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Thirty Ninth Legislative Day

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

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT –34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, 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, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Algieri, Raptakis, Satchell, Sheehan.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Thirty Eighth Legislative Day of the 2019 proceedings is read in part.

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication from Her Excellency, The Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:

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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

April 23, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

Paul R. Alvarez
(Representing Labor)

For a term expiring January 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

April 26, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-62-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority:

Bonnie Saccucci

Vice
Robert R. Theroux

For a term expiring January 31, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

April 26, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-62-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority:

Kelly A. Morrissey

For a term expiring January 31, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

April 25, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64.14-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the I-195 Redevelopment Commission:

Marc Crisafulli

For a term expiring October 3, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

April 25, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §42-64.14-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the I-195 Commission:

Robert C. Davis

For a term expiring October 3, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



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

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

April 25, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64.14-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the I-195 Redevelopment Commission:

Michael F. McNally

For a term expiring October 3, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**Senate Chamber**

April 30, 2019

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

Dear Mr. President,

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend the Senate Session today, Tuesday, April 30, 2019 due to illness.

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, appearing to read "James C. Sheehan".

James C. Sheehan
Senator – District 36

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**Senate Chamber**

April 30, 2019

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 Tuesday, April 30, 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 "Adam J. Satchell".

Senator Adam J. Satchell
Senate District 09

Read and 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 measures:

House Bill No. 5769 as amended

BY Blazejewski, Morin, O'Brien, Mendez, Maldonado

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LOCAL OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY ACT (Creates a process that provides affected employees an opportunity to purchase the business that employs them, but is in danger of being sold or going out of business.)

{LC1838/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 5184

BY Caldwell, Craven, McNamara, Bennett, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Requires pharmacies display warning notice regarding use of opioids/schedule II controlled substances compiled by DOH relating to overuse/misuse/mixing with other drugs/alcohol effective 9/1/19.)

{LC635/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

House Bill No. 5299 as amended

BY Hawkins, Lima, Phillips, Noret, Serodio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - EQUAL RIGHTS OF BLIND AND DEAF PERSONS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES (Prohibits misrepresentation of the status of an animal as a service animal in order to acquire any right or privilege afforded disabled persons.)

{LC1237/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

House Bill No. 5677

BY Williams, Cassar, Almeida, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Exempts natural hair braiders from the requirement to be licensed as hairdressers or cosmeticians, and would define the practice of natural hair braiding.)

{LC9/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

House Bill No. 5322 as amended**BY** Marszalkowski, Shanley, Maldonado, McKiernan, Millea**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - FOOD DONATIONS (Repeals the current chapter of the general laws regarding immunity for food donors to food banks, and would adopt a new chapter with comprehensive immunity provisions for persons involved in donating food to food banks.)

{LC1318/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5170**BY** Corvese, Ucci, Azzinaro, Phillips, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - MERIT SYSTEM (Allows a provisional employee in classified service, who has satisfactorily served in their position for more than five (5) consecutive years, to be deemed qualified to be awarded permanent status in that position, without the need of examination.)

{LC253/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Labor.

House Bill No. 5437 SUB A**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, O'Brien, Serpa, Morin, Millea**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - ARBITRATION - CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS (Provides for the extension of certain contractual provisions in a school teachers' collective bargaining agreement if the parties are engaged in negotiations.)

{LC1501/A/3}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Labor.

House Bill No. 5662**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MINIMUM WAGES (Removes the overtime exemption for firefighters unless they are paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times their regular rate for all hours worked in excess of forty-two (42) hours.) {LC1717/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Labor.

House Bill No. 5663**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (Removes the overtime exemption for firefighters and rescue service personnel employed by the cities and towns.)

{LC1756/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 646 SUB A**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Jayant Sane to join Ami Pathak and Rutul Davè in marriage on or about May 18, 2019, within the Town of Middletown, Rhode Island.)

{LC2190/A/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Consent Calendar.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

Chairman Lombardo, from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 151**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Seveney, Ciccone, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Amends the definition of "disabled", for the purposes of property tax relief, to include veterans who earn less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) annually and who receive disability benefits.)

{LC778/1}

From the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 313**BY** Crowley, Nesselbush, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation real property acquired or leased by a railroad entity used in the boarding or disembarking of railroad passengers or supporting passenger railroad operations and services.)

{LC1193/1}

From the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 452**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING RESOURCES (Allows the residents of New Shoreham who earn up to one hundred forty percent (140%) of area median income to qualify for affordable housing.)

{LC1053/1}

From the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 585

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Lawson, Felag, Conley, Lombardo, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --

CONTRACTORS' BONDS (Requires road and bridge contractors for the department of transportation to furnish a bond equal to at least 50% of the contract price on contracts in excess of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).)

{LC1866/1}

From the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 586

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Lombardo, Ciccone, Lombardi, Lawson, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (Eliminates division of planning from evaluation process of future state prop. leases. Eliminates requirement of notice to local planning board's planning program of hearings and zoning changes.)

{LC1873/1}

From the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 688

BY Lombardo, Goodwin, Pearson, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Authorizes building inspectors to affix their signatures to permits that pertain to work they inspect.)

{LC1474/1}

From the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 690

BY Crowley, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE (Amends the number of communities who may combine to appoint a building official and prohibits requiring a building official to perform duties not in the building code when building code duties are pending.)

{LC1314/1}

From the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 691

BY Lombardi, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES (Expands the definition of "family member" for purposes of zoning ordinances.)

{LC1286/1}

From the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 814****BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2019, AS "ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY" TO COMMEMORATE THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923, AND IN HONOR OF ARMENIAN-AMERICANS {LC2366/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Gallo and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Steve Elmasian, Father Kapriel Nazarian, Paul Haroian, Ani Haroian, Melkom Megerchian, Melkom Varadian, Everett Marabian, Aram Garabedian, Chief David Tikoian, Michele Kazarian, and Richard Sahajian.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lombardi and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Ani Haroian.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Archambault and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Chief David Tikoian.

Upon the suggestion of Senator McCaffrey and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Everett Marabian, former Senator Garabedian.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Ani Haroian.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Conley and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Michele Kazarian.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 815****BY** Cano**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 30, 2019, AS "THE STATE DAY OF THE COOPERATIVE" IN RHODE ISLAND
{LC2059/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Cano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Cano moves passage, Senators, Archambault, Bell, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Cano and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Eloise Wyatt, Daisy Salvador, Oscar Leiva, Bernardo Chomorro.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Heiny Maldonado, Judith Patron Carreno, Raul Figueroa, Andres Hincapie.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Crowley and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Farazza Labriel.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 816****BY** Metts, Seveney, Gallo, Sheehan, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADULT EDUCATION (Establishes office of adult education literacy/employment advisory committee within GWBRI for adult education and literacy services/repeals adult education act and aid for evening schools eff. 12/1/19.)
{LC2405/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 817**BY** Gallo, Conley, Goodwin, Lombardo, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (Authorizes a licensed physical therapist to perform physical therapy services to a student while in school without a prescription or referral, in accordance with the student's IEP or IFSP.) {LC2486/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 818**BY** Gallo, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (School boards to establish threat assessment policies and teams. Oversight committee for the teams is established.) {LC2393/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 819**BY** Satchell, McKenney, Gallo, Pearson, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Amends the career and technical education program laws to provide the process by which students could access career and technical education programs outside of their home school district.) {LC2456/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 820**BY** Euer, Goldin, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM PROTECTION (Creates the water security act of 2019 to ensure equal access to safe drinking water for all citizens of the state.) {LC2108/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Resolution No. 821**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$770,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER PROGRAM (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$770,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services.) {LC2449/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 822**BY** Pearson, Satchell, Cano, Seveney, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (Removes the prohibition on state appropriations to the municipal infrastructure grant program, and authorizes the state planning council to evaluate, approve and issue such grants, subject to the appropriations provided to the program.)

{LC2327/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 823**BY** Raptakis, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town of East Greenwich to adopt a flexible tiered tax classification system regardless of whether it is a revaluation or update year and also to provide an exemption to small businesses for tangible personal property taxes.)

{LC2451/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 824**BY** Pearson, Satchell, Seveney, Cano, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (Removes the prohibition on state appropriations to the municipal infrastructure grant program, and would provide for a one time \$10,000,000 appropriation to administer the program.)

{LC2428/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 825

(Department of Administration)

BY Murray, Lawson, Valverde, Conley, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS (Allows state employees the ability to make an after tax contribution to a qualified Roth contribution program as a part of a deferred compensation plan.)

{LC1872/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 826**BY** Lawson, Valverde, Miller, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

PHARMACIES (Amends the definition of the practice of pharmacy to include the authority to prescribe drugs and devices and would provide the conditions for which a pharmacist may prescribe an indicated drug or device.)

{LC1651/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 827**BY** Valverde, Miller, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - NALOXONE PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAM (Requires public places to have naloboxes or naloxone on the premises for access and use during emergencies by trained employees or the general public with "Good Samaritan" protections.)

{LC2392/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 828**BY** Sheehan, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATIONS, DEMOLITION, REMEDIATION, ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND/OR RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWN HALL AT 80 BOSTON NECK ROAD AND AT MEMORIAL PARK (PLAT 90 LOT 23) AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$7,500,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR (Authorizes the town of North Kingstown to issue not more than seven million five hundred dollars (\$7,500,000) in bonds and notes to finance improvements and/or related equipment for the town hall.)

{LC2390/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Resolution No. 829**BY** Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION DENOUNCING AND OPPOSING WHITE NATIONALIST AND NEO-NAZI GROUPS

{LC2455/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 830**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, Ruggerio, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Limited compassion centers to purchase marijuana for resale as medical marijuana.)
{LC2522/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 831**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - TRADE IN COVERED ANIMAL PARTS OR PRODUCTS (Prohibits the purchase, sale, offer for sale or possession with intent to sell covered animal parts or products and provide for penalties for violation ranging from misdemeanor to felony upon conviction.)
{LC2508/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 832**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL
{LC2169/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 833**BY** Coyne, Lynch Prata, Euer, de la Cruz, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Allows law enforcement officers to utilize mufflers, silencers, or other devices for muffling sound of firearm while acting within scope of official duties while training as tactical teams and under supervision of police chief, colonel of state police.)
{LC2313/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 834**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - JUDICIAL SELECTION (Provides staff and office space for judicial nominating commission on state property. Requires cooperation of all state departments. Requires all written minutes of commission meetings contain voting results and that investigative reports be confidential.)
{LC2273/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 835**BY** Lombardi, Ciccone, Lombardo, Gallo, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Prohibits an employer, employment agency, labor organization, or employee, to commit any act declared to be an unlawful employment practice; individuals would be held personally liable for such conduct.) {LC2440/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 836**BY** Lombardi, Ciccone, Lombardo, Gallo, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - PAYMENT OF WAGES (Creates a mechanism for employees to enforce their existing right to continuation of medical benefits, reinstatement of status and benefits after returning from being a temporary caregiver and relating to Sunday wage laws.) {LC2439/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 837**BY** Euer, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Murray, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- VETERANS' BENEFITS (Provides a petition process to have a discharge from service recorded as honorable for members of the armed services separated from service with a general or other than honorable discharge due solely to their sexual orientation/gender identity/expression.) {LC2509/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 838**BY** Lombardi, Lombardo, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Provides a special motor vehicle registration plate honoring the New York Yankees for their twenty-six (26) World Championships and the New York Yankees Universe Fund for their financial support to conquer childhood cancer.) {LC2406/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 839**BY** Archambault, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE 9/11 MEMORIAL (Directs the department of administration to add the names of all Rhode Islanders who were killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, to be added to the 9/11 Memorial located in the state house.) {LC2490/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 840**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF 61 PILSUDSKI ST., LLC

{LC2446/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 845**BY** Coyne, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Conley, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS (Requires that all persons seeking appointment as a limited guardian or guardian pursuant to chapter 15 of title 33 ("Limited Guardianships and Guardianship of Adults") be required to undergo a criminal background check.)

{LC2427/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 846**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS § 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$160,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FUND THE SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2019-2024

{LC2535/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 847**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS § 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 LEASE REVENUE BONDS OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS BY THE PROVIDENCE PUBLIC BUILDINGS AUTHORITY TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, REHABILITATION, REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS AT THE CITY'S SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BUILDING ENVELOPE REPAIR, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING IMPROVEMENTS, FIRE CODE COMPLIANCE AND PEST CONTROL, INCLUDING DESIGN AND FEASIBILITY, ENGINEERING OR OTHER STUDIES (Serves as the enabling act for the Providence Public Buildings Authority school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.)

{LC2533/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019:**1. 2019-S 40****BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -
INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS - NET NEUTRALITY

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

Senator DiPalma moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Archambault, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lombardi, Lombardo, Nesselbush, Lawson, Bell, Coyne, Murray, Euer, and Felag..

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 3 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –31: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 3: Senators de la Cruz, Morgan, and Rogers.

2. 2019-S 190**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - CONDOMINIUM LAW -
MANAGEMENT OF CONDOMINIUM

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

Senator Picard moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Archambault, Quezada, and Morgan.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, 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, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

3. 2019-S 256 SUB A**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- TRAVEL INSURANCE ACT

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

Senator Picard moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Archambault, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Lombardo, Quezada, Archambault, Murray, and DiPalma.

Senators Bell, and Picard discuss the act.

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 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Archambault, 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, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 1: Senator Bell.

4. 2019-S 536**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

Senator Picard moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Archambault, Quezada, Nesselbush, and Lombardo.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 2 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

Senators Bell, and Picard discuss the act.

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

NAYS – 2: Senators Bell and Morgan.

5. 2019-S 271**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Senator moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 2 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, 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, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.**NAYS – 2:** Senators de la Cruz, and Morgan.**6. 2019-S 404****BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECT AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE RHODE ISLAND COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (CRMC)

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lombardi, Felag, Lombardo, Archambault, McKenney, Euer, Seveney, and DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, 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, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.**NAYS – 0:**

7. **2019-S 516**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOLLEY
LANDING

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Felag, Morgan, Murray, and Euer.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, 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, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

8. **2019-S 527 SUB A**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL
LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Sosnowski, Lombardi, and Murray.

Senator Felag, seconded by Senators Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, and Murray offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT**TO****2019 -- S 0527 SUBSTITUTE A****AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES**

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2019 -- S 0527 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 14, after the language "agents.", by adding the following language: "Class F licenses shall not be granted to any person or entity holding any other liquor license."

2. On page 2, line 14, after the language "agents.", by adding the following language: "Class F-1 licenses shall not be granted to any person or entity holding any other liquor license."

3. On page 2, between lines 21 and 22, by adding the following language: "(d) Class F and F-1 license holders shall purchase alcohol for resale from Class A license holders only."

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Felag

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The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative, 2 Senators voting in the negative, and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS –31: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

NAYS – 2: Senators Ciccone, and Morgan.

RECUSE – 1: Senator Miller.

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators Lombardi, and Archambault.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative, 2 Senators voting in the negative, and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

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

NAYS – 2: Senators Ciccone, and Morgan.

RECUSE – 1: Senator Miller.

9. 2019-S 620

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Sosnowski, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Lombardi, Lawson, Cano, Bell, Valverde, and Seveney.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS – 0:

RECUSE – 1: Senator Miller.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Crowley announces that Rolling Thunder Day will be held tomorrow at 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 Coyne announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in the Senate 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 Metts announces that the Committee on Education will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Morgan, the Senate adjourns at 5:13 o'clock P.M.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019:

1. **2019-S 646 SUB A**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

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

2. **2019-S 840**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF 61 PILSUDSKI ST., LLC

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019:

1. **2019-S 372**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MUNICIPAL POLICE CONTRACTS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
2. **2019-S 376**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
3. **2019-S 510 SUB A**
BY Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES -- VIOLATIONS

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
4. **2019-S 512 SUB A**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- ARBITRATION -- CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
5. **2019-S 711**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD TO WORK WITH THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING TO DEVELOP A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING NON-TRADE REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

6. **2019-S 747**
BY Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS –
MINIMUM WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

7. **2019-S 748**
BY Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019:

1. **2019-S 151**
 BY Felag
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

 Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
2. **2019-S 313**
 BY Crowley
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
 TAXATION

 Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
3. **2019-S 452**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
 HOUSING RESOURCES

 Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
4. **2019-S 585**
 BY Lawson
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --
 CONTRACTORS' BONDS

 Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
5. **2019-S 586**
 BY Lombardo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS

 Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
6. **2019-S 688**
 BY Lombardo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE
 BUILDING CODE

 Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

7. **2019-S 690**
BY Crowley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

8. **2019-S 691 SUB A**
BY Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.