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Forty 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 4:14 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT –36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Goldin, and Satchell.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Pearson and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber General Treasurer David Damschen of Utah, and General Treasurer Seth Magaziner.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Cano and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Chamber General Treasurer David Damschen of Utah, and General Treasurer Seth Magaziner.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication:

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

May 22, 2019

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

Dear President Ruggiero:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to personal reasons, I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Senator Adam J. Satchell
Senate District 09

Read and 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. 5907

BY Edwards, Williams, Diaz, Maldonado, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Provides that any women's business enterprise that is certified under the Federal Small Business Act shall be deemed certified by the department of administration as a women's business enterprise.)

{LC2244/1}

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

House Bill No. 5429

BY Casey, Price, Phillips, Amore, Morin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT (Extends the benefits of the dual enrollment equal opportunity act to cover home-schooled students.)

{LC664/1}

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

House Bill No. 5520

BY Barros, Morin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - MAYORAL ACADEMIES (Requires any mayoral academy which is part of a network that seeks to be established or expanded to provide evidence that its attrition rates, special education rates and suspension rates are within acceptable averages.)

{LC1082/1}

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

House Bill No. 5538

BY Mattiello, Alzate, Mendez, Serodio, Noret

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.)

{LC1723/1}

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

House Bill No. 5160**BY** Slater, Diaz, Hull, Blazejewski, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAW § 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 (Serves as the enabling act required by Rhode Island General Laws § 16-7-44 in order for the interest on bonds issued in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.)

{LC745/1}

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

House Bill No. 5381**BY** Shekarchi, Lima, Blazejewski, Costantino, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - MUSICAL AND THEATRICAL PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Extends the period for musical and theatrical productions to obtain tax credits to July 1, 2024.)

{LC1417/1}

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

House Bill No. 5993 as amended**BY** Caldwell**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.)

{LC2423/1}

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

House Bill No. 5202 SUB A**BY** Casimiro, McNamara, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BEDDING AND UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE (Directs the department of health to promulgate rules and regulations to provide for clinical oversight of the use of therapeutic beds and cribs which are prescribed by a physician for use by a minor.)

{LC728/A/1}

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

House Bill No. 5540 SUB A**BY** McNamara, Ackerman, Shanley, Newberry, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - CLINICAL TRIALS WEBSITE (Requires the state department of health to post and maintain on its website a link to ClinicalTrials.gov, a free service of the National Institutes of Health Library of Medicine.)

{LC1226/A/1}

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

House Bill No. 5572**BY** Bennett, Edwards, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Updates the laws relating to physician assistants to reflect current standards and terminology.)

{LC1429/1}

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

House Bill No. 5693

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Solomon**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.)

{LC1792/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 5946**BY** Casimiro, Craven**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.)

{LC2317/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 5978**BY** Casimiro, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN (Ratifies amendments to the Home Rule charter of the town of North Kingstown adopted and approved by the electors of the town of North Kingstown on November 6, 2018.)

{LC2389/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 5062**BY** Edwards, Canario, Serpa, Lima, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY (Provides that the trapping and subsequent release of any unowned feral or free roaming cat for the purpose of spaying or neutering of the cat shall not be considered abandonment.)

{LC269/1}

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

House Bill No. 5116 SUB A**BY** Ackerman, Shekarchi, Edwards, McNamara, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Requires retail establishments to accept cash in payment for goods and services.)

{LC380/A/1}

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

House Bill No. 5119**BY** Morin, Phillips, Casey, Vella-Wilkinson, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE AND CHILD PRODUCTS SAFETY (Increases amount of flame retardant chemicals contained in residential upholstered bedding/furniture manufactured/ sold in state from 100 ppm to 1,000 ppm effective January 1, 2020.)

{LC341/1}

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

House Bill No. 5233**BY** Edwards, Azzinaro, Bennett, Kennedy, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Requires the driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction to use a directional signal and repeals the requirement that such signal be audible.)

{LC266/1}

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

House Bill No. 5459**BY** Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS (Authorizes the governor and the reciprocity board to enter into motor vehicle and disability parking reciprocity agreements with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.)
{LC17/1}

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

House Bill No. 5482**BY** O'Brien, McEntee, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Allows the family court, after a fact-finding hearing establishing paternity, including the use of DNA, to terminate the parental rights of a person convicted of sexual assault which resulted in the birth of a child.)
{LC370/1}

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

House Bill No. 5536 SUB A**BY** Mattiello, Jacquard, Johnston, Canario, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Provides that law enforcement personnel, emergency medical personnel, and agencies participating in the HOPE initiative be exempt from civil liability or criminal prosecution as a result of administering opioid antagonists.)
{LC1979/A/1}

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

House Bill No. 5690 SUB A**BY** Noret, Caldwell, Canario, Amore, Serodio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS (Requires a licensed buyer of precious metals or articles, tools, and electronics to take a digital photograph of purchase and upload it to the attorney general's license sales tracking system database, maintained for a period of 3 years.)
{LC1938/A/1}

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

House Bill No. 5701

(Attorney General)

BY Craven, McEntee, O'Brien, McKiernan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Extends the effective date of Chapters 157 and 259 of the 2018 Public Laws from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2020 in regards to Chapter 11-37.1 ("Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification").)
{LC1581/1}

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

House Bill No. 5708**BY** McEntee, Kislak, Craven, McKiernan, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Adopts the uniform interstate depositions and discovery act, and amends the current law regarding depositions taken for use in a foreign jurisdiction by referencing the new act.)
{LC1741/1}

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

House Bill No. 5924

(Attorney General)

BY Maldonado**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURES GENERALLY -- THE STATE FALSE CLAIM ACT (Makes a change to the meaning of the words "knowing and "knowingly" in the state false claim act.)
{LC1575/1}

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

House Bill No. 5986**BY** Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS (Permits, in certain circumstances, the publication, or broadcast of the likeness of an elected official on an official government website with 120 days preceding an election.)
{LC263/1}

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

House Bill No. 6047**BY** Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Calden B. Collins to join Alyssa Beth Collins and Joshua Ernest Rogers in marriage on or about November 30, 2019, within the City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.)
{LC2528/1}

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

House Bill No. 6048**BY** Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Arnold Haskins Campbell, Esq., to join Alexandra Campbell Swoyer and Jeffrey Michael Carbone in marriage on or about August 9, 2019, within the Town of Middletown, Rhode Island.)
{LC2518/1}

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

House Bill No. 6093**BY** Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows James Frank Duryea, II, to join Katherine Harris Adams and Edward Joseph Donovan, Jr., in marriage on or about September 28, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC2589/1}

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

House Bill No. 5035 SUB A**BY** Carson, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special motor vehicle registration plate for The Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.)
{LC41/A/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs.

House Bill No. 5147 SUB A**BY** Phillips, Solomon, Ucci, Hawkins, Serodio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES -- SPECIAL PLATE FOR MASONIC GRAND LODGE
CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND (Authorizes a special license plate for MASONIC GRAND
LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND, specify the minimum order and govern the amount
and distribution of the fee surcharge.)
{LC244/A/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs.

House Bill No. 5163 SUB A**BY** Phillips, Solomon, Shekarchi, Ucci, Hawkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - RHODE
ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT (Permits applicants for
commercial driver's licenses to carry over parts of the required examinations that they passed for
a period of two years and require them to retake those portions not passed.)
{LC236/A/2}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs.

House Bill No. 5443 SUB A

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Millea, Almeida, Williams, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --
RECORDATION OF HONORABLE DISCHARGES (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.)

{LC1500/A/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs.

House Bill No. 5772

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF AMARAL & ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE, INC.

{LC1988/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5931

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF VECTOR CUSPIS OCEANUS, LLC

{LC2303/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 6011

BY Mattiello

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF GYM KIDS INC.

{LC2459/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Consent Calendar.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chairman Miller, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 294**BY** Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT ACT OF 2013 (Requires annual reports to track the number of caregiver assessments given as part of the assessments conducted for Medicaid long term services and supports the creation of a family caregiver support association by the division of elderly affairs.)
{LC1404/1}

From the Committee on Health and Human Services to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 309**BY** Goodwin, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES (Adds six members to the commission on traumatic brain injuries.)
{LC1603/1}

From the Committee on Health and Human Services to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 445**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Goldin, Euer, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits insurance companies from varying the premium rates charged for a health coverage plan based on the gender of the individual policy holder, enrollee, subscriber, or member. Effective 1/1/2021.)
{LC1800/1}

From the Committee on Health and Human Services to the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 570

(Dept. of Health)

BY Valverde, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT
{LC1411/1}

From the Committee on Health and Human Services to the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 884****BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Coyne, Euer

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ANDY ANDRADE, CHUCK PAIVA AND CHRIS PATSOS ON BEING INDUCTED INTO THE GEORGE D. DONNELLY SUNSET LEAGUE CLASS OF 2018 HALL OF FAME
{LC2146/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Andy Andrade, Chuck Paiva, and Chris Patsos.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 885

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION WELCOMING THE NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE FOR THEIR 2018 "REPORT TO THE STATE" PRESENTATION
{LC2684/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lombardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lombardo and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Connor Malone, Jude Ladino, Jesse Ladino, Dawn Ladino, Tim McCandless, and Matt Goudreau.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 882****BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE "CHOOSING WISELY CAMPAIGN" ON MAY 21, 2019, AND DECLARING THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO BE A "CHOOSING WISELY STATE"
{LC2594/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Miller requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by Senators, Lynch Prata, Sosnowski, Valverde, Seveney, and Lombardi.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 886**BY** Raptakis, Gallo, Nesselbush, Algieri, Euer**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION THANKING HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS, GERON OF AMERICA, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY AND WISHING HIM WELL IN HIS RETIREMENT
{LC2606/1}

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, Morgan, McCaffrey, McKenney, Felag, Ciccone, Lawson, Metts, Archambault, Cano, Coyne, Euer, de la Cruz, and Algieri.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 887**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THOMAS P. LEWIS
{LC2619/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lynch Prata requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lynch Prata moves passage, seconded by Senators, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Felag, Bell, Lombardi, Sheehan, Nesselbush, and Gallo.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Bill No. 888

BY Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - SMALL LOAN LENDERS (Allows small loan lenders to charge fees on loans up to \$5,000 provided the fees are disclosed and agreed to in written instrument signed by borrower and licensee.)
{LC2626/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 889

BY Conley, Gallo, Seveney, Lombardi, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Requires retail establishments to accept cash in payment for goods and services excluding online purchases.)
{LC2648/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 890

BY Ciccone, Lombardi, Lombardo, Gallo, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFIED NURSE-TEACHER (Requires that only certified nurses-teachers may be employed as school nurses in elementary and secondary schools.)
{LC2476/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 891

BY Sosnowski, Euer, Coyne, Valverde, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - IDLING (Removes the word diesel in regard to idling of engines and would pertain to idling of all engines.)
{LC1587/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 892**BY** Conley, Lawson, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Providence Country Day School, a Rhode Island nonprofit corporation, located in East Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC2620/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 893**BY** Lombardo, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES -- JOHNSTON (Amends the property tax classification for the town of Johnston to be consistent with state law.)

{LC2703/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 894**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$140,000 TO URBAN VENTURES

{LC2661/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 895**BY** Felag, Lynch Prata, Lombardo, Sosnowski, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Provides that pharmacists shall disclose lesser price drug substitutions unless directed otherwise by the doctor. Exempts pharmacists automatically charging the lowest available price.)

{LC2704/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 896**BY** Crowley, Conley, Nesselbush, Metts, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Directs the executive office of health and human services to adopt a Medicaid fee for services and reimbursement rate for non-emergency medical transportation service providers.)

{LC2610/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 897**BY** Paolino, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CONSOLIDATION OF THE ALBION AND SAYLESVILLE FIRE DISTRICTS INTO THE NEW LINCOLN FIRE DISTRICT (Effectuates the consolidation of the Albion and Saylesville Fire Districts into a newly created Lincoln Fire District.)

{LC2220/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 898**BY** Seveney, Felag, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CHILDREN'S GROVE (Allows private corporation, Children's Grove, to convey its open space and recreational property to nonprofit third parties or a municipal corporation; provided that, such property shall be held and maintained for public recreation and open space.)

{LC2643/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 899**BY** Ruggerio, Ciccone, Archambault, Paolino, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE (Requires that the purchasing board meeting agenda in the town of North Providence be sent to board members at least five (5) days before the meeting.)

{LC2702/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 900**BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Charlotte Porter to join Samantha Cole and William Lyons in marriage on or about August 10, 2019, within the City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.)

{LC2662/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 901**BY** Morgan, Algiere, Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - INSPECTIONS (Authorizes the Exeter town sergeant or designees to conduct division of motor vehicles vehicle identifying number and odometer inspections.)

{LC2671/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 902**BY** Algiere**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Pinkos to join Jessica Cobb and Alden Gordon in marriage on or about August 3, 2019, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

{LC2670/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 903**BY** Coyne, Seveney, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Robert Paul Hasenstab to join Lyndsie Martha Andrade and Christopher Drew Chamberlin in marriage on or about October 13, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC2634/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 904**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Laura Zaniol to join Karen B. Correia and Elden C. DaSilva in marriage on or about September 6, 2019, within the Town of Middletown, Rhode Island.)

{LC2664/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 905**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Joseph I. Macy to join Vanessa A. Coelho and Michael Travis Kissane in marriage on or about October 6, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC2595/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 906**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- THE PERMANENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING ACT (Extends the required air quality monitoring program at T.F. Green International Airport for two years to July 31, 2021.)

{LC2587/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 907

(The University of Rhode Island)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

ELECTRICIANS (Permits a Certificate C license to be issued to the University of Rhode Island to perform certain electrical maintenance and repair as long as the university regularly employs one or more Class B or Class M journeyman electricians.)

{LC2566/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 908

BY Lawson, Ciccone, Metts, Lombardi, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --

ESTABLISHING THE "COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS ACT" (Establishes the commuter transportation benefit act. Employers with twenty (20) or more employees would provide a pre-tax transportation fringe benefit program or provide transportation to the employees.)

{LC2515/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 909

BY Ciccone, Lombardo, Gallo, Lombardi, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS'

COMPENSATION (Provides employer pays any excess damages for an injured minor/clarifies liability of employer for violation of continuation of health care benefits for injured employee caused by employer/repeals obsolete/inapplicable workers' compensation laws.)

{LC2641/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 910

BY Pearson, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY--BENEFITS (Eliminates requirement to pay attorney fees from employment security (unemployment) administrative fund.)

{LC2602/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 911**BY** Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Provides that licensed video-lottery retailers may extend credit of up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per player from the current limit of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per player.)
{LC2605/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 912**BY** Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CHECK CASHING (Exempts persons hosting state-operated video lottery games and state-operated casino gaming from the requirement that they construct and maintain bulletproof glass and steel partitions at check cashing stations, transaction windows, and/or similar areas.)
{LC2604/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 913**BY** Archambault, Satchell, Rogers, Coyne, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS - MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Authorizes the issuance of farmer brewery and farmer distillery licenses to qualifying farms subject to conditions and regulations issued by the department of regulation.)
{LC2529/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 914**BY** Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - BURIAL OF VETERANS (Allows a veteran who qualifies to be buried at the Rhode Island veterans' memorial cemetery to designate a domestic partner to be buried with them.)
{LC2275/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 915**BY** Sosnowski, Felag, Sheehan, Euer, DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE RHODE ISLAND NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION
{LC2682/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 916**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY POTENTIAL REFORM OF VICIOUS DOGS' HEARINGS
{LC2616/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019:**1. 2019-S 881****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE B. MITCHELL SIMPSON, III

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2019-H 5096**BY** Maldonado**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

3. 2019-H 5132**BY** Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

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 –36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.**NAYS – 0:**

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019:**1. 2019-S 406 SUB A**

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY --
ASSENT TO FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Felag, Lombardo, Lombardi, Lawson, Rogers, Valverde, and Seveney.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS –36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Morgan announces that Doctor Sasco will be in the Senate Lounge at 2:30 P.M. o'clock tomorrow to talk about 5G technology.

Senator Nesselbush announces that the State of Rhode Island is celebrating 200 years of friendship with the people of Cape Verde.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable

President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Nelson Evora, Romana Ramos, Ismael da Silva, Jorge Brito, Luisa Xavier, Amilton Fernandes, Carla Monttiro, and Fedra Ferro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator McCaffrey announces that Senators Archambault and Lynch Prata have both been recognized with Humane Society Awards, and that Senator Goldin was also recognized by the Senior Agenda Coalition.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon the suggestion of Senator Lynch Prata, the Senate adjourns at 4:49 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Thomas P. Lewis.*

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR LEONIDAS P. RAPTAKIS

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your blessings of health and strength. We seek your encouragement in using these qualities to their fullest potential. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019:

1. **2019-S 915**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE RHODE ISLAND NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2019-S 916**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY POTENTIAL REFORM OF VICIOUS DOGS' HEARINGS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019:

1. **2019-H 5772**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF AMARAL & ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE, INC.

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

2. **2019-H 5931**
BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF VECTOR CUSPIS OCEANUS, LLC

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

3. **2019-H 6011**
BY Mattiello
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF GYM KIDS INC.

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

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019:**

1. *The Appointment of Womazetta Jones to Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.*

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. **2019-S 828**

BY Sheehan

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

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019:

1. **2019-S 294**

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT ACT OF 2013

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

2. **2019-S 309**

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

3. **2019-S 445 SUB A**

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

4. **2019-S 570**
BY Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

House Bill No. 5096

BY Maldonado, Tobon, Solomon, Casimiro, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the city of Central Falls which were adopted and approved by the electors of the city on November 6, 2018.)

{LC503/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

House Bill No. 5132

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD (Ratifies the Home Rule Charter amendments adopted and approved by the electors of North Smithfield on November 6, 2018.)

{LC681/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.