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Twenty Second Legislative Day

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

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT –37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, 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, Sosnowski, Valverde.

ABSENT – 1: Senator DiPalma

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty First Legislative Day of the 2019 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Conley and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Wayilie Viere, Juana Rodriguez, Kyle Duggar, Shelly Wilbers, Kyle Xaver, Marie-Laurie, McKillys, and William Walden.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Paolino and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Victoria Carron, Alexia Guzman, Brittney Ferrandez, Ashley Fernandez, and Chef Santos Nieves.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Morgan and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Thomas Buck, Lois Buck, Tiffany Buck, Jenna-Rose Nadolny, Alyssa Scuncio, Madison Berlain, Nicole Carnevale, Donald Fair, Terrie-Lynn Nadolny, Dantelle Scuncio, Dawn Berlain, and Debra and Joseph Carnevale.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Watt Galloway, Eugenia Marks, Ernie Panciera, Judy Hadley, Michael Zarvin, and Alicia Eichinger.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

Her Excellency, The Governor, transmits the following appointments and requests the advice and consent of the Senate:



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

March 11,2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-99-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Convention Center Authority:

George Nee

For a term expiring June 30, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

March 11, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-99-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Convention Center Authority:

John Hooper

For a term expiring June 30, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

March 11, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-99-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Convention Center Authority:

Dale Venturini

For a term expiring June 30, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



JOURNAL

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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

March 11, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-99-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Convention Center Authority:

Peri Ann Aptaker, Esq.

For a term expiring June 30, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

March 11, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-99-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Convention Center Authority:

Bernard Buonanno II.

For a term expiring June 30, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor

COMMUNICATIONS

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS



STATE HOUSE

March 13, 2019

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

Dear Mister President,

Please be advised that I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, March 13th. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Louis P. DiPalma

Senator – District 12 (Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Tiverton)

Received an ordered to be placed on file.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5241 SUB A

BY Mattiello, Shekarchi, Slater, Morin, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Authorizes and provide for online sports wagering through authorized hosting facilities in Rhode Island.) {LC1189/A/1}

From the House of Representative to the Senate Calendar for Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Chairwoman Lynch Prata, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

House Bill No. 5140

BY Ucci, Costantino, Fellela, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Steven F. Smith to join Gia F. Guglielmetti and Christopher B. Maselli in marriage on or about October 19, 2019, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC663/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5359

BY Newberry, Hull, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Doreen M. Costa to join Tonya McCarthy and David Tacey in marriage on or about September 9, 2019, within the Town of West Kingston, Rhode Island.) {LC1171/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 530

BY Nesselbush, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Raptakis, Satchell

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 11TH THROUGH 17TH OF 2019 TO BE "BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC761/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Nesselbush requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Nesselbush moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Valverde.

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Debra Sharpe, Robyn Chapman, Greg Walbridge, Greg Smith, Paul Litito, and Maurice Lee.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 531

BY McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, McKenney, Lombardi, Algiere ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING WARWICK POLICE CHIEF STEPHEN MCCARTNEY ON HIS RETIREMENT AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE {LC527/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Valverde.

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

Senate Resolution No. 532

BY Morgan, Rogers, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Felag ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH TO BE "MAPLE SYRUP MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1856/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Morgan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Morgan moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algiere, Sosnowski, Goodwin, Rogers, Raptakis, and Satchell.

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

Senate Resolution No. 533

BY Gallo, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Felag, Miller **ENTITLED,** SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF DET. WILLIAM J. PALMER, CPD {LC2086/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senators, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Felag, Sheehan, Coyne, Murray, and Seveney.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019:

1. 2019-S 461

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. 2019-H 5013

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

3. 2019-H 5014

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

4. 2019-H 5089

BY McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

5. 2019-H 5128

BY Abnev

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

6. 2019-H 5237

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

7. 2019-H 5239

BY Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

8. 2019-H 5277

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

9. 2019-H 5295

BY Ucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

10. 2019-H 5336

BY Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

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 –37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, 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, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS - 0:

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019:

1. 2019-S 427

BY Morgan
ENTITLED. AN ACT R

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Morgan moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Ciccone, Raptakis, and Algiere.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative, and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS –36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, 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, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED – 1: Senator Bell

2. 2019-S 250 SUB A

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2019-2020

Committee on Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator Lombardi moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Archambault, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Conley, Gallo, Lombardo, Sosnowski, Quezada, McKenney, and Coyne.

Senator Lombardi, seconded by Senators, McCaffrey, Archambault, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Conley, Gallo, Lombardo, Sosnowski, Quezada, McKenney, and Coyne, offers the following written motion to amend.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2019-2020

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2019 -- S 0250 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE

RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2019-2020", as follows:

- 1. On page 13, on lines 18 and 19, by restoring all the stricken language.
- 2. On page 13, line 18, by adding the language "or electronic" after the language "bulletin".
- 3. On page 13, on line 19, before the language "the legislative", by inserting the language "and".
- 4. On page 17, on line 23, after the language "board", by inserting the language "and on a bulletin or electronic board of which shall be for the public's use and shall be situated at the main entrance to the state library".
- 5. On page 18, on line 5, by deleting the language "<u>principal</u>", and by inserting in place thereof the language "prime".
- 6. On page 25, on line 4, by deleting the language "<u>its</u>", and by inserting in place thereof the language "its".
 - 7. On page 27, on line 27, by deleting the language "distraction", and by inserting in place

thereof the language "disturbance".
8. On page 29, on line 30, by deleting the language "vacate", and by inserting in place thereof the
language " <u>vacant</u> ".
Respectfully submitted,
Senator Lombardi
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LC001115/8

Senators Bell, Nesselbush, Sheehan, and Lombardi discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, 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, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS - 0:

Senator Nesselbush, seconded by Senator, Bell, offers the following written motion to amend.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2019-2020

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2019 -- S 0250 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE

RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2019-2020", as follows:

- 1. On page 11, line 24, by restoring the stricken language "with".
- 2. On page 11, line 24, by deleting the proposed language "without".
 - 3. On page 11, line 24, by adding the following language after the language "consent,":
 - "and may change the committee assignment of a member without the member's consent,"
 - 4. On page 11, line 24, by adding the following language after the proposed language

"only":

". If the member feels aggrieved, he or she has the right to have the issue decided by a majority vote of the senate".

5. On page 12, line 3, by inserting the following language after the language "appropriate.":

"The president of the senate may change the chair of a committee with the chair's consent,

and the senate president may change the chair of a committee without the chair's

consent, for cause only. If that chair feels aggrieved, he or she has the right to have the issue decided by a majority vote of the senate."

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Nesselbush

LC001115/7

Senators Bell, Conley, Euer, Metts, Seveney, Lombardi, Ciccone, Sheehan, Nesselbush, and Crowley, discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails upon a roll call vote with 2 Senators voting in the affirmative and 35 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS -2: Senators Bell, Nesselbush.

NAYS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Valverde.

SENATOR PRO TEMPORE METTS PRESIDES AT 6:15 P.M.

Senator Nesselbush, seconded by Senator, Bell, offers the following written motion to amend.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2019-2020

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2019 -- S 0250 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2019-2020", as follows:

- 1. On page 22, line 32, by restoring the stricken language "a".
- 2. On page 22, line 32, by deleting the proposed language "an".
- 3. On page 22, line 33, by deleting the proposed language "election,".
- 4. On page 29, lines 16 through 18, by deleting the language:

"call for a roll call vote of all members voting, and after the votes have been counted by him or her and by the clerks of the senate, he or she shall declare the result, and the voting shall continue until some person receives a majority of all the votes," and inserting in place thereof the language:

"receive the ballots of the members whose names are on the list for that office, and after the ballots have been counted by him or her and by the clerks of the senate, he or she shall declare the result, and the balloting shall continue until some person receives a majority of all the ballots,".

5. On page 29, line 22, by inserting the following language after the language "(3)":

"While acting as presiding officer, any member violating any of the foregoing provisions of this section, or allowing any person whose name is not upon the list to participate in the organization of the senate or to cast any ballot for president of the senate, or who shall allow to be used in the organization of the senate any list of members not prepared and corrected as provided in this chapter, shall be imprisoned not less than one year nor more than three (3) years; and any clerk or other person who shall use this list in the organization of the senate, or who shall fraudulently alter, secrete, or destroy any list of members, prepared or prepared and corrected, as

provided above, shall be punished by like imprisonment."

- 6. On page 29, line 23, by deleting the proposed language: "<u>roll call vote</u>", and inserting in place thereof the language "<u>ballot</u>".
- 7. On page 29, line 31, by deleting the language: "using subsection (1) above", and inserting in place thereof the language "in accordance with this section of the senate rules".

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Nesselbush

LC001115/5

Senators Bell, and Ciccone discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails upon a roll call vote with 2 Senators voting in the affirmative and 35 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS -2: Senators Bell, Nesselbush.

NAYS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Valverde.

SENATE PRESIDENT RUGGERIO PRESIDES AT 6:36 P.M.

Senator Nesselbush, seconded by Senator, Bell, offers the following written motion to amend.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2019-2020

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2019 -- S 0250 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE

RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2019-2020", as follows:

1. On page 30, following line 22, by inserting the following language:

"11.7 Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited.

- (a) The Senate is committed to creating and maintaining a work environment in which all members and employees are treated with respect and are free from sexual harassment and discrimination. The Senate fully supports the fundamental right of all people to seek, obtain, and hold employment without being subjected to sexual harassment or discrimination of any kind in the workplace. It is against the policy of the Senate for any member or employee of the Senate, and for any lobbyist, to sexually harass or discriminate against another person involved in the Senate;
- (b) Sexual harassment and discrimination are violations of the Rhode Island Fair Employment Practices Act (chapter 5 of title 28), the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII, as amended) and the Rhode Island Civil Rights Act of 1990 (chapter 112 of title 42).
- (c) Any member, employee, or lobbyist who believes that he or she has been subjected to sexual harassment by a member, employee, or lobbyist has the right to and can directly report the alleged act to the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights, the state agency specializing in the enforcement of anti-discrimination laws. He or she may also report the sexual harassment or discrimination to the Senate President for investigation and discipline in accordance with these rules.
- (d) Neither the Office of Compliance nor any office under the direct jurisdiction of the Joint Committee on Legislative Services (JCLS) or the Office of the Speaker of the House shall have any jurisdiction over complaints of sexual harassment alleged to have occurred in the Senate.

 (e) Disciplinary action relative to a member of the Senate shall be in accordance with Section 10.21 of these rules. Disciplinary action against an employee of the Senate or registered lobbyist shall be in accordance with Rhode Island law."

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Nesselbush
LC001115/6

Senators Nesselbush, Bell, Lynch Prata, and Lombardi discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails upon a roll call vote with 2 Senators voting in the affirmative and 33 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS -2: Senators Bell, Nesselbush.

NAYS – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

Senator Bell Discusses the act.

Senator Lombardi calls to question seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Conley, Lombardo, Metts, Archambault, Lynch Prata, Gallo, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Crowley, Morgan, Paolino, Bell and Rogers.

The motion to call to question prevails with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde..

NAYS – 1: Senator Nesselbush

Senator Bell, seconded by Senator, Nesselbush, offers the following written motion to amend.

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2019-2020

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2019 -- S 0250 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE

RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2019-2020", as follows:

1. On page 18, lines 4 through 10, by deleting all the new language after the language "debate." to the

language "senator." on line 10.

2. On page 18, line 10, after the language "senator.", by reinstating all the language to the language

"senator." on line 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Bell

LC001115/2

Upon the motion of Senator Lynch Prata, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Conley, Goodwin, Gallo, Lombardi, Crowley, Pearson, Morgan, Archambault, McKenney, Rogers, Coyne, and Seveney, a time is fixed for debate for 8:00 o'clock P.M.

The motion to fix a time for debate prevails with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 2 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –31: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, Euer, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde..

NAYS – 2: Senators Nesselbush, Satchell

Senators Satchell, Metts, and Nesselbush discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails upon a roll call vote with 5 Senators voting in the affirmative and 30 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS -5: Senators Bell, de la Cruz, Nesselbush, Satchell, Valverde.

NAYS – 30: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, Euer, Felag, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Ciccone announces that the Committee on Labor has been cancelled for today

Senator Gallo announces that the Joint Committee on Finance and Education has been cancelled for today

Senator Goodwin announces that all Committees have been cancelled for today

Senator Ciccone announces that the Committee on Labor has been cancelled for today

Senator Goldin thanks everyone who took the time to travel to the Statehouse to testify on bills previously scheduled to be heard in Committee

CALENDAR (S 250)

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 3 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 3: Senators Bell, Nesselbush, Satchell.

TRANSMITTAL

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 upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:.

YEAS –33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, 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, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 1: Senator Bell

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Gallo, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 4:38 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Det. William J. Palmer, CPD*.

ROBERT L. RICCI Secretary of the Senate

INVOCATION

SENATOR CYNTHIA ARMOUR COYNE

Dear Lord, Please remind us daily to use the time you have given us to add something of value to each day. Please help us to remember that our decisions are made without obligation or expectation of any benefit to ourselves, but only to benefit our citizens and most importantly, for the benefit of our children. Amen.

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019:

1. 2019-H 5140

BY Ucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

2. 2019-H 5359

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019:

1. 2019-H 5241 SUB A

BY Mattiello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

House Bill No. 5013

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Andrew Gavin to join Alison Gavin and Joey Ho in marriage on or about May 4, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC176/1}

Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5014

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kevin Daniel McKeegan to join Amanda Curry and Adam Polansky in marriage on or about June 15, 2019, within the Town of Portsmouth, Rhode Island.) {LC177/1}

Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5089

BY McEntee, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Edward Duclos to join Christine Mae Gannon and Frederick Joseph Prescott, Jr., in marriage on or about April 27, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC528/1}

Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5128

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Alan Leslie Rosenfield, Esq., to join Marla Gail Waters and Gregory Louis Mercuri in marriage on or about May 11, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC545/1}

Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5237

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Doreen Costa to join Janet Heffernan and Paul Anderson in marriage on or about June 22, 2019, within the City of Cranston, Rhode Island.) {LC1065/1}

Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5239

BY Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Michael J. Mulcahy, II, to join Kellyann M. Mulcahy and Stephen A. Fitch in marriage on or about August 24, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC992/1}

Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5277

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Christopher R. Blazejewski to join Lauren Joy Auffrey and Christopher Pedro Aoyama in marriage on or about May 5, 2019, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

{LC1195/1}

Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5295

BY Ucci, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Janine Hesford to join Sabra M. Lepore and Ralph E. Orlandi in marriage on or about May 4, 2019, within the Town of Lincoln, Rhode Island.) {LC1263/1}

Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5336

BY Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Emily Bruce to join Phoebe B. Hall and Peter J. Nassoit in marriage on or about June 29, 2019, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC1348/1}

Transmitted to Governor