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Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Fourth Legislative Day

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

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – **38**: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

ABSENT - 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

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 OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §36-8-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the State Retirement Board:

Jean Rondeau

For a term expiring March 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 39-18-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority Board of Directors:

Marcy Reyes

For a term expiring April 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



January 26, 2021

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 appointment to the Convention Center Authority:

Peter Mancini

Vice Catherine Parente

For a term expiring June 30, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-55-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation:

Nicolas P. Retsinas

For a term expiring July 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-55-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation:

Maria Barry

For a term expiring July 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 36-3-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Personnel Appeal Board:

William Facente

For a term expiring April 1, 2027.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Board of Education:

Karen Davis

(Council on Elementary and Secondary Education)

For a term expiring January 31, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Board of Education:

Colleen A. Callahan, Ed. D.

(Council on Elementary and Secondary Education)

For a term expiring January 31, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Board of Education:

Lawrence E. Purtill

(Council on Elementary and Secondary Education)

For a term expiring January 31, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §46-25-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

Ernest Almonte

VICE Bruce Campbell

For a term expiring April 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation:

Karl Wadensten

For a term expiring February 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation:

Jason Kelly

For a term expiring February 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation:

William Stone

For a term expiring February 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



January 26, 2021

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:

Robin Coia

(Labor Representative)

For a term expiring January 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

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:

Steven Kitchin

(Local Workforce Representative)

For a term expiring January 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

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 appointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

Janet Raymond

(Employer Representative)

Vice John Gregory

For a term expiring January 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

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 appointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

Marc Amato

(Chair of Local Workforce Investment Board/designee)

Vice Janet Raymond

For a term expiring January 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

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Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 46-23-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Coastal Resources Management Council:

Raymond Coia

Vice Chair

(Appointed/Elected Official Representing Coastal Municipality Over 25,000)

For a term expiring January 31, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 46-23-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Coastal Resources Management Council:

Donald Gomez

(Appointed Representing Coastal Community with Population Less Than 25,000)

For a term expiring January 31, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 46-23-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Coastal Resources Management Council:

Jennifer R. Cervenka

Chair

(Public Member)

For a term expiring January 31, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 46-23-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Coastal Resources Management Council:

Jerry A. Sahagian

(Public Member Representing Coastal Community)

For a term expiring January 31, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 28-7-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island State Labor Relations Board:

Stan Israel

(Representing Labor)

For a term expiring August 1, 2027.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 28-7-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island State Labor Relations Board:

Scott Duhamel

(Representing Labor)

For a term expiring August 1, 2027.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 46-12.2-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank:

Scott Lajoie

For a term expiring March 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 46-12.2-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank:

Joshua Celeste, Esq.

For a term expiring March 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64-7.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation:

Michael Traficante

For a term expiring June 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64-7.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation:

Gregory Pizzuti

For a term expiring June 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Board of Education:

Michael Mello

(Council on Postsecondary Education)

For a term expiring January 31, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Board of Education:

Jo Eva Gaines

(Council on Elementary and Secondary Education)

For a term expiring January 31, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Board of Education:

Marianne F. Monte

(Council on Postsecondary Education)

For a term expiring January 31, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-55-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation:

Stephen McAllister II

For a term expiring July 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

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:

Michael Grey

(Employer Representative)

For a term expiring January 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

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:

Jordan Boslego

(Representing Employer/Disabilities)

For a term expiring January 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

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:

George Nee

(Labor Representative)

For a term expiring January 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 23-19-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation:

Michael Sabitoni

For a term expiring July 1, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-64.10-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Quonset Development Corporation:

Susan Leach DeBlasio

For a term expiring December 31, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.



January 29, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

Cornelius M. Kerwin, Ph.D

Vice Cecilia Rouse

For a term expiring February 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M Raimondo

Governor



January 29, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Board of Education:

Dr. Jeffrey A. Williams

(Council on Postsecondary Education)

For a term expiring January 31, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 29, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Board of Education:

Rachelle Green

(Council on Postsecondary Education)

For a term expiring January 31, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor

REPORTS FROM 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. 2

BY Goodwin, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Lawson, Euer, Gallo, Felag, Coyne, Cano, Burke **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NURSING HOME STAFFING AND QUALITY CARE ACT (Mandates minimum staffing levels and standards for quality care for nursing homes and their residents.) {LC362/1}

From the Committee on Health and Human Services to the Calendar for February 2nd.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 75

BY Acosta

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JASON CARROLL ON BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE BROWN UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL OF STUDENTS IN APRIL OF 2020 {LC393/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Acosta requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Acosta moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Anderson, Kallman, Quezada, Calkin, Bell, Euer, Mendes, Lombardo, Sosnowski, Burke, Lawson, and Felag.

The act is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Bill No. 76

BY Gallo, Cano, Lawson, Euer, Pearson, Miller, McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Ruggerio, Seveney **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Requires that commencing with the graduating class of 2022 and all subsequent graduating classes thereafter, all high school students attending public schools shall fulfill at least one-half credit or course requirement in civics education.) {LC1054/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

BY Raptakis, Lombardi, Paolino, Lombardo, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Increases minimum wage to \$11.10 on January 1, 2022, and then follow the Consumer Price Index for further raises.) {LC1263/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 78

BY Euer, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Coyne, Cano, Murray, Valverde, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT OF CLIMATE (Establishes a statewide greenhouse gas emission reduction mandate.) {LC1231/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021 in Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College

1. 2021-S 70

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MIGRANT, LLC

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2021-S 71

BY Archambault

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF DEACON ANTHONY E. MUSCATELLI

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. 2021-S 72

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECT AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE RHODE ISLAND COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (CRMC)

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senate Majority Leader McCaffrey, seconded by Senate Minority Whip de la Cruz, 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, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS - 0:

NOT VOTING – 1: Senator Mendes.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021 in Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College

1. 2021-S 3

BY Sosnowski

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

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Anderson, DiMario, Bell, Valverde, Seveney, Felag, Ciccone, Lombardo, DiPalma, Burke, Quezada, Miller, Pearson, Lombardi, and Kallman.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 38 members voting in the affirmative, 0 members voting in the negative, and 0 members not voting as follows:

YEAS – 38: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS - 0:

2. 2021-S 4 SUB A

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE TELEMEDICINE COVERAGE ACT

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

Senator Goodwin orders to recommit item number two to the committee on Health and Human Services.

3. 2021-S 5 SUB A

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

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

Senator Miller moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Sosnowski, Raptakis, Coyne, Euer, Murray, Ciccone, Quezada, Pearson, Burke, Bell, DiMario, Mendes, and DiPalma.

Senators Mendes, Miller, Bell, de la Cruz, and DiPalma discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, upon a roll call vote, with 33 members voting in the affirmative, 5 members voting in the negative, and 0 members not voting as follows:

YEAS – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Quezada, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 5: Senators de la Cruz, Lombardo, Picard, Raptakis, and Rogers.

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 Felag announces that the committee on Finance will meet Thursday at 4:00 P.M. for a virtual meeting via WebEx.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate moves to recess at 4:40 o'clock P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 79

BY Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Cano, Pearson, Sosnowski, Euer, DiPalma, Ciccone **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Removes the requirement that the scholarship program cease with the enrollment of the high school graduating class of 2021 at the community college of Rhode Island.) {LC1153/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Resolution No. 80

BY Euer

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF TIMOTHY J. MILLS {LC935/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar (02/02/2021)

Senate Bill No. 81

BY Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PET CONNECTION, LLC {LC502/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar (02/02/2021)

Senate Resolution No. 82

BY Euer

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM WALSH CORCORAN {LC936/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar (02/02/2021)

Senate Resolution No. 83

BY Quezada, Lombardi, Cano, Goodwin, Pearson, Ciccone, Gallo, Euer **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO ADJUST PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES THAT ARE HARMING RHODE ISLAND'S SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY {LC811/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

BY Euer, Goodwin, Cano, McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Coyne, Felag, Valverde, Pearson, Gallo **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Establishes the duty of the commission and the division of public utilities to ensure affordability and sustainability for basic care necessities.) {LC636/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 85

BY Seveney, Quezada, Pearson, Cano, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Requires that benchmarks specific to each local education authority (LEA) be developed by the department of education to improve cost controls, efficiencies and program effectiveness.) {LC369/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 86

BY Lawson, Euer, Murray, Valverde, Cano, Mendes, Anderson, Mack, Kallman, Quezada **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Provides that feminine hygiene products be provided in all public schools.) {LC854/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 87

BY Ciccone, Murray, Bell, DiPalma, Cano, Euer, Gallo **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFIED NURSE-TEACHER (Requires that only certified nurse-teachers may be employed as school nurses in elementary and secondary schools.) {LC850/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 88

BY Raptakis, Cano, DiMario, Gallo, Lawson, Bell, Paolino, Archambault, McCaffrey, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES TEACHERS GENERALLY - SEPTEMBER 11 CLASSROOM MOMENT OF SILENCE (Allows teachers in all grades to provide the opportunity for students to observe a brief moment of silence on every September 11.)

{LC453/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

BY Raptakis, Cano, Paolino, Euer, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Prohibits the use of a school district's listserv to distribute any political advertisement, invitation, and/or propaganda.) {LC455/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 90

BY Cano, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Lawson, Euer, Seveney, DiPalma, Calkin **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Adds to the determination of the need to support high-need students the following factor: Whether the student is an English language learner as defined by the department of education's regulations.) {LC836/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 91

BY Murray, Cano, Pearson, Picard, Burke, Acosta, Seveney, Rogers, Mendes, Mack **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Requires a review by the department of elementary and secondary education of the formula components used to compute the aid needed to support high need students.) {LC835/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 92

BY Valverde, DiMario, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - PAYMENTS TO FIRE COMPANIES (Provides for an appropriation of state funds to cities and towns who are members of the Narragansett Bay marine task force (NBMTF) for the maintenance of boats providing services to Narragansett Bay.) {LC1045/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 93

BY Seveney, Coyne, Pearson, Picard, DiMario, DiPalma **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF {LC505/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

BY DiPalma, Euer, Rogers, Sosnowski, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY (Requires conservation and preservation restrictions to be liberally interpreted in favor of the grants awarded.) {LC321/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 95

BY de la Cruz, Paolino, Morgan, Rogers, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET (Requires that the governor submit a zero-based budget to the general assembly. The zero-based budget shall be phased in over a five (5) year period.) {LC264/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 96

BY DiPalma, Euer, Paolino, Felag, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Prohibits cities and towns from performing spot assessments that increase the assessment value of properties that have sold, except in accordance with their revaluation or update schedule.) {LC302/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 97

BY Calkin, Anderson, Bell, Acosta, Valverde, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Establishes a surtax on the business corporation tax for publicly traded corporations subject to SEC disclosure and reporting requirements, if corporation's ratio of compensation for its CEO to median worker is equal to or greater than 100 to 1.) {LC541/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 98

BY de la Cruz, Paolino, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- VETERANS' HOME IN HOUSE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (Requires the general assembly to appropriate necessary funds for the furnishing of in-house occupational and physical therapy services for all residents of the Bristol Veterans' home.) {LC250/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

BY Algiere, de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Reduces the minimum corporate tax from four hundred dollars (\$400) to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the year beginning on January 1, 2021, and would abolish the minimum tax for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022.) {LC475/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 100

BY Calkin, Mack, Anderson, Mendes, Bell, Quezada **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Directs department of administration to promulgate regulations giving preferences in the awarding of state contracts to certain business enterprises.) {LC542/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 101

BY Calkin, Anderson, Mack, Mendes, Bell, Quezada **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR FAMILIES (Creates the "Medicaid Employer Assessment".) {LC648/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 102

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- EXEMPTIONS (Includes the real and tangible personal property of The Providence Community Health Centers, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in Providence, Rhode Island, on the list of properties exempt from taxation.) {LC954/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 103

BY Coyne, Valverde, Seveney, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes cities/towns to establish a property tax credit program in exchange for volunteer service by persons over age 60 up to \$1,500 calculated by multiplying service hours by the state minimum wage per hour.) {LC731/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

BY Valverde, Lawson, Anderson, Bell, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL (Requires schools to comply with recycling and composting laws and promotes the donation of unspoiled nonperishable food by schools. Requires the use of share tables at all schools.)

{LC765/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 105

BY Euer, McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Kallman, Valverde, Mack, Quezada, Cano, Coyne **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT (Requires the department of environmental management to create environmental justice areas.) {LC608/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 106

BY Calkin, Anderson, Acosta, Mack, Mendes, Bell, Quezada **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT RECYCLING ACT OF 2021 (Creates a refundable four cent (\$0.04) deposit for non-reusable beverage containers. A ten cent (\$0.10) handling fee would be paid by distributors.)

{LC504/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 107

BY Felag, Sosnowski, Euer, Cano, Picard, McCaffrey, Goodwin ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATERS (Requires DOH to establish maximum contaminate levels of PFSA in drinking water and to set interim standards. Also requires DEM to set standards for PFSA in ground- and surface waters. Defines PFSA as hazardous substances.)
{LC372/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 108

BY Valverde, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES -- HIV/AIDS {LC760/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Resolution No. 109

BY Calkin, Mendes, Anderson, Mack, Bell, Quezada ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING AN IMPROVED "MEDICARE FOR ALL" SINGLE PAYER PROGRAM THAT WOULD PROVIDE UNIVERSAL, COMPREHENSIVE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE {LC485/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 110

BY Seveney, Anderson, Calkin, DiMario, Quezada, McCaffrey ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PFAS IN FOOD PACKAGING {LC496/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 111

BY Sosnowski, Coyne, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Gallo, Miller, Euer **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- GENETIC COUNSELORS LICENSING ACT (Provides a statutory framework for the licensing and regulation of genetic counselors.) {LC1089/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 112

BY Euer, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lawson, Murray ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ELECTRONIC MONITORING IN NURSING AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES (Allows for the use of electronic monitoring of a resident's room or private living unit within a nursing home or assisted living facility.)
{LC425/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 113

BY Morgan, Rogers, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$17,840,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AUDITORIUM AND CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ROOFS, FLOORS, HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, ELECTRICAL

SYSTEMS, PLAYGROUNDS, ATHLETIC FACILITIES, PARKING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District to issue general obligation bonds not to exceed \$17,840,000 for school improvements.) {LC965/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 114

BY Raptakis, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COVENTRY SEWER AUTHORITY (Prohibits the town of Coventry from assessing the costs of repaving the roadway upon the completion of any sewage works upon the land owners.) {LC460/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 115

BY Seveney, Coyne, Murray, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes tax assessors in the cities and towns to use the last statutory update or revaluation as the assessed valuation upon which to levy taxes regarding their real property.) {LC382/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 116

BY Seveney, Coyne, Euer, Sosnowski, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Provides a procedure for homeowners to submit to a municipal zoning board of review or municipal official or agency for a review to determine whether or not a proposed use under this chapter requires a special use permit.) {LC371/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 117

BY DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Provides that a safety barrier or safety netting would be erected on the Mount Hope Bridge, the Claiborne Pell Bridge, and the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge, no later than January 1, 2023.)

{LC315/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

BY Acosta, Calkin, Mack, Cano, Quezada, Mendes, Anderson, Euer **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES – GENERAL PROVISIONS (Reduces the maximum sentence for a misdemeanor from one year to three hundred and sixty-four (364) days, and would apply to all persons sentenced after its effective date.) {LC841/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 119

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, Lombardi, Lombardo, Morgan, Ciccone **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (Requires the office of the attorney general to issue a report containing the total cases charged with a firearm in all Rhode Island courts and a list of cases charged with a firearm which have been disposed during the calendar year.) {LC270/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 120

BY DiPalma, Ciccone, Archambault, Burke, de la Cruz **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS (Requires that motor vehicle accident reports be transmitted by the law enforcement agency or their contract agent within fourteen (14) days of preparing the report to the department of transportation.) {LC297/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 121

BY Kallman, Mack, Quezada, Ciccone, Cano, Euer, Acosta, Lawson, Valverde, DiMario **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT (Prohibits discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income.) {LC934/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 122

BY Quezada, Cano, Kallman, McCaffrey, Mack, Acosta, Calkin, Bell, Euer **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY--POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015 (Data collection on police traffic stops and/or searches. Requires appointment of community review board.) {LC974/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

(by request)

BY Euer, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT (Allows an owner or owners of real property to execute a deed that names one or more beneficiaries who will obtain title to the property at the owner's death without the necessity of probate.) {LC649/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 124

BY Calkin, Bell, Mendes, Mack, Anderson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS (Restores aggregate contributions limits of not in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) within a calendar year.)

{LC1006/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 125

BY Raptakis, Felag, Paolino, Sosnowski, de la Cruz, Rogers **ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- REFERENDUM ON LINE ITEM VETO (This proposed amendment to the Constitution would provide the governor with a line item veto on the budget and other bills for the appropriation of money.) {LC456/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 126

BY Kallman, Ciccone, DiMario, Valverde, Mack, Gallo, Cano, Pearson, Coyne **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ANATOMICAL GIFTS (Require that all applicants for driver's licenses and registry-issued identification cards automatically become organ donors unless they execute a declination card.) {LC924/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 127

BY Calkin, Anderson, Acosta, Mack, Mendes, Bell, Quezada **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY SITING (Requires carbon-emissions-reduction goals be considered in energy plant siting proceedings.) {LC521/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

BY Raptakis, Lombardi, Coyne, Euer, Rogers, Paolino, Felag, Archambault **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN--CONFINEMENT IN MOTOR VEHICLES PROHIBITED (Repeals the requirement that law enforcement officers issue only warnings of the risks to persons leaving a child under the age of seven (7) unattended in a motor vehicle.) {LC447/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 129

BY Coyne, Seveney, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Repeals authority to local authorities to issue concealed carry permits to, repeals provisions allowing minors to carry firearms, requires national background check for permit, repeals provisions allowing permits to be issued to law enforcement officers.) {LC742/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 130

BY Bell, Calkin, Mendes, Anderson, Mack, DiMario, Kallman **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARIES {LC282/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 131

BY Bell, Calkin, Mendes, Lombardo, Mack, Anderson, Ciccone, DiMario, Murray, Cano **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Permits those other residents of a residential dwelling unit to extend the term of the rental agreement for a period not to exceed three (3) months after the death of the lessee.) {LC288/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 132

BY Valverde, DiMario, Sosnowski, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- HEMP GROWTH ACT (Authorizes cities and towns to enact ordinances to address and protect their citizens' public safety and welfare from the impact of hemp cultivation and any of its derivative products.)

{LC1044/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

BY Coyne, Seveney, DiMario, Murray, DiPalma, Euer **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS (Increases the maximum amount to be recovered in civil court action as a small claims from two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to seven thousand dollars (\$7,000).) {LC732/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 134

BY de la Cruz, Paolino, DiPalma, Lombardi, Morgan, Euer, Raptakis **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS -- ELECTRONIC INFORMATION AND DATA PRIVACY ACT (Requires law enforcement agencies to obtain search warrants for electronic information, data, location information and other identifying information of subscribers and customers, except in specified circumstances.) {LC968/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 135

BY Calkin, Acosta, Anderson, Mack, Mendes, Bell, Quezada ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Prevents the director of the department of corrections from restricting in-person visitation of inmates in the event that the department implemented electronic visitation or contact, such as skype, between inmates and visitors.) {LC517/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 136

BY Raptakis, Lombardi, Paolino, Lombardo, Ciccone **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW RHODE ISLAND'S MINIMUM WAGE (Creates an 11 member commission whose purpose it would be to study Rhode Island's minimum wage, and who would report back to the Senate no later than May 4, 2021, and whose life would expire on January 4, 2022.)

{LC451/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 137

BY Raptakis, Lombardi, Paolino, Lombardo, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDIT FOR WAGE

PAYMENTS (Provides tax credit for businesses as minimum wage bench marks are reached or adopted in the future.)

{LC634/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

BY Calkin, Mack, Anderson, Mendes, Bell, Valverde, Murray, Quezada ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- OVERTIME WAGES (Exempts certain executive, administrative, and professional employees from overtime pay if their weekly wages exceed one thousand thirty-six dollars (\$1,036), an increase from the

{LC519/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

current two hundred dollars (\$200).)

Senate Bill No. 139

BY Calkin, Mack, Anderson, Mendes, Bell, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Defines and recognizes the existence and potential liability of lead entities concerning the payment of wages.) {LC518/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 140

BY Algiere, Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.) {LC471/1}

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

Senate Resolution No. 141

BY Algiere, de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, Morgan

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- REFERENDUM ON LINE ITEM VETO (This joint resolution would provide for the publishing and submission to the electors a proposition of amendment to the constitution of the state for a line item veto.) {LC477/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 142

BY Gallo, Ciccone, Pearson, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES (Allows the sale of alcoholic beverages on New Year's Day by retail Class A licensees.) {LC984/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --MINIMUM WAGES (Provides increases to the minimum wage in 2021, 2022, and 2023 and implements a permanent formula to provide annual adjustments to the minimum wage thereafter.) {LC1277/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5168

BY McEntee, Blazejewski, Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Meghan E. McEntee to join Courtney Lee Adham and Gian France Isé-Russo in marriage on or about February 14, 2021, within the Town of Wakefield, Rhode Island.) {LC928/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

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:



January 29, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Board of Education:

Rachelle Green

(Council on Postsecondary Education)

For a term expiring January 31, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 29, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

Cornelius M. Kerwin, Ph.D

Vice Cecilia Rouse

For a term expiring February 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor



January 29, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 46-23-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Coastal Resources Management Council:

Joy Montanaro

(Public Member Representing Coastal Community)

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 Environment and Agriculture.



January 29, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 46-12.2-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to Chair of the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank:

Vahid Ownjazayeri

Vice Merrill Sherman

For a term expiring March 1, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.



January 29, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section §16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Board of Education:

Dr. Jeffrey A. Williams

(Council on Postsecondary Education)

For a term expiring January 31, 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo

Governor

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, February 02^{nd} at 4:04 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algiere, the Senate adjourns at 4:06 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR. Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR SANDRA CANO

Dear Lord, as senators we have great responsibility to our constituents. Help us to emulate your example of patience, respect, and kindness to all, as we strive to solve the problems, and improve the lives, of those we serve. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021 in Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College

1. 2021-S 80

BY Euer

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF TIMOTHY J. MILLS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2021-S 81

BY Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PET CONNECTION, LLC

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. 2021-S 82

BY Euer

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM WALSH CORCORAN

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

John E. Fleming Jr. Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021 in Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College

1. 2021-S 2

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NURSING HOME STAFFING AND QUALITY CARE ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

John E. Fleming, Jr. Secretary of the Senate



	Senate Chamber
	VOTE BY PROXY
To the Honorable President of	the Senate:
	Interim Rules of the Senate, and with your consent, y on the following matter before the Senate:
☐ 2021-H ■ 2021-S	(Advice & Consent or Order of Business) * If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy
APPROVE	□ DISAPPROVE
Respectfully Submitted, Sinator Elaine I (Morgan Senate District 34	Date 26 201
NOTARY State of Rhode Island County of Providence On this 26th day of January, 2021, be appeared Senator Elaine J. Morgan, mame is signed on this document in Notary Public Signature	efore me the undersigned notary public, personally personally known to me to be the person whose my presence. Stephen S. lannazzi Notary Public Printed Notary ID Notary ID Notary III 06/22/2022 Commission Expiration
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JENATE
Senate Chamber
VOTE BY PROXY
To the Honorable President of the Senate:
Pursuant to Rule 10.7.1 of the Interim Rules of the Senate, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:
□ 2021-H ■ 2021-S (Bill Number) (Advice & Consent or Order of Business) * If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy
△ APPROVE □ DISAPPROVE
Respectfully Submitted, Senator Elaine I Morgan Senate District 34
State of Rhode Island County of Providence On this 26th day of January, 2021, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Elaine J. Morgan, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence. Stephen S. Iannazzi Notary Public Signaturo Stephen S. Iannazzi Notary Public Printed Notary ID Notary ID Notary ID Notary ID
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