

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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# Journal of the Senate

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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 33 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

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

**ABSENT – 3:** Senators Ciccone, Crowley, Satchell.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Father John Afendoulis of St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in Newport, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

## APPOINTMENT

The Honorable President of the Senate Presents the following communication, transmitting the following appointment and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:

*Supreme Court of the State of Rhode Island*

March 20, 2018

**Via Hand Delivery**

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio  
Senate President  
State House Room 318  
Providence Rhode Island 02903

RE: Appointment of Domenic A. DiSandro III as Chief Magistrate of the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal

Dear President Ruggerio:

Pursuant to the Provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws Section 8-8.2-1(a), I hereby appoint Domenic A. DiSandro III to a ten (10) year term as Chief Magistrate of the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal. I respectfully request the advice and consent of the Senate to this appointment.

Magistrate DiSandro has served as a Magistrate in the Traffic Tribunal since June of 1999 and has served as Administrative Magistrate in that court since 2015. It is my expectation that he will continue the good work of his predecessor in the role of Chief Magistrate. Should you require further information regarding Magistrate DiSandro's credentials, I would be happy to provide them.

I appreciate your assistance and the cooperation of the Senate in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Paul A. Suttell  
Chief Justice

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:



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

March 20, 2018

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio  
President of the Senate  
316 State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate Session today, Tuesday March 20, 2018, due to illness.

I would appreciate you recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Frank A. Ciccone, III*

Frank A. Ciccone, III  
Senator District ~ 7

Read and placed on file.



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

March 20, 2018

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to illness I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Adam J. Satchell  
Senate District 09

Read and placed on file.



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

March 20, 2018

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to personal reasons, I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, March 20, 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.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.****COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2346**

**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Calkin, Satchell, Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Have each public institution of postsecondary education establish a plan for addressing the mental health needs of its students. Each institution shall develop policies aimed at identifying a student exhibiting suicidal behavior or tendencies.)

{LC3840/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2629**

**BY** Goodwin, Metts, Archambault, Felag, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH AS "COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC5222/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestions of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber from the Roger Williams Medical Center Dr. Abdul Saied Calvino, from the Women & Infants Hospital of RI Dr. Chrissy Dibble, Dr. Mariam Fayek, Dr. Pratima Dibba, Dr. Nnenna Okpara, Dr. Melissa Murphy and Nancy Betelho. From the American Cancer Society-Cancer Action Network Robert Dulski, from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of RI Dr. Katherine Dallow, and Courtney Reger, RN. Also from RIDOH Eric Lamy and C. Kelly Smith.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2641****BY** Raptakis, Ruggerio, Gallo, Lombardi, Metts**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH 25, 2018 AS THE 197TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY  
{LC5279/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Raptakis requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestions of Senators Gee, Raptakis, Euer, Nesselbush, Conley, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber, Providence Police Chief Hugh Clements Jr. of East Greenwich. From the St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in Newport, Father John Afendoulis, Council President, Dr. Cosmas Haralambidis, Greek Language school teachers Eleni Anagnostopoulou, and Smaragda Eliopoulou, and the Religious Education Director Marianne Menas. Stratos Efthymiou, Consul General of Greece in Boston, Vasilios "Bill" Kafkas, President of the Federation of Hellenic-American Societies of New England, Former Presidents Dimitrios Papaslis, and Milton Athanospoulous. Professor, Dr. Phillip Seraphim, President of the Friends of Maliotis Foundation, and Board Members Kostas Travagiakis, Dimitrios Papaslis, Dimitrios Mattheos, and Michal Giannouli. Theodoros Kalmoukos, Reporter from the National Herald Daily Newspaper from NY. Commander Aritotelis Varsamiois. From the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Pawtucket, Father Phillip Zymaris, Parish Council President John Zervas, Greek Language school teachers Panagiota Vastis, Sophia Aygoustakis, Ionna Andreopoulou, and the Religious Education Director, Beth Lazouras. From East Providence, Charlie Tsonos.

**SPECIAL GUEST**

The Honorable Stratos Efthymiou, Consul General of Greece in Boston addresses the Chamber.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2640****BY** Conley, Crowley, Nesselbush, Ruggerio, Pearson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DONALD H. GREBIEN

{LC5232/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Conley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

**Senate Resolution No. 2642****BY** Lombardi, Jabour, Ruggerio, Metts, Archambault**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL

{LC5281/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lombardi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardi moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Felag, Quezada, Euer, Goldin, Jabour, Archambault, and Algieri.

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestions of Senators Lombardi and Jabour, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Scott Banz, Stephen Imondi, Costas Pendihahas, Anthony Vuccio, Sandy Cenfil, Donna Criscuolo, Guy Pinolli, Barbra Veznaian, and Melvin Zunia.



**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Bill No. 2643****BY** Metts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE GREATER PROVIDENCE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (Amends and restates the charter of the Greater Providence YMCA and provides for governance by a board of directors.)

{LC4948/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2644****BY** Satchell, Euer, Goldin, Calkin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PROTECTING STUDENT PRIVACY ON SCHOOL-OWNED TECHNOLOGY (Establishes certain student privacy rights in regard to take-home technology devices from school.)

{LC5175/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2645****BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires that pupil transportation vehicles with four (4) or more pupils have a school bus monitor.)

{LC5097/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2646****BY** Pearson, Gallo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION] (Commissioner of elementary and secondary education would be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate and serves at the pleasure of the governor.)

{LC5242/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2647****BY** Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Requires public schools, including charter schools, to begin the school year after Labor Day commencing in the school year 2019-2020.)

{LC4860/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2648**

(by request)

**BY** Pearson, Picard, Seveney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Permits the Cumberland Town Council to establish limits on the number of students from the Cumberland school district who may enroll in any charter public school, Davies, and the Met Center.)

{LC3668/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2649**

**BY** Pearson, Gallo, Seveney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - MAYORAL ACADEMIES (Requires the student populations of mayoral academies to reflect the combined demographics of the sending district(s) in regard to special education, ELL, and free and reduced price meals.)

{LC5241/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Resolution No. 2650**

**BY** Morgan, Raptakis, Gee, Jabour, Paolino

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECT OF WIND TURBINES ON ALL MARINE LIFE (Creates a 5 member legislative commission to study the effect of wind turbines on all marine life, and who would report back to the House of Representatives no later than February 7, 2019, and whose life would expire on May 7, 2019.)

{LC4821/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2651**

**BY** DiPalma, Sosnowski, Seveney, Coyne, Calkin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - THE GREEN BUILDINGS ACT (Requires major public facility projects meet green globe and ANSI standards.)

{LC5100/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2652**

**BY** Sosnowski, DiPalma, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - NET METERING

{LC5227/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2653****BY** Lombardo, Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Removes glass from the materials not permitted as cover materials by the resource recovery corporation.)  
{LC5275/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2654****BY** Calkin, Seveney, Quezada, Sosnowski, Coyne

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PFAS IN FOOD PACKAGING (Prohibits PFAS, a class of fluorinated organic chemicals, from being used in food packaging.)  
{LC5252/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

**Senate Bill No. 2655****BY** Morgan, DiPalma, Raptakis, Gee, Cote

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAX CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS (Increases the total aggregate amount of tax credits for a business entity not to exceed \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2019.)  
{LC3783/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2656****BY** Morgan, Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION - EXEMPTION FOR INDIGENT AND INFIRM PERSONS IN THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH (Permits the town of West Greenwich to create five (5) year tax liens on real estate owned by infirm and indigent persons in lieu of paying regular taxes where those persons have been determined as unable to pay by the assessor.)  
{LC4828/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2657****BY** Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis, Gee, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Provides that corporations with less than fifty (50) employees shall not be subject to the four hundred dollar (\$400) minimum corporate tax.)  
{LC4831/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2658****BY** Conley, Crowley, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the gross receipts of nonprofit municipal government employee associations from the sales and use taxation.)  
{LC4818/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2659****BY** Morgan, Raptakis, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID -- TOWN OF EXETER (Clarifies the status of pilot payments to the town of Exeter in view of its not presently having a police department)  
{LC5191/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2660****BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Coyne, Calkin, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires verification of computer hours worked by contractors for professional technical services rendered to depts of transportation, health, human services, administration and commerce in excess of \$100,000 for bids/proposals issued on/after 7/1/18.)  
{LC5110/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2661****BY** Morgan, DiPalma, Raptakis, Gee, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES (Repeals the state estate tax.)  
{LC4825/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2662****BY** Pearson, Picard, Nesselbush, Miller, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides that for FY 2019, the state pays the local share or contribution of charter public school tuition for its students in excess of 5% of the average of all pupils within school districts.)  
{LC3672/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2663****BY** Conley, Coyne, DaPonte

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation all real and personal property located within East Providence of the charitable nonprofit corporation of Foster Forward (formerly the Rhode Island Foster Parents Association).)  
{LC5061/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2664****BY** Morgan, Raptakis, Fogarty, Algiere, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY RELIEF ACT  
{LC4841/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2665****BY** Conley, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Seveney, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ESTABLISHING A SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND (Establishes a small business development fund to encourage formation of private capital investment by federally-licensed investment companies.)  
{LC4944/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2666****BY** Morgan, Gee, Cote, Paolino, Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FUND--TOLLS (Repeals the provisions of the general laws which created the "Rhode Island Bridge Replacement, Reconstruction, and Maintenance Fund Act of 2016" ("Rhode Works"), which would have imposed tolls on large commercial trucks.)  
{LC4823/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2667****BY** Conley, Lombardi, Archambault, Lynch Prata, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX CREDIT (Establishes a new personal income tax credit for individuals who incur expenses caring for a relative that requires assistance with one or more daily living activities as certified by a license physician.)  
{LC5096/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2668****BY** Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Calkin, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes cities/towns to establish a property tax credit program in exchange for volunteer service by persons over age 60 up to \$1,500 calculated by multiplying service hours by the state minimum wage per hour.)  
{LC5106/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 2669****BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Coyne, Calkin, Goldin**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF "PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (Creates a 17 member commission study and provide recommendations on the impact of "Project Sustainability", and who would report back to the Senate by October 31, 2018, and would expire on June 30, 2019.)  
{LC5099/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Resolution No. 2670****BY** Metts, Morgan, Paolino, Crowley, Quezada**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REPEAL THE 1986 NATIONAL CHILDHOOD VACCINE INJURY ACT AND SUBPOENA DR. WILLIAM THOMPSON  
{LC5231/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2671****BY** Euer, Goodwin, Conley, Pearson, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE HOSPITAL CONVERSION ACT (Expands the health services council from twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) members and amends the hospital conversion act relative to disclosure.)  
{LC4903/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2672****BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Redefines the term "covered services" as used to describe applicable subscriber agreements between a health care entity and a dentist, to exclude waiting period and alternate benefit provisions.)  
{LC4662/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2673****BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Amends provisions relating to the process of filing a complete Medicare application and coverage provided while the application is pending.)

{LC4758/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2674****BY** Morgan, Gee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES--AFFORDABLE HOUSING (Qualifies mobile and manufactured homes as affordable housing when installed and affixed in mobile and manufactured home parks in groups of twenty (20) or more for a year or more.)

{LC4826/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2675**

(by request)

**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS--MIDDLETOWN (Imposes size and weight restrictions on through traffic on Forest Avenue, Middletown.)

{LC5202/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Resolution No. 2676****BY** Conley, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Crowley, Coyne**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR AND RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION, IN CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION WITH THE RHODE ISLAND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, DESIGNATE THE BLACKSTONE RIVER CORRIDOR MUNICIPALITIES OF PROVIDENCE, WOONSOCKET, EAST PROVIDENCE, PAWTUCKET, AND CENTRAL FALLS AS A QUALIFIED OPPORTUNITY ZONE PURSUANT TO THE NEW FEDERAL TAX BILL AUTHORIZATIONS

{LC5230/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2677****BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Calkin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARWICK TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2023, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 35% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE (Authorizes up to \$40,000,000 in general obligation bonds to finance school construction.)  
{LC5223/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2678****BY** McCaffrey, Ciccone, Quezada, Metts, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Continues status quo for licensing of approved recipients under DACA program; however, issuance of license does not confer right to vote eff. 12/3/18.)  
{LC5299/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2679****BY** Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - MOTOR VEHICLE BODY REPLACEMENT PARTS (Requires insurance companies may not mandate use of aftermarket parts without consent of vehicle owner in collision damaged part of vehicle less than 48 months beyond manufacture date.)  
{LC5233/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 2680****BY** Nesselbush, Jabour, Euer, Crowley, Sheehan

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE  
{LC4951/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2681****BY** Metts, Quezada, McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ASSET FORFEITURE (Standardizes procedures for asset forfeitures for all crimes simplifying procedures and addresses counterproductive incentives.)  
{LC4842/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.



**Senate Bill No. 2682****BY** Sosnowski, Fogarty, Goodwin, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - TRESPASS AND ACTIONS FOR POSSESSION (Prohibits encroachment upon open space land and allows the owner of open space land or holder of a conservation restriction to bring a civil action in superior court to remedy the encroachment of that land, and to recover damages.)  
{LC5243/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2683****BY** McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lombardi, Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Establishes the Rhode Island chapter of the children's advocacy center, a community based organization that would provide a child-friendly, safe and neutral location from which a multidisciplinary team would act in response to child abuse allegations.)  
{LC5164/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 2684****BY** Pearson, Seveney, DiPalma, Conley, Felag

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (This proposed amendment to the state constitution would provide for a budget reconciliation process and would grant to the governor a line-item veto.)  
{LC4455/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2685****BY** Pearson, Seveney, DiPalma, Conley, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - STATE BUDGET (Amends the process by which the house and senate consider and amend the state budget.)  
{LC4456/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2686**

(by request)

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (Authorizes the Middletown Municipal Court to impose fines not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
{LC5201/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2687****BY** Sheehan, Nesselbush, Jabour, Euer, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS (Voids any provision of a settlement that prohibits disclosure of the factual information related to a claim of sexual harassment, retaliation for reporting sexual harassment, and stalking as against public policy.)  
{LC4954/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2688****BY** Quezada, Goodwin, Jabour, Ciccone, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - AUTOMATED SCHOOL-ZONE-SPEED-ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM (Requires the use of yellow, flashing school zone speed signs and require written warning citations for first offenses, a fine up to forty-five dollars (\$45) for second offenses and referral to the traffic tribunal for all subsequent offenses.)

{LC5237/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2689****BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS  
{LC4877/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2690**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (Amends the statute of limitations and penalty sections for violations of the campaign contributions and expenditures reporting requirements.)  
{LC4338/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2691**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN (Transfers jurisdiction of the offenses in § 11-9-5 of the general laws ("cruelty to or neglect of child") from the Rhode Island Family Court to the Rhode Island Superior Court.)  
{LC4625/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2692****BY** Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT (Clarifies the procedures for seeking a protective order from district or family court and the requirements of the surrender of any firearms. Repeals outdated family court form for complaints for protection from abuse.)  
{LC4878/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2693****BY** Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Eliminates the waiting period for the granting of a complaint/divorce/separation following the filing of the complaint would shorten the waiting period for the filing of a final judgment for divorce following the hearing at which the divorce is granted.)  
{LC4875/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2694****BY** Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS - USE OF LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS (Protects communications between language interpreters appointed under this chapter and limited-English-proficient persons.)  
{LC4874/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2695****BY** Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY (Eliminates the penalty of abating rent in cases where a non-resident landlord fails to designate an agent for service of process and would clarify that the fine for violating this section is civil.)  
{LC4123/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 2696****BY** Goldin, Miller, Nesselbush, Quezada, Crowley

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION URGING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO RECOGNIZE WHITE NATIONALIST AND NEO-NAZI GROUPS AS TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS  
{LC4251/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2697****BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows David Aptaker to join Rosanne Somerson and Jonathan Cherneff in marriage on or about August 17, 2018, within the Town of Tiverton, Rhode Island.)  
{LC5172/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2698****BY** Felag, Lombardo, Cote

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Extends the immunity from liability for ordinary negligence to any person who uses an automated external defibrillator or performs cardiopulmonary resuscitation.)  
{LC5103/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2699****BY** Goldin, Goodwin, Coyne, Lynch Prata, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES--SEXUAL HARASSMENT (Extends protection to domestic servants/includes retaliation as unlawful practice and requires employers of 4 or more employees to conduct sexual harassment programs for new employees within 1 month of the date of hire/all employees by September 1, 2018.)  
{LC5181/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 2700****BY** Euer, Goldin, Nesselbush, Sheehan

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- REAPPORTIONMENT  
{LC4898/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2701****BY** Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Russell J. Cornelia to join Danielle La Torre Cornelia and Mohammed El Ayate in marriage on or about June 30, 2018, within the Town of Burrillville, Rhode Island.)  
{LC5286/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 2702****BY** Morgan, Raptakis, Cote

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (FOUR YEAR TERMS AND TERM LIMITS FOR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES) (This resolution would propose an amendment to the Constitution to the electors of the state that increases the length of term for senators and representatives to four (4) years and would impose a limit of four (4) consecutive terms for those offices.)  
{LC4834/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 2703****BY** Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis, Cote

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS -- A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR GENERAL OFFICERS' ELECTION) (This proposed constitutional amendment would provide for a run-off election between the top two vote getters for each general office if no candidate has received a majority.)  
{LC4835/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2704****BY** Morgan, Raptakis, Jabour, Cote, Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Requires any person voting by mail ballot or emergency mail ballot to provide proof of identity, excepting those in a hospital, hospice, or skilled nursing facility.)  
{LC4833/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2705****BY** Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Calkin, Crowley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES AND MISAPPROPRIATIONS (Requires penalty and restitution payments for larceny and campaign violations by a candidate to be made to the general fund when the victim of the larceny is the candidate's campaign account.)  
{LC5107/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2706****BY** Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Calkin, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (Prohibits any contractual clause in a contract for home repairs which would limit the homeowners ability to initiate legal proceedings against the contractor for breach of contract.)

{LC5027/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2707**

(Governor)

**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES; RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING; CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATIONS

{LC5109/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2708****BY** Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (Requires most employers in Rhode Island to participate in the E/Verify employment authorization program and establishes deadlines to do so.)

{LC4837/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2709****BY** Lombardi, DiPalma, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PARTIAL- BIRTH

ABORTION (Amends and revises the definitions and penalties pertaining to partial-birth abortions. Further provides that any physician who knowingly performs a partial-birth abortion would be guilty of a felony and may be liable for civil penalties and fines.)

{LC5094/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2710****BY** Lombardi, Ciccone, Conley, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING

FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Provides that a vehicle unlawfully parked in a properly marked "handicapped parking" space would be towed at the owners expense.)

{LC5247/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2711****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES - FIREWOOD AND CHARCOAL (Repeals the provision of the general laws that require baskets of charcoal be sealed by the sealer of weights and measures of the town where the person so using the basket resides, or of the town where the charcoal is measured for sale.)  
{LC5153/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2712****BY** Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - DISTRICT COURT (Allows for the appointment of more than one district court clerk/magistrate by the chief judge of the district court.)  
{LC4876/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2713****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush, Pearson, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DUELING AND FIGHTING (Repeals § 11-12-1 of the general laws that prohibits engaging in a duel with a dangerous weapon.)  
{LC5130/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2714****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - HIGHWAY (Repeals several criminal offenses pertaining to three (3) bridges, including the Crawford Street Bridge, the Apponaug River Bridge, and the Pawtuxet Falls Bridge.)  
{LC5135/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2715****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- AMERICANIZATION OF SCHOOLS (Repeals requirement that persons between 16 and 21 who cannot speak, read or write English to attend classes until they learn (minimum 200 hours). Also repeals fines and institutional commitment for failure to take such classes.)  
{LC5145/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2716****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - FALSE PERSONATION

(Removes auctioneers, corders of wood and fence viewers as subjects of this violation.)

{LC5144/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2717****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - PICKLED FISH (Repeals

several sections of the general laws regarding the packaging and branding of pickled fish.)

{LC5151/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2718****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PICKLED FISH (Repeals

sections of the general laws dealing with grading of various qualities of mackerel and the sale or export of pickled fish not approved or branded)

{LC5148/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2719****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -

ANIMALS AT LARGE (Repeals the section of the law authorizing the impoundment of at large animals in private ways in Newport.)

{LC5150/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2720****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY

CONDUCT (Repeals the section of the law imposing a fine of up to five dollars (\$5.00) for every person guilty of profane swearing and cursing.)

{LC5143/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.



**Senate Bill No. 2721****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush, Pearson, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DUELING AND FIGHTING (Repeals § 11-12-2 of the general laws that prohibits a person from challenging another to a duel with a dangerous weapon and from accepting such a challenge.)  
{LC5127/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2722****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - BIGAMY AND ADULTERY (Repeals § 11-6-2 of the general laws wherein any individual who commits adultery shall be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500).)  
{LC5142/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 2723****BY** Paolino, Morgan, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - SODA AND CREAM OF TARTAR (Repeals the requirement that city and town councils appoint an inspector or saleratus, bicarbonate of soda, and cream of tartar in order to test for adulterated product, and eliminates the fine for any person selling such adulterated product.)  
{LC5155/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2724****BY** Paolino, Morgan, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HIGHWAYS (Repeals the section of the law prohibiting the testing of the speed of a horse on a public highway.)  
{LC5121/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2725****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES AND MISAPPROPRIATION (Repeals the statute imposing a fine not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00) on a person robbing or drawing a fishpot, weir or net belonging to another person.)  
{LC5134/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2726****BY** Paolino, Morgan, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS (Repeals the authority of the city or town council, bureau of licenses or board of police commissioners to revoke any license issued for amusements, performances and/or movies on Sunday.)

{LC5146/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2727****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush, Pearson, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DUELING AND FIGHTING (Repeals § 11-12-4 of the general laws that prohibits a person from being a second at a duel that results in the infliction of a mortal wound.)

{LC5119/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2728****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - PUBLIC UTILITIES

(Repeals the section of general law that require phone books containing a "Warning" that refusal to relinquish, or damage a phone in certain circumstances a crime.)

{LC5133/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2729****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - OBSTRUCTIONS TO NAVIGATION - WATERS OFF GOAT ISLAND (Repeals the restrictions on the use of the waters off Goat Island which are no longer needed since the closing of the torpedo station there.)

{LC5125/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2730****BY** Paolino, Morgan, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS (Repeals the licensing requirements for certain shows or exhibitions occurring on Sundays with certain designated cities and/or towns.)

{LC5132/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2731****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM (Repeals the prohibition of the general laws regarding the removal of gravel or the deposit of debris from Easton's Beach, the enforcement provisions, and the bounds of Easton's Beach.)  
{LC5136/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2732****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush, Pearson, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSE - DUELING AND FIGHTING (Repeals § 11-12-3 of the general laws that prohibits a Rhode Island resident from engaging in a duel outside the state that results in a mortal wound.)  
{LC5128/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2733****BY** Paolino, Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - SEAWEED (Repeals Chapter 46-11 which prohibits the taking of seaweed by anyone not a resident of the town of Barrington and imposes fines for doing so.)  
{LC5117/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2734****BY** Goodwin, Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- QUALITY SELF-DIRECTED SERVICES -- PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- INDIVIDUAL PROVIDERS OF DIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES (Enables the creation of a public registry of home health aides, giving seniors and individuals living with disabilities another choice when accessing long-term care options.)  
{LC5278/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2735****BY** Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Provides that anytime the state increases the required minimum wage, the direct care and indirect care of Medicaid rates paid by the state to nursing facilities would be increased by the same percentage.)  
{LC5246/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2736**

(by request)

**BY** Morgan, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES FOR FIRE DISTRICTS  
{LC3417/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2737**

(by request)

**BY** Lombardo, Conley, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - SELECTION OF ARBITRATORS (Replaces the American Arbitration Association, as the selector of labor arbitrators, in non-grievance contract matters, with the director of the department of labor and training.)  
{LC5244/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Resolution No. 2738****BY** Nesselbush, Jabour, Euer, Sheehan, Calkin**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE  
{LC4952/1}

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

**Senate Bill No. 2739****BY** Gallo, Conley, Sosnowski, Quezada, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- HEALTHY BEVERAGE ACT (Creates the "Healthy Beverage Act" and requires children's meals provided by restaurants include certain healthy beverage options if the beverage comes with the meal.)  
{LC4893/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2740****BY** Cote, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES (Allows railroad companies who hold a Class G license to serve alcohol at retail aboard its trains and in its controlled station premises up to 60 minutes prior to a train's scheduled departure.)  
{LC5104/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2741****BY** DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF EASTLAND BUILDERS, INC.

{LC5294/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

**1. 2018-S 2637****BY** Lombardo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FREDERICK PISCOPIELLO

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

**2. 2018-S 2591****BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**3. 2018-S 2566****BY** Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon motion of Senator McCaffrey, seconded by Senator Goodwin, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

**YEAS – 31:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Archambault, Algieri, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DaPonte, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.**NAYS – 0:**

**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018:****1. 2018-S 2402****BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- LONG-TERM  
MANAGED CARE ARRANGEMENTS

Committee on Health &amp; Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Goldin Moves Passage Seconded by Senators Sheehan, Calkin, Gallo, Goodwin,  
Sosnowski, Jabour, Conley, Quezada, Pearson, and Metts.The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 30 Senators voting  
in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:**YEAS – 30:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Archambault, Algiere,  
Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin,  
Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino,  
Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, 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 Archambault announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Cote announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Lounge 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 Goodwin announces that the Senate Session scheduled for Wednesday March, 21, 2018, has been cancelled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon the suggestion of Senator Conley the Senate adjourns at 5:06 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Donald H. Grebien.*

***ROBERT L. RICCI, Esq.***  
*Secretary of the Senate*

**Appendix****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018:**

- 1. 2018-S 2556**  
**BY** Ruggerio  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -  
THE I-195 REDEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2011

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
- 2. 2018-S 2153**  
**BY** Crowley  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--  
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 3. 2018-S 2302**  
**BY** Lynch Prata  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT  
COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 4. 2018-S 2439 SUB A**  
**BY** Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and  
passage of Substitute A.
- 5. 2018-S 2346**  
**BY** Sosnowski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION

Committee on Education recommends passage.



**Appendix**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018:**

**1. 2018-S 2741**

**BY** DaPonte

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF EASTLAND BUILDERS, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

**Robert L. Ricci, Esq.**  
Secretary of the Senate