {LC3695/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2122

BY Crowley, Goldin, Quezada, Miller, Metts ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - CHILD CARE - STATE SUBSIDIES (Enhances reimbursement rates paid by the departments of human services and children, youth and families for children in the child care assistance program, starting with infants and toddlers.) {LC3772/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

BY Miller ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LITTLE CIGAR TAX (Requires little cigars tax be imposed in the same manner as cigarette tax with little cigars be sold in packs of twenty (20) or more.) {LC3694/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2124

BY Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Lombardi, Crowley ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES (Moves many state employee public safety professionals from the state retirement system to the municipal retirement system, effective July 1, 2018. It sets their retirement contribution to 10% of their compensation.) {LC3492/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2125

BY Archambault, McCaffrey, Conley ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFITS (Removes some of the restrictions on post-retirement re-employment of public employees.) {LC3721/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2126

BY Felag, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a one-time nonrefundable tax credit in the amount of \$2,000 for stillborn babies occurring at 28 weeks or more upon filing a certificate to that effect issued by the division of vital statistics. Effective July 1, 2018.) {LC4000/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2127

BY Coyne, Lombardi, Crowley, Seveney, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Requires municipalities to exempt from taxation the real property of a surviving spouse of a law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty, who occupies the real property as their principal place of residence.) {LC3485/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

BY Crowley, Quezada, Metts, Nesselbush ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires insurance coverage for at least ninety (90) days of residential or inpatient services for mental health and/or substance-use disorders for American Society of Addiction Medicine levels of care 3.1 and 3.3.) {LC3770/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2129

BY Miller, McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Quezada, Goldin ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND PATHWAYS PROJECT (Requires the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS) to conduct a study to assess the impact of using Medicaid funds to provide coverage for the treatment of the chronically homeless.) {LC3693/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2130

BY Miller ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS - NURSE ANESTHETISTS (Permits a registered nurse who is enrolled in an accredited nurse anesthesia program to practice as a nurse anesthetist under the supervision of a certified registered nurse anesthetist or an anesthesiologist.) {LC3904/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2131

BY Picard, Pearson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Requires insurers to let enrollees align the refill dates for most drugs at in-network pharmacies at least once during their insurance plan year.) {LC3946/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2132

BY Ciccone, Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Places a 20% cap on increases in consecutive real property revaluations commencing 12/31/18 and thereafter with a 3 year waiting period for new construction/additions.) {LC4012/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

BY Seveney, DiPalma, Coyne, Euer, Calkin ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS (Protects homeless persons in possession of a service animal, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, from being denied access to any homeless shelter in violation of the ADA or the state or federal Fair Housing Practices Acts.) {LC3552/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2134

BY Archambault, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Lombardo ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL -- GUN CRIMES REPORT {LC3739/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2135

BY Ciccone, Ruggerio ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Increases the penalty for repeat convictions for animal cruelty.) {LC4068/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2136

BY Ciccone, Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - TRAFFIC OFFENSES (Prohibits the department of motor vehicles from placing on a motorist's driving record, no more than twice yearly, a traffic violation which fine has been paid no longer than thirty (30) days after its issuance.) {LC4015/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2137

BY Ciccone, Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Makes it unprofessional conduct for a physician not to take all reasonable steps to ensure that a viable fetus being carried by their patient is brought to term.) {LC4017/1}

BY Ciccone, Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLES REPARATIONS ACT (Amends the fine imposed for a first offense for failure to maintain financial security, to a maximum of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125).) {LC4016/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2139

BY Archambault, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Authorizes the attorney general to enter into agreements with other states and counties from other states to recognize and give reciprocity to concealed weapon permit holders allowing them to carry concealed weapons in this state.) {LC3777/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2140

BY Archambault, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Jabour ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT (Creates a rebuttable presumption that an owner or operator of a motor vehicle is in noncompliance with financial security if they have been previously been charged with the same violation within six (6) months preceding the new charge.) {LC3711/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2141

BY Archambault, Conley, McCaffrey, Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL HEARINGS (Entitles criminal defendants charged with enumerated serious criminal offenses to a bail hearing within four (4) calendar days of initial court appearance.) {LC3731/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2142

BY Ciccone, Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN (Criminalizes the knowing and intentional failure of a physician, nurse, or other licensed medical person to provide reasonable medical care and treatment to an infant born alive a felony and manslaughter if the infant dies.) {LC4018/1}

BY Archambault, Lombardi, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Makes numerous changes to the procedures regarding the issuance of concealed carry permits, the fees associated with their issuance, and the public records accessible by the public in relating thereto.) {LC3747/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2144

BY Archambault, Lombardi, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Defines a firearm silencer and permits the use of such a device on any firearm with an overall length of seventeen inches or greater and permits the use of such a device for lawful hunting activity.) {LC3740/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2145

(Clerk's Association) BY Crowley ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ELECTRONIC RECORDING (Authorizes 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.) {LC4023/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2146

BY Archambault, Conley, Coyne, Gee, Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Increases marital estate deduction if proper election made by decedent spouse's estate allowing decedent to transfer unused portion of estate tax exemption to spouse.) {LC3724/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2147

BY Archambault, Lombardi, Jabour, McCaffrey, Conley ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- TRUST (Permits settlor of trust to provide for person other than trustees to direct trustee's actions/clearly establishes legal responsibilities of trust advisors/protectors.) {LC3717/1}

BY Ciccone, Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Allows those persons with concealed carry permits issued by other states to carry upon their person weapons in Rhode Island provided that the issuing state recognizes and gives reciprocity to RI permit holders.) {LC4020/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2149

BY DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Janet McCarthy to join Carrie Pamela Mitchell and Joseph Everett Kolb in marriage on or about May 19, 2018, within the Village of Wickford, Rhode Island.) {LC3998/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2150

BY Ciccone, Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Requires that vehicles towed because of state or municipal laws be towed to a towing-storage facility closest to where the offense or accident occurred.) {LC4013/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2151

BY Archambault, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Coyne ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Adds campus police officers to group of public safety officials eligible to collect salary, wages, and benefits during periods of whole/partial incapacitation incurred while on-duty, or while providing emergency assistance within the state while off-duty.) {LC3737/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2152

BY Ciccone, Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BORN-ALIVE INFANT PROTECTION ACT (Enacts the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act and provide for the duties and obligations of medical personnel in certain circumstances.) {LC4019/1}

BY Crowley, Sosnowski, Lombardi, Nesselbush ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Raises the juror's fees for each day's attendance on the superior court to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day commencing July 1, 2019, and increase to thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per day commencing July 1, 2020 and thereafter.) {LC3769/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2154

BY Archambault, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Jabour ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT (Enhances the penalties for driving a motor vehicle without proof of financial responsibility.) {LC3735/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2155

BY Lombardi, Kettle ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- POST RETIREMENT INCOME (Allows a retired member of the teachers, state employees, or municipal retirement system to serve as an elected town treasurer without a suspension of their retirement benefits.) {LC3834/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2156

BY Ciccone, Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION CORPORATION ACT (Creates an accident compensation fund to provide payments and benefits to those injured by uninsured motorists, to be administered by the automobile accident compensation corporation.) {LC4014/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2157

BY Archambault, Coyne, Jabour, Lombardi, McCaffrey ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- POLICE ARBITRATION (Prohibits domestic insurance companies from any distinction or discrimination against individuals in a domestic partner relationship regarding policies issued or renewed in this state.) {LC3736/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

BY Coyne, Lombardi, Seveney, Calkin, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Relieves municipal police bargaining representatives from their obligation to represent employees in grievances/arbitrations if they were not members of the bargaining unit within the ninety (90) days prior to the events that caused the grievance.) {LC3480/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2159

BY Coyne, Lombardi, Seveney, Calkin, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --ORGANIZATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES (Relieves state employee bargaining representatives from their obligation to represent employees in grievances/arbitrations if they were not members of the bargaining unit in the ninety (90) days prior to the events that caused the grievance.) {LC3482/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2160

BY Coyne, Lombardi, Seveney, Calkin, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Relieves municipal employee bargaining representatives from their obligation to represent employees in grievances/arbitrations if they were not members of the bargaining unit in the ninety (90) days prior to the events that caused the grievance.) {LC3483/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Resolution No. 2161

BY Morgan, Goodwin, Coyne, Lynch Prata, Algiere ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2018 AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3861/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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

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.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Satchel and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Krista Handfield, the Health Equity Project Manager of West Warwick, Keith Remillard, the Director of Federal Programming and Innovative Practice, Detective Mathew Beltrami, of the West Warwick Police Department, and Heather Seger, Licensed Clinician from Providence Center.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Krista Handfield.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate, in the Lounge.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Maryellen Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algiere and upon the suggestion of Senator Fogarty the Senate adjourns at 4:33 o'clock P.M. in memory of Irene P. Smith.

ROBERT L. RICCI Secretary of the Senate Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR LOUIS P. DIPALMA

As we reconvene in the Senate Chamber, let us once again contemplate our reasons for being here. Let us also ask of our Creator that he bestow special blessings today on us all and properly guide us in serving the people of our State. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018:

1. 2018-S 2161

BY Morgan **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2018 AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.