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Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Sixth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT –37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Valverde.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Sosnowski.

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 Fifth Legislative Day of the 2019 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.

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

January 16, 2019

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 family illness I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. Susan Sosnowski". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Senator V. Susan Sosnowski
Senate District 37

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 34****BY** Raptakis, Morgan**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOHN THOMAS LEYDEN

{LC606/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

Senate Resolution No. 35**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, Satchell, Morgan, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANTRANIG MESROBIAN

{LC337/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Ciccone requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ciccone moves passage, seconded by Senators, Lombardi, Lombardo, Nesselbush, Gallo, Felag, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Paolino, Bell, Archambault, Murray, Euer, Coyne, Valverde, Lynch Prata.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 36**BY** Raptakis, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Metts, Satchell**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE HONORABLE DONALD J. TRUMP, AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS END THEIR IMPASSE AND REACH A DEAL TO FUND THE GOVERNMENT

{LC696/1}

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, McCaffrey, Conley, Lynch Prata, Miller, Lombardi, Metts, Archambault, Cano, Coyne, DiPalma.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Bill No. 37**BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Algieri, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

{LC721/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 38**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Exempts property located at 122 North Main Street in the city of Woonsocket from the provision requiring it to be located a certain distance from objectors/schools/churches regarding the issuance of retail liquor licenses.)

{LC739/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 39**BY** Crowley, Picard, Cano, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, ENHANCING BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

{LC343/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 40**BY** DiPalma, Conley, Euer, Goldin, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS - NET NEUTRALITY (Requires Internet service providers to follow Internet service neutrality requirements.)

{LC293/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 41**BY** Coyne, Felag, Conley, Seveney, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Extends the co-operation requirement public utilities have by law with contractors involved in state construction projects to municipal, political subdivisions and other quasi-governmental agencies.)

{LC510/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Resolution No. 42**BY** Picard, Quezada, Metts, Nesselbush, Cano**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (If approved, requires the state to ensure that all students have the opportunity to achieve at high levels, and provide for judicial enforcement.)

{LC108/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 43**BY** DiPalma, Picard, Pearson, Murray, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Requires the state to reimburse the city or town for any costs associated with transporting children placed in foster care to an educational facility outside the regional transportation district.)

{LC644/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 44**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Paolino, Felag, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Redefines extraordinary costs associated with the education of special education students to be costs that are above the core foundation amount.)

{LC290/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 45**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education and the department of children, youth and families to each pay fifty percent (50%) of out of certain district transportation costs)

{LC103/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 46**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Allows a school district to conduct instruction through virtual education up to five (5) days when schools have been closed due to inclement weather, emergency or any nonscheduled school closings.)

{LC540/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 47**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the calculation of the permanent foundation education aid to school districts, and would make an adjustment based upon students residing in qualified low-income housing.)

{LC101/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 48**BY** Conley, Lombardi, Crowley, Felag, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX CREDIT (Establishes personal income tax credit for persons incurring expenses caring for relative requiring assistance with daily living activities certified by a licensed physician for tax years from/after 12/31/19.)

{LC478/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 49**BY** DiPalma, Conley, Coyne, Goldin, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales and use taxes products used for feminine hygiene in connection with the menstrual cycle.)

{LC294/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 50**BY** Picard, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Provides that a nonprofit hospital facility converted from for-profit hospital facility would have a payment in lieu of tax agreement with the applicable city or town or subject to a municipal payment equal to sixty-five percent (65%) of the tax due.)

{LC107/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 51**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permits a municipality, in which twelve percent (12%) of the housing in a municipality qualifies for low-income housing, to charge a tax up to ten percent (10%) of the current year's gross scheduled rental income.)

{LC104/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 52**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Increases the maximum tax on qualifying low-income property from eight percent (8%) of the previous year's gross scheduled rental income to ten percent (10%) of the prospective year's gross scheduled rental income.)

{LC106/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 53**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Felag, Ciccone, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Subtracts state tax refunds, paid to an individual in the previous year, from federal adjusted gross income, for purposes of the state income tax for tax years beginning January 1, 2020.)

{LC471/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 54**BY** Lombardi, Algiere, McCaffrey, Felag, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Adds urns and shrouds, prayer cards and other items customarily sold or provided by a funeral director to those funeral items which are already exempt from sales and use taxes.)

{LC475/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 55**BY** Conley, Cano, DiPalma, Felag, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ESTABLISHING A SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND (Establishes small business development fund to encourage formation of private capital investment in underserved small businesses with annual report and termination after 6 years.)

{LC477/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 56**BY** Satchell, Euer, Miller, Valverde, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX

(Establishes a nineteen percent (19%) carried interest fairness fee for investment management services in order to tax the carried interest income of hedge fund and private equity investors as traditional ordinary earned income.)

{LC27/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 57**BY** Satchell, Conley, Metts, Picard, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MICRO ZONE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT (Creates micro zones in distressed areas to stimulate economic revitalization/employment opportunities/business development through redevelopment of abandoned industrial/commercial structures.)

{LC21/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 58**BY** DiPalma, Conley, Seveney, Paolino, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASELOAD ESTIMATING CONFERENCES (Requires the participation and input of the EOHHS, DHS, DCYF and BHDDH in medical assistance and public assistance caseload estimating conferences and the generation of monthly data to the members of the caseload estimating conference.)

{LC291/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 59**BY** DiPalma, Conley, Seveney, Coyne, Paolino**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO INCREASE CERTAIN DIRECT WORKER WAGES

{LC241/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 60**BY** Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CENTRAL FALLS (Relieves Central Falls from reimbursing state for expenses related to fiscal stability act, expenses related to Central Falls school district bankruptcy proceeding, expenses of Moreau v Flanders, or expenses incurred after termination of receivership.)

{LC483/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 61**BY** Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Euer, Valverde**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.)

{LC515/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 62**BY** Coyne, Crowley, Lombardi, 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.)

{LC509/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 63**BY** Nesselbush, Archambault, Quezada, Paolino, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCES (Changes the dates of the R.E.C. meeting to the last ten (10) of April and the first ten (10) days of November of each year.)

{LC570/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 64**BY** Felag, Conley, Seveney, Coyne, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts reusable bags not including paper/plastic bags from state sales tax.)

{LC547/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 65**BY** Conley, Euer, Algieri, Lombardo, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Enables city/town council to grant tax relief from payment of real estate/property tax during periods of federal/state government cessation of operations to state/federal employees.)

{LC725/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 66**BY** Nesselbush, Quezada, Crowley, Picard, Bell**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.)

{LC568/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 67**BY** DiPalma, Conley, Miller, Euer, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (Amends the definition of "individualized program plan" to require that evaluations issued thereby be conducted by an independent third party.)

{LC297/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 68**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health insurance contract plans or policies to provide coverage for certain licensed practices.)

{LC564/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 69**BY** DiPalma, Conley, Paolino, Miller, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- THE LICENSURE, INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FACILITIES (Requires the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals to make or cause to be made annual unannounced inspections and investigations of community residences.)

{LC289/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 70**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Middletown, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Middletown on November 6, 2018.)

{LC517/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 71**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 would require sixty (60) days written notice to the elderly or disabled.)

{LC109/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 72**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Felag, Ciccone, Lombardo**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 owner's expense.)

{LC465/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 73**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Felag, Ciccone, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Requires the tax administrator to commence any action for collection of personal income tax due and payable within ten (10) years of April 15 of the year the tax return was or would have been filed.)

{LC474/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 74**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Felag, Ciccone, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Enacts a ten (10) year statute of limitations on any assessment of tax due and payable or commencement of any collection action for any tax due and payable by the tax administrator for certain taxes.)

{LC473/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 75**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Daniel R. Baker to join Christy Caroline Baker and Amber Lynn Stewart in marriage on or about August 25, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC682/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 76**BY** Nesselbush, Crowley, Quezada, Lombardi, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- INHERITANCE FROM CHILD BY NON-SUPPORTING PARENT (Authorizes the probate court to deny a parent of a child who dies intestate from inheriting a share of the decedent's estate if that parent did not contribute to the child's support.)

{LC569/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 77**BY** Miller, DiPalma, Coyne, Conley, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE UNIFORMED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Expands drug awareness programs to high schools, directs funding from certain civil fines and mandates establishment of criteria for funding.)

{LC627/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 78**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Felag, Ciccone, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES - VIOLATIONS (Allows a person to make satisfactory arrangements for the payment of motor vehicle fines or costs, and would permit a person to request an ability to pay hearing before a license is suspended for failure to pay such fines or costs.)

{LC468/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 79**BY** Seveney, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Lucille Mary King to join Sara Elizabeth Rodgers and Benjamin Patrick King in marriage on or about June 15, 2019, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

{LC717/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 80**BY** Seveney, DiPalma, Coyne, Valverde, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows local tax assessment to be based on last revaluation or current FMV, whichever is greater.)

{LC110/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 81**BY** Coyne, Crowley, Quezada, Seveney, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - CONTRACTOR'S REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (Prohibits any contractual clause in a contract for home repairs which would limit the homeowner's ability to initiate legal proceedings against the contractor for breach of contract.)

{LC507/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 82**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Felag, Ciccone, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Requires all persons or entities caring for or having custody of an animal to report animal abuse, cruel neglect or abandonment to the police.)

{LC466/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 83**BY** Crowley, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE -- UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE -- LEASES (Prohibits the use of a dog or cat as security for its purchase where the seller or lender can repossess the dog or cat for failure to make payments. It also provides exceptions for certain agricultural activities.)

{LC548/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 84**BY** Coyne, Lynch Prata, Miller, Conley, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Prohibits the manufacturing, importation, sale, shipment, delivery, possession, or transfer of any firearm that is undetectable by metal detectors commonly used at airports and public buildings including 3D printed firearms as defined herein.)

{LC31/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 85**BY** Euer, Conley, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES' -- "THE FEDERAL FURLOUGHED EMPLOYEES PROTECTION ACT" (Provides protections to residents of this state furloughed by the federal government relating to civil proceedings, credit card transactions, payments relating to mortgages, leases and installment contracts.)

{LC751/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 86**BY** Crowley, Nesselbush, Quezada, Lombardi, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Allows jurors to donate their juror fees to the state. Any such donation would be deposited into the general fund.)

{LC546/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 87**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dina Spaziano to join Lauren Ann Garrity and Richard James Duquette in marriage on or about October 26, 2019, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)

{LC96/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 88**BY** Lynch Prata, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dina Spaziano to join Elizabeth Rose Colagiovanni and Michael Augustine D'Amore in marriage on or about July 26, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC163/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 89**BY** Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Establishes criminal offense of driving under the influence resulting in bodily injury punishable by penalties including fines plus \$500,000 insurance coverage/ 2 to 5 yrs imprisonment/ license revocation up to 2 yrs.)

{LC75/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 90**BY** Ciccone, Pearson, Quezada, Crowley, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY WORKPLACE (Creates the "Healthy Workplace Act of 2019" and would establish a cause of action against employers and employees for workplace bullying, harassment and other abusive conduct.)

{LC464/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 91**BY** Raptakis, Paolino, Morgan, Algieri, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes office of inspector general which would be charged with preventing fraud and mismanagement of public funds, regardless of their source and would oversee all state programs and operations.)

{LC398/1}

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

Senate Resolution No. 92**BY** Raptakis, Paolino, Morgan, Lombardi, Algieri**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- REFERENDUM ON LINE ITEM VETO (This proposed amendment to the Constitution provides the governor with a line item veto on the budget and other bills for the appropriation of money.)

{LC394/1}

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

Senate Resolution No. 93**BY** Nesselbush, Archambault, Quezada, Paolino, Bell**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 (SESSIONS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY) (Proposes a constitutional amendment which, if approved by the voters, changes the opening date of the general assembly to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January, and provides for adjournment no later than the Friday preceding Memorial Day.)

{LC571/1}

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

Senate Resolution No. 94**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO APPEAR JOINTLY ON THE BALLOT) (Provides for a joint resolution for submission to voters for a constitutional amendment establishing in 2022 that the governor and lieutenant governor form a joint candidacy (single ticket) for election.)

{LC99/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 95**BY** Satchell, Lombardi, Goldin, Valverde, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- WINE DIRECT SHIPPER LICENSE (Creates a wine direct shipper license to allow for shipment of limited amounts of wine through the mail to eligible customers.)

{LC30/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 96**BY** Crowley, Nesselbush, Quezada, Ciccone, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ADULT ENTERTAINMENT PERFORMANCE TAX (Imposes a \$2.00 tax for admission to adult entertainment businesses. Funds to attorney general to disburse for combating human trafficking.)

{LC544/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 97**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Seveney, Ciccone, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY VETERAN AND MILITARY SPOUSE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (Would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the Special Legislative Commission to Study Veteran and Military Spouse Education & Employment Opportunities from April 30, 2020, and its expiration date to July 30, 2020.)

{LC621/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 98**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES -- SPECIAL EVENTS LICENSE (Permits cities and towns to issue special events liquor licenses to permit the equivalent of one-day licenses one day each month.)

{LC750/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019:**1. 2019-S 13****BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING DOROTHY E. GALLAGHER

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2019-S 33**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY BUILDERS, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

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

YEAS –37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Valverde.

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, and to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Morgan and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Tina Maria Leveign, campaign assistant and constituent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Goodwin announces that Senator Conley became a grandfather this morning.
Senator Goodwin announces that the sexual harassment training for Senate members will be held today, at the rise of the Senate in the Lounge of the State House.

Senator Goodwin announces that Senate Session will not be held tomorrow Thursday, January 17, 2019.

Senator Metts invites the entire Chamber to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. State Holiday Celebration on Monday, January 21, 2019, at 4:00 o'clock P.M. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Ciccone seconded by Senator Goodwin, and upon the suggestion of Senator Ciccone the Senate adjourns at 4:24 o'clock P.M, in memory of Antranig Mesrobian.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR WILLIAM J. CONLEY, JR.

Dear God, we are grateful for the privilege of serving in this Senate. Keep us ever mindful that we are here to serve those who have elected us. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019:

1. **2019-S 34**
BY Raptakis
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF JOHN THOMAS LEYDEN

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.