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Thursday, April 5, 2018

Thirty Forth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:22 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 32 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, 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 – 4: Senators Ciccone, Crowley, DaPonte, Satchell.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Nesselbush, and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate welcomes to the Chamber Rhode Island College nursing students Danielle Lyman, Marissa Cabral, Sandra Wuo, Michelle Wingate, Joshua Ferreira, Jared Podmaska, Kine Ndoeye, Casey Kelley.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:



April 5, 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 Thursday, April 5, 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.



April 5, 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 a family illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Thursday, April 5, 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.



April 5, 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 on Thursday, April 5, 2018. I will be out of state attending a personal event.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Ciccone, III
Senator District 07

Read and placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

Chairwoman Sosnowski, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Reappointment of Kevin A. Breene (representing the Rhode Island Farm Bureau) to the Rabies Control Board for a term expiring September 1, 2020.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Reappointment of Christopher H. Hannafin, DVM (representing the Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association) to the Rabies Control Board for a term expiring September 1, 2020.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

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

Senate Bill No. 2619

BY McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ciccone, Nesselbush, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Creates a legal process to aid employees in collecting their unpaid wages from their employer.)

{LC3665/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2638**BY** Goodwin, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EQUAL PAY DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING (Requires an employer of 100 or more employees to report information as to compensation/hours worked by age/gender/race/ethnicity/job category/occupation/title to DLT eff. 1/1/19.)
{LC5095/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2475**BY** Goldin, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Expands the protections and remedies for employees against employers who pay wage differentials based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability; age or country of ancestral origin.)
{LC4054/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

Senate Resolution No. 2390**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Seveney, Cote, Jabour

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY VETERAN AND MILITARY SPOUSE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
{LC4686/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2770****BY** Sheehan, Cote, Sosnowski, Gee, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ELIZABETH M. TULLY

{LC5410/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Sheehan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sheehan moves passage, seconded by Senators, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Felag, Gallo, Jabour, Gee, Metts, Lombardi.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2771**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Gallo, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING DEBORAH DEBARE FOR HER DEVOTED SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RHODE ISLAND COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

{LC5366/1}

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, Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, 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.

Senator Nesselbush, speaks on the resolution.

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

Senate Bill No. 2772**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kyle Jude McKendall to join Kelly Troye Morse and Michael Wade Devlin in marriage on or about April 27, 2018, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

{LC5423/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Miller requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by Senator, Lynch Prata.

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

YEAS – 31: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, 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:

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 2773

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Increases school aid by 5% for safety/security projects. Non-appropriated funds remitted for safety/security as determined by board of education.)

{LC5204/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2774

BY Archambault, Lombardi, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Establishes the safe school program which provides a revenue source for various safety provisions designed to make schools safer.)

{LC5205/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2775

BY Gallo, Conley, Satchell, Pearson, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES —

MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Requires all new school buses purchased or leased on or after January 1, 2020, for use in the state to be equipped with a combination pelvic and upper torso 3-point passenger seat belt system for the operator and each passenger seat.)

{LC5439/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2776**BY** Morgan, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION-CURRICULUM (Requires elementary schools to provide instruction in cursive penmanship.)

{LC4836/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2777**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Prohibits the sale of dogs under 8 weeks of age unless approval for sale in writing from a licensed Rhode Island veterinarian with violations subject to imprisonment not to exceed 12 months or \$1,000, or both. Pounds and shelters are exempt.)

{LC4845/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2778**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Provides a procedure for the seizure of any animal found to be abandoned, neglected, or hazardedly accumulated as well as a procedure for the disposition of seized animals that are so injured or diseased that said seized animals should be destroyed.)

{LC4856/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2779**BY** Morgan, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS (Exempts school construction projects from green energy requirements.)

{LC4499/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2780**BY** Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE (Requires pet shops to only sell cats or dogs obtained from an animal shelter, dog pound or animal rescue.)

{LC5226/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2781**BY** Picard, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MANUFACTURING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT--TAX INCENTIVES (Establishes the "refundable investment tax credit act" to provide for a refundable investment tax credit for certain investments in the construction of facilities, acquisition of tangible property, and the training of employees in the state.)
{LC5438/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2782**BY** Ciccone, Pearson, DaPonte, Felag, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES (Adds department of corrections' correctional officers to the list of public safety employees that are entitled to their full salary if they are injured and become disabled as a result of performance of their job duties.)
{LC5337/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2783**BY** Morgan, Raptakis, Jabour, Paolino, Cote

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RESTRICTION ON TOLLING (This Joint Resolution would propose a Constitutional Amendment providing that any new highway or bridge tolling would require voter approval statewide and also in the municipalities affected.)
{LC4822/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2784**BY** Archambault, Miller, Sosnowski, Paolino, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROL SUBSTANCE ACT (Provides for physician/patient discussion regarding addiction and alternate treatment prior to initial and third opioid prescription.)
{LC5389/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2785**BY** Miller, Coyne, DiPalma, Goldin, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE -- THE MARKET STABILITY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (Updates state law to reflect current insurance standards, practice and regulation to maintain market stability.)
{LC5098/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2786**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (Establishes audit requirements for pharmacy benefit managers, and annual reporting requirements for health insurers.)

{LC5437/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2787**BY** Nesselbush, Metts, Jabour, Miller, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - HEALTH CARE INSURERS - COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (Authorizes the department of business regulation to determine the status of insurers for coordination of benefits purposes when there are two or more insurers.)

{LC5355/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2788**BY** Algiere, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION--TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN (Authorizes the town of Charlestown, by ordinance, to offer tax dollar credit reductions in lieu of various tax exemptions.)

{LC5440/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2789**BY** Fogarty, Nesselbush, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS (Permits the substitution by a developer of sprinklers in new developments instead of cisterns or water reservoirs for fire suppression, if allowed by ordinance.)

{LC5331/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2790**BY** Morgan, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - BREACH OF PERSONAL INFORMATION NOTIFICATION ACT (Establishes procedures to notify individuals of any breaches of their unencrypted personal information and penalties for any violation.)

{LC4830/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2791**BY** Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Makes the practice of aiding a minor in the process of getting an abortion a civil and criminal offense.)
{LC5336/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2792**BY** Morgan, Raptakis, Paolino, Gee

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REVIEW REGULATIONS
{LC4827/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2793**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Calkin, Goldin, Euer

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT ON THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND FROM THE ACQUISITION OF HOSPITALS
{LC5101/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2794**BY** DiPalma, Miller, Calkin, Sosnowski, Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT
{LC5102/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2795

(by request)

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Prohibits residential landlords from terminating period tenancies from December 1 to February 1 and requires sixty (60) days written notice to the elderly or disabled.)
{LC5334/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2796**BY** Fogarty, McCaffrey, Archambault, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Establishes the safe school program which provides a revenue source for various safety provisions designed to make schools safer.)
{LC5369/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2797

(Attorney General)

BY Miller, Seveney, Coyne, Metts, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Increases the lawful age to purchase a rifle/shotgun to from 18 years of age to 21 years of age. Also requires a person complete a basic rifle/shotgun safety course before they can legally purchase a rifle/shotgun.)
{LC5340/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2798

(Board of Elections)

BY Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Amends the time within which mail ballots must be returned to the state board of elections and the time to commence the counting of mail ballots on election day, from nine o'clock (9:00) p.m. to eight o'clock (8:00) p.m.)
{LC5319/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2799**BY** Coyne, Seveney, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PARTY CONVENTIONS (Removes the requirement that each political party convene every two (2) years to adopt a platform.)
{LC5356/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2800**BY** Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS (Requires audio and video recordings of all open meetings of state and quasi-public agencies and bodies be transmitted to the secretary of state's office for posting on its website to be available for public access.)
{LC4824/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2801**BY** Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT THROUGH INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING FOR GENERAL OFFICERS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS' ELECTION)
{LC4819/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2802**BY** Morgan, Gee, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Requires that a person mailing a mail ballot be wither the spouse, guardian or relative by blood or marriage of the person voting by mail ballot.)
{LC4872/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2803

(Narragansett Bay Commission)

BY Lombardo, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Conley, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION (Authorizes the Narragansett Bay Commission to enter into agreements with various entities for the acquisition, merger or consolidation of water treatment facilities.)
{LC5292/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2804**BY** Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT (Provides uninsured and/or uninspected vehicles not operated within this or any state may avoid suspension/revocation registration if plates removed. Violators subject to fine up to \$150.)
{LC4584/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2805**BY** Morgan, Coyne, Raptakis, Goodwin, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS AND INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE (Provides specific language for signs posted at establishments notifying people of contact information to national human trafficking resource center and deletes provision enabling department of labor and training to impose fines for failure to post signs.)
{LC4670/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2806**BY** McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - BENEFITS (Increases the maximum weekly unemployment benefit rate to the higher of fifty-seven and one-half percent (57.5%) of the average weekly wages paid to workers in the prior calendar year or six hundred sixteen dollars (\$616) per week.) {LC4056/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2807**BY** Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - SALARIES AND TRAVELING EXPENSES (Requires all non-supervisory classified employees to electronically record their daily work hours.) {LC4839/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2808**BY** Morgan, Paolino, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Provides immunity to any person or organization that provides food or wild game to a food pantry, food bank or DEM for ultimate distribution to needy individuals.) {LC4832/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2809**BY** Sosnowski, Jabour, Algiere, Sheehan, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - NAMING THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND WELCOME CENTER (Names the welcome center at the University of Rhode Island "The Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center.") {LC5402/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2810**BY** Morgan, Paolino, Jabour, Raptakis, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Extends the entitlement for a special plate to all recipients of the top medals which may be awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces.) {LC3761/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2811

(Attorney General)

BY Gallo, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Authorizes that the building at 4 Howard Avenue in the city of Cranston would hereafter be named and known as the "Attorney General Julius C. Michaelson Customer Service Center.")
{LC5339/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

CONSENT CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018:**

1. **2018-S 2697**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2018-S 2701**
 BY Fogarty
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, 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 THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018:

1. **2018-S 2646****BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - COUNCIL ON
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -
THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION]

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Senator Pearson, moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators, McCaffrey, Goodwin,
Archambault, Gallo, Lombardi, Lombardo, Goldin, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Metts.The act is read and passed/in concurrence, on a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the
affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.**YEAS – 32:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault,
Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, 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:**2. **2018-S 2361 SUB A****BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- RHODE
ISLAND SEED ACTCommittee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the
original bill and passage of Substitute A.Senator Sosnowski, moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators, Archambault, McCaffrey,
Goodwin, Felag, Miller, Quezada, Seveney, Calkin.The act is read and passed in concurrence, on a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the
affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.**YEAS – 32:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault,
Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, 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:**

3. 2018-S 2239**BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Pearson, moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators, Lynch Prata, Felag, Archambault, Coyne, Euer, Conley, Goodwin, Gallo, Lombardo, Lombardi, Metts.

The act is read and passed in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 30 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS – 2: Senators Gee, Morgan.

4. 2018-S 2242**BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RICHMOND-CAROLINA FIRE
DISTRICT

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Morgan, moves passage of the act, seconded by Senator Archambault.

The act is read and passed/in concurrence, on a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

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

NAYS – 0:

5. 2018-S 2557**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin this bill is ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, April 10th 2018.

6. 2018-S 2675**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS--MIDDLETOWN

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator DiPalma, moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators, Archambault, Morgan, Coyne, Seveney.

The act is read and passed/in concurrence, on a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, 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:

7. 2018-S 2676**BY** Conley**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

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Conley, moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Felag, Gallo, Lombardo, Lombardi, Pearson, Sheehan, Coyne, DiPalma.

The act is read and passed/in concurrence, on a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, 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:

8. 2018-S 2677**BY** McCaffrey

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

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator McCaffrey, moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators, Lynch Prata, Archambault, Calkin.

The act is read and passed/in concurrence, on a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, 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:

9. 2018-S 2106**BY** Felag

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

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

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

The act is read and passed/in concurrence, on a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, 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:

10. 2018-S 2488

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Lynch Prata, moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators, Felag, Archambault, Sosnowski, Lombardi.

The act is read and passed/in concurrence, on a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, 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:

11. 2018-S 2489

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL
LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Gallo, moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators, Archambault, Felag, Sosnowski, Jabour, Lombardi.

The act is read and passed in concurrence, on a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Conley, Cote, Coyne, 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:

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.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7178

BY Edwards, Newberry, Coughlin, Johnston

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.)
{LC3610/1}

Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Resolution No. 7529

BY Canario, Corvese, Giarrusso, Marshall, Johnston

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF LEGALIZING MARIJUANA (Extends the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study the effects of legalizing marijuana from March 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019, and said commission expires on May 1, 2019.)
{LC4649/1}

Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Bill No. 7918

BY Keable, Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Patrick James Quinlan to join Teri Lynn Stifano and Jonathyn Albert Arioste Pirolli in marriage on or about July 7, 2018, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC4894/1}

Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Bill No. 7960

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Erik B. Lawson, Esq., to join Kendra L. Harper and Kyle F. Woodford in marriage on or about June 28, 2018, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC5251/1}

Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Bill No. 7961**BY** Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Henry Francis Winthrop to join Ashley Elizabeth Breitenstein and Kyle Francis Kluth in marriage on or about June 15, 2018, within the Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island.)
{LC5250/1}

Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Bill No. 8000**BY** Shekarchi, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows The Honorable Scott Avedisian to join Christy Lee Angell and Matthew Stephen Moretti in marriage on or about May 4, 2018, within the City of Cranston, Rhode Island.)
{LC5347/1}

Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Bill No. 7155**BY** Casey, Price, Morin, Phillips, Keable

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - PSAT AND SAT TESTS (Includes home schooled students in the program to provide the PSAT and SAT free of charge to all Rhode Island public school students for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2018.)
{LC3475/1}

Referred to the Senate Education Committee.

House Bill No. 7562

(Secretary of State)

BY Marshall, Solomon, Edwards, O'Brien, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Provides that the alternate window for documents filed with the secretary of state to take effect is increased from up to thirty (30) days to up to ninety (90) days.)
{LC4304/1}

Referred to the Senate Commerce Committee.

House Bill No. 7039**BY** Azzinaro, Corvese, McNamara, Kennedy, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEALERSHIPS (Requires motor vehicle dealers to disclose in writing that a vehicle being sold has a spare tire/jack or is otherwise equipped in compliance with applicable law. There shall be a civil penalty of \$100 for a violation under this section.)
{LC3223/1}

Referred to the Senate Commerce Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon the suggestion of Senator Sheehan the Senate adjourns at 4:45 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Elizabeth M. Tully.*

ROBERT L. RICCI, ESQ.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**SENATOR WILLIAM J. CONLEY, Jr.**

Guide us, Lord, towards a deeper understanding of the needs of the people of our State; may we be instrumental in serving those needs. Let us work to improve the lives of those who have no voice in their government. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018:

1. **The Reappointment of Kevin A. Breene (representing the Rhode Island Farm Bureau) to the Rabies Control Board for a term expiring September 1, 2020.**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. **The Reappointment of Christopher H. Hannafin, DVM (representing the Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association) to the Rabies Control Board for a term expiring September 1, 2020.**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

3. **2018-S 2390**

BY Felag

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY VETERAN AND MILITARY SPOUSE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018:

1. **2018-S 2325**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -
 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SERVICES

 Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
2. **2018-S 2581 SUB A**
 BY Lynch Prata
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSE - ELECTRONIC
 IMAGING DEVICES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and
 passage of Substitute A.
3. **2018-S 2485 SUB A**
 BY DaPonte
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
 REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

 Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite
 postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
4. **2018-S 2475 SUB A**
 BY Goldin
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FAIR
 EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

 Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and
 passage of Substitute A.
5. **2018-S 2619**
 BY McCaffrey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
 PAYMENT OF WAGES

 Committee on Labor recommends passage.

6. 2018-S 2638 SUB A**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EQUAL PAY DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING

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

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018:**1. 2018-S 2653****BY** Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

2. 2018-S 2105**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Robert L. Ricci Esq.
Secretary of the Senate