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Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Fifth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:07 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT – 38: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, 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 Coyne, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Third Legislative Day of the 2021 proceedings is read in part.

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

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication:

State of Rhode Island**Senate Chamber**

February 2, 2021

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 family obligations, I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'James A. Seveney'.

Senator James A. Seveney

Senate District 11

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Chairwoman Cano, from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 13 SUB A

BY Goodwin, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Gallo, Cano, Pearson, Bell, Goldin, Mack, Coyne
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Provides that the council on elementary and secondary education would not grant approval for the creation or expansion of any new charter school until after the 2022, 2023, 2024 school year.)
{LC433/A/1}

Placed on the Calendar for February 9th.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

Senate Bill No. 63

BY Gallo, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT (Requires that the secretary of EOHHS, the secretary of commerce of the commerce corporation and the commissioners of elementary and secondary education and postsecondary education be appointed subject to the approval of the senate.)
{LC671/1}

Placed on the Calendar for February 9th.

Senate Bill No. 74

BY Goodwin, Ruggerio
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows David Raymond Thibodeau, Jr., to join Staci Rae McCabe and Brendan Edward Curran in marriage on or about June 5, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC640/1}

Placed on the Calendar for February 9th

**NEW BUSINESS
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

Senate Resolution No. 145**BY** Valverde, DiMario

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31 THROUGH FEBRUARY 6, 2021, TO BE PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC1072/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Valverde requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Valverde moves passage, seconded by Senators Quezada, Bell, Archambault, McCaffrey, Burke, Coyne, Gallo, Sosnowski, Miller, Mendes, Raptakis, Picard, Lombardi.

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

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.

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Pearson, DiMario, Mendes, Goodwin, Coyne, Lawson, Mack, Quezada, Burke.

Senator Bell discusses the act.

The act is read and passed upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 not voting as follows:

YEAS – 36: 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, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

NOT VOTING – 2: Senators Paolino and Rogers.

**NEW BUSINESS
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

Senate Resolution No. 144

BY Lawson, Goldin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOHN BRITTO

{LC1164/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lawson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lawson moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Algiere, Anderson, Gallo, Felag, Lombardi, Archambault, Calkin, Murray, Euer, de la Cruz, Quezada, Morgan.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

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

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, 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, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

NOT VOTING – 1: Senator Paolino.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Senator Goodwin moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lombardo, Ciccone, Anderson, Archambault, Cano, Bell, Murray, Euer, DiPalma, Kallman, Quezada, Gallo, Felag, Miller.

Senators Morgan, de la Cruz, Mendes, Bell, Costa, Cano.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 34 members voting in the affirmative, 3 members voting in the negative, and 1 member not voting as follows:

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

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

NOT VOTING – 1: Senator Paolino.

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 on Thursday, February 4th at 4:00 o'clock P.M. and 5:30 o'clock P.M. via WebEx.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate moves to recess at 4:46 o'clock P.M., in memory of John Britto.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Chairwoman Cano, from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Reappointment of Michael Mello (Council on Postsecondary Education) to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2023.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Marianne F. Monte (Council on Postsecondary Education) to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2023.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Jo Eva Gaines (Council on Elementary and Secondary Education) to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Colleen A. Callahan, Ed. D. (Council on Elementary and Secondary Education) to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Lawrence E. Purtil (Council on Elementary and Secondary Education) to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Appointment of Cornelius M. Kerwin, Ph.D VICE Cecilia Rouse to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2022.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Dr. Jeffrey A. Williams (Council on Postsecondary Education) to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Rachelle Green (Council on Postsecondary Education) to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2023.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

Chairwoman Euer, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Reappointment of Michael Sabitoni to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation for a term expiring July 1, 2024.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Raymond Coia, Vice Chair (Appointed/Elected Official Representing Coastal Municipality Over 25,000) to the Coastal Resources Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Donald Gomez (Appointed Representing Coastal Community with Population Less Than 25,000) to the Coastal Resources Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Jennifer R. Cervenka, Chair (Public Member) to the Coastal Resources Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Appointment of Ernest Almonte VICE Bruce Campbell to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2024.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chairman Pearson, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Appointment of Vahid Ownjazayeri as Chair of the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank VICE Merrill Sherman of the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank for a term expiring March 1, 2023. This appointment is to begin on March 1, 2021.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Scott Lajoie to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank for a term expiring March 1, 2022. Reappointment of Joshua Celeste, Esq. to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank for a term expiring March 1, 2022.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Joshua Celeste, Esq. to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank for a term expiring March 1, 2022.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Susan Leach DeBlasio to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Jean Rondeau to the State Retirement Board for a term expiring March 1, 2025.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Stephen McAllister II to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation for a term expiring July 1, 2025.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Nicolas P. Retsinas to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation for a term expiring July 1, 2025.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Maria Barry to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation for a term expiring July 1, 2025.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Appointment of Peter Mancini VICE Catherine Parente to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2025.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

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

The Appointment of Marcy Reyes to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority Board of Directors for a term expiring April 1, 2024.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

Senate Bill No. 50

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN (This act would ratify the town of Jamestown Home Rule Charter amendment to Section 219 of the charter adopted at a November 3, 2020 referendum, concerning the process and procedures by which voter initiative can be activated.)

{LC665/1}

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

Senate Bill No. 52

BY Rogers, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Coventry, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Coventry on November 3, 2020.)

{LC248/1}

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

Senate Bill No. 53

(by request)

BY Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTERLY TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN

{LC663/1}

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

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}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Chairman Ciccone, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 1

BY Quezada, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Cano, Miller, Gallo, Goldin, Valverde, Seveney ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Gradually increase the minimum wage from eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) per hour to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour, over 4 years.)
{LC548/1}

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of William Facente to the Personnel Appeal Board for a term expiring April 1, 2027.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Stan Israel (Representing Labor) to the Rhode Island State Labor Relations Board for a term expiring August 1, 2027.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Scott Duhamel (Representing Labor) to the Rhode Island State Labor Relations Board for a term expiring August 1, 2027.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Michael Grey (Employer Representative) to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Robin Coia (Labor Representative) to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of George Nee (Labor Representative) to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024. Reappointment of Steven Kitchin (Local Workforce Representative) to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Appointment of Janet Raymond (Employer Representative) VICE John Gregory to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Appointment of Marc Amato (Chair of Local Workforce Investment Board/designee VICE Janet Raymond to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Appointment of Jordan Boslego (Representing Employer/Disabilities) to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Placed on Senate Consent Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

The Reappointment of Steven Kitchin (Local Workforce Representative) to the Governors Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Placed on Senate Calendar for Wednesday, February 10th.

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

February 2, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 39-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Public Utilities Commission:

John C. Revens, Jr.

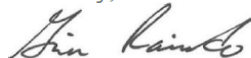
VICE
Marion S. Gold, Ph.D.

This appointment is to begin on March 1, 2021.

For a term expiring March 1, 2027.

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

Sincerely,


Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

cc:

Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President
Honorable Michael McCaffrey, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Dennis Algieri, Senate Minority Leader

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

February 2, 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:

David Chenevert

Vice
Ronald P. O'Hanley

For a term expiring February 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

cc:

Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President
Honorable Michael McCaffrey, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Dennis Algiere, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

February 2, 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:

Mary Jo Kaplan

For a term expiring February 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

cc:



Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President
Honorable Michael McCaffrey, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Dennis Algieri, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903



Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:


<p>SENATOR RYAN W. PEARSON District 19</p> <hr/> <p>Room 210 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>OFFICE: 401-276-5584 sen-pearson@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>CHAIR Committee on Finance</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Education</p>
<p>February 3, 2021</p>		
<p><u>VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL</u></p>		
<p>Mr. John E. Fleming, Jr. Secretary of the Senate Room 220, State House Providence, RI 02903</p>		
<p>Dear Mr. Fleming,</p>		
<p>As a co-sponsor, pursuant to the Senate Rules, I respectfully request to have my name disassociated from Senate Bill No. 126, entitled, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ANATOMICAL GIFTS. This bill has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and no hearing has been scheduled.</p>		
<p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p>		
<p>Respectfully submitted,</p>		
 <p>Ryan W. Pearson Senator – District 19</p>		
<p>RP/jp</p>		
<p>cc: Senator Cynthia A. Coyne – Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary Kristen Silvia, Director of Legislation</p>		

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

<p>SENATOR HANNA M. GALLO <i>President Pro Tempore</i> District 27</p> <hr/> <p>285 Meshanticut Valley Parkway Cranston, Rhode Island 02920</p> <p>Room 318 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>OFFICE 401-276-5563 FAX 401-222-2967</p> <p>sen-gallo@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>SENATE CHAMBER</p>	<p>VICE-CHAIRPERSON Committee on Education</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Commerce</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Housing & Municipal Government</p>
<p>February 3, 2021</p>		
<p>Mr. John E. Fleming, Jr Secretary of the Senate State House, Room 145 Providence, RI 02903</p>		
<p>Dear Mr. Secretary:</p>		
<p>I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that my name be removed as co-sponsor pursuant to rule 4.1.</p>		
<p>The legislation is 2021 Senate Bill 126. I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.</p>		
<p>Sincerely,  Hanna M. Gallo Senator – District 27</p>		
<p>HG/tm</p>		
<p>cc: Kristen Silvia</p>		

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

SENATOR
STEPHEN R. ARCHAMBAULT
District 22

Room 310
Rhode Island State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

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VICE CHAIRPERSON
Committee on Judiciary

SECRETARY
Committee on
Environment & Agriculture

Committee on Rules,
Government Ethics & Oversight

February 8, 2021

Mr. John E. Fleming, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate
State House, Room 220
Providence, RI 02903


Dear Mr. Fleming:

I respectfully request the withdrawal of my name as a co-sponsor of Senate Bill 2021-S27 entitled, an act relating to Motor and other Vehicles – Personal Delivery Devices..

This bill is assigned to the Senate Commerce Committee and no hearing is scheduled.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen R. Archambault
Senator, District 22

SRA/moj

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 146**

BY Morgan, de la Cruz, Algieri, Ruggerio, Lombardo, Ciccone, Raptakis, Lombardi, Cano, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GEOFFREY S. WESTON

{LC1174/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 147

BY Morgan, Coyne, de la Cruz, Lombardi, Cano, Goodwin, Archambault

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2021 AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC1173/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 148

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PROVIDENCE RIVER BOAT CO.

{LC840/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 149

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Repeals the provisions of § 16-7-34.3 reimbursing state for conventional public housing students and adds similar language to § 16-7.2-6 providing permanent foundation education aid funding for services to students in conventional public housing.)

{LC1061/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 150

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Requires that the board of elementary and secondary education adopt a competency-based/proficiency-based learning policy whereby students can earn credits through demonstration of competency.)

{LC1056/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 151**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Allows a school district to conduct instruction through virtual education up to five (5) days when schools have been closed due to inclement weather, emergency or any nonscheduled school closings.)

{LC1055/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 152**BY** Mack, Lawson, Mendes, DiMario, Valverde, Quezada, Kallman, Cano, Bell, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires feminine hygiene products be provided in all universities and colleges at no cost to students.)

{LC853/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 153**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the method for the calculation of the permanent foundation education aid to school districts, and would make an adjustment based upon students residing in qualified low-income housing.)

{LC1060/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 154**BY** Sosnowski, Coyne, Miller, McCaffrey, Gallo, Valverde, Euer, DiPalma, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ECONOMIC AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE ACT OF 2021 (Establishes a fee on companies that sell fossil fuels in Rhode Island and establishes a fund to disburse the collected funds.)

{LC432/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 155**BY** McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Miller, Euer, Kallman, Lombardo, Valverde, DiMario, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS (Prohibits a food service establishment from providing a consumer with a single-use plastic straw, unless the consumer requests such a straw.)

{LC1244/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 156**BY** Felag, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows deduction up to \$15,000 of taxable portion of retirement income from federal adjusted gross income effective January 1, 2022.)

{LC1241/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 157**BY** Felag, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases the exemption for retirement income from state income tax from fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) commencing on January 1, 2022.)

{LC1185/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 158**BY** Felag, Gallo, Murray, Raptakis, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND LIVABLE HOME MODIFICATION ACT (Establishes Rhode Island Livable Home Modification Grant to eligible homeowners and renters to retrofit their residence to nationally recognized accessibility standards.)

{LC1177/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 159**BY** Felag, Gallo, Murray, Raptakis, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX - MILITARY RETIREMENT (Excludes \$25,000 of eligible military retirement income paid by state federal government to persons 60 years or older effective 2022 from state income tax.)

{LC1245/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 160**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Modifies the maximum tax on qualifying low-income property from eight percent (8%) of the previous year's gross scheduled rental income to ten percent (10%) of the prospective year's gross scheduled rental income.)

{LC1067/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 161**BY** Bell

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A REFERENDUM TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION FOR BLANKET AUTHORITY FOR THE GENERAL TREASURER TO REFINANCE BONDS (Joint resolution authorizing treasurer to refinance bonds.)

{LC1062/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 162**BY** Felag, Gallo, Murray, Raptakis, Cano, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOME COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY

{LC1188/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 163**BY** Felag, Picard, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

{LC1182/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 164**BY** Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES-- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks under six thousand pounds (6,000 lbs.) gross weight, used exclusively for personal use, from sales tax.)

{LC458/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 165**BY** Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES-- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks under eight thousand one hundred pounds (8,100 lbs.) gross weight, used exclusively for personal use, from sales tax.)

{LC446/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 166**BY** Felag, Cano**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.)

{LC1236/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 167**BY** DiPalma, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Algieri, Miller, Kallman, Gallo, Archambault **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION (Prohibits the state, ERISA or any health plans to purchase referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.)

{LC493/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 168**BY** Euer, Murray, Kallman, Goldin, Cano, Sosnowski, Gallo, Lawson, DiMario, Valverde **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

{LC538/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 169**BY** Euer, Miller, Coyne, DiMario, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LABORATORIES (Creates a comprehensive system to promote and regulate the effective and competent administration of medical laboratories by focusing on the training, qualifications and licensure of their practitioners.)

{LC611/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 170**BY** Murray, McCaffrey, Miller, Goodwin, Mack, Lawson, Kallman, Bell, Valverde, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Limits health insurance carriers that provide coverage for prescription insulin drugs used to treat diabetes to fifty (\$50) dollars for a copayment for a thirty (30) day supply of medically necessary insulin.)

{LC1009/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 171**BY** DiPalma, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND RARE DISEASE MEDICATION ACCESSIBILITY, AFFORDABILITY, AND REINSURANCE ACT (Establishes within the executive office of health and human services a program, informed by an advisory council, to assure equitable financing and facilitate access to medication for rare diseases.)

{LC494/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 172**BY** Euer, DiPalma, Archambault, Pearson, Coyne, Sosnowski, Mendes**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES (Creates a voluntary mechanism for municipalities to use to dedicate a park, conservation or other land they own as public trust land in perpetuity to protect and preserve its future use.)

{LC536/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 173**BY** Anderson, Calkin, Valverde, Ciccone, Mendes, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Goodwin, Miller, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Requires parking lots to designate parking spaces for electric vehicles/installation of charging stations for new existing public/private parking lots with fines for parking violations/compliance. Effective 7/1/21.)

{LC844/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 174**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NEW HOME BUYERS FIRE PROTECTION ACT

{LC1189/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 175**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS (Allows the town of Middletown to sell an abandoned highway or driftway to the abutting property owner making the abandonment request at fair market value.)

{LC1079/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 176

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, Lombardi, Lombardo, Morgan, Ciccone, Raptakis
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Amends the definition of firearms to include tasers, as well as define taser and stun gun.)

{LC271/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 177

BY Felag, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SOCIAL HOST REGULATIONS (Authorizes the imposition of civil and criminal penalties against any person(s) who purchase, furnish, procure marijuana or permit marijuana to be used by others.)

{LC1190/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 178

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Permits manufacturing or commercial concerns to apply to commerce corporation for exemption or stabilization of taxes when moving to another municipality if could reasonably and efficiently relocate outside state and that relocation would be advantageous.)

{LC1199/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 179

BY Bell, Valverde, Calkin, Goodwin, Goldin, Murray, Lawson, Kallman, Euer, Mendes

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS -- TRAUMA INFORMED SCHOOLS ACT (Establishes the implementation of trauma-informed practices in schools throughout the state.)

{LC285/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 180

BY Lawson, Mendes, Coyne

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO PREPARE AND BUDGET THE STATE'S SHARE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE METACOMET GOLF COURSE

{LC1166/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 181

BY Mack, Goldin, Valverde, Acosta, Kallman, Bell, Anderson, Murray, Euer, Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND
VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Repeals the state voter identification law.)
{LC747/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 182

BY Acosta, Burke, Mack, Kallman, Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS (Requires all public
employees to furnish their name and their job title, upon request.)
{LC1094/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 183

BY Euer, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Cano, Mack, Kallman, Lombardo, Valverde, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND
TENANT ACT (Imposes a moratorium on non-essential evictions/mortgage foreclosures during
a state of emergency declared by the governor relating to residential property and establishes an
eviction diversion program to resolve landlord-tenant eviction disputes.)
{LC513/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 184

BY Sosnowski, Coyne, Miller, Euer, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Removes the
requirement that mail ballot voters sign necessary mail ballot documents be notarized and/or
signed in the presence of two witnesses.)
{LC668/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 185

BY Sosnowski, Coyne, Miller, McCaffrey, Gallo, Euer, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS -- EARLY VOTING
(Authorizes early voting for registered and eligible electors, in all elections for the twenty (20)
days before an election at designated city and town locations, with advance public notice
regulated by rules promulgated by the state board of elections.)
{LC667/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 186

BY Bell, Valverde, Calkin, Goodwin, Goldin, Murray, Lawson, Kallman, Mendes, Mack
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF THE TRAUMA INFLICTED ON CHILDREN WHO ARE EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE (Creates a 13 member commission to study the impact of the trauma inflicted on children exposed to violence, and report back by February 8, 2022, and expire on May 8, 2022.)

{LC1184/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 187

BY Sosnowski, Coyne, Miller, McCaffrey, Gallo, Euer, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Authorizes the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, to appoint an executive director of coastal resources management to act as a liaison to the director of the department of environmental management to plan and manage coastal resources.)

{LC669/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 188

(Attorney General)

BY McCaffrey, Goodwin, Miller, Euer, Lombardi, Kallman, Archambault, Valverde, DiMario, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Amends the uniform controlled substances act and reclassifies simple possession of ten grams (10g) or less of certain controlled substances as a misdemeanor punishable as a two (2) year misdemeanor rather than a felony.)

{LC1093/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 189

BY DiMario, Euer, Murray, Lawson, Valverde, Pearson, Mendes, Mack, Goldin, Anderson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Forbids an employer to require an employee to execute a nondisclosure agreement; or non-disparagement agreement regarding alleged violations of civil rights or criminal conduct as a condition of employment.)

{LC510/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 190

BY Ciccone, Cano, Acosta, Valverde, Anderson, Calkin, Goodwin, Mendes, Murray, Bell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS'
LICENSE -- SAFE ROADS AND MANDATORY INSURANCE

{LC849/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 191

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, Lombardo, Morgan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE
GENERALLY - CAUSES OF ACTION (Provides for a cause of action against an individual or
entity that prohibits the possession of firearms on real property, except residences, by an
individual that is authorized and licensed to carry a firearm.)

{LC263/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 192

BY Raptakis, Goodwin, Archambault, Morgan, Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- MEDICAL MARIJUANA
ACT (Requires person who is owner, employee, or who has third-party management interest in
any medical marijuana entity or license to submit to criminal identification records check. Any
person who pled to felony offense shall have application denied.)

{LC361/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 193

BY Coyne, DiPalma, Euer, Valverde, Goldin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - THEFT,
EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES AND MISAPPROPRIATIONS (Requires that
penalties or restitution payments for larceny of a campaign account or campaign expenditure
reporting violations be deposited into the Rhode Island crime victim compensation program fund
and not into the candidate's campaign account.)

{LC741/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 194

BY de la Cruz, Euer, Miller, Felag, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY
FACILITY SITING ACT (Increases membership from 3 to 5 members/revises siting process to
mandate public/municipal participation.)

{LC255/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 195

(Attorney General)

BY McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Murray, Kallman, Ciccone, Lombardo, Valverde, DiMario, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Increases the criminal penalties for wage theft and employee misclassification.)

{LC1112/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 196**BY** Ciccone, Acosta, Calkin, Goodwin, Lawson, Anderson, Valverde, Murray, Bell, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- DIGNITY AT WORK ACT (Establishes the Dignity at Work Act, to provide workers with more protection from bullying and harassment in the workplace.)

{LC848/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 197**BY** Ciccone, Goodwin, Morgan, Gallo, Felag, Lawson, Coyne, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Establishes player self-exclusion program with winnings collected from self-excluded players going to RICPG for research/education/prevention of teenage gambling addiction.)

{LC1076/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 198**BY** Raptakis, Murray, Felag, Morgan, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Allows business vehicles which are owned by an entity which a veteran owns, and is registered and authorized to conduct business in the state of Rhode Island, to register such business vehicles with veteran plates.)

{LC449/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 199**BY** Murray, Cano, Lawson, Goldin, Mendes, Acosta, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES - BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES (Modifies limitations on quantities of malt beverages and distilled spirits that can be sold at retail by certain licensed breweries and distilleries for off-premises consumption.)

{LC1029/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 200**BY** Felag, Gallo, Murray, Raptakis, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special motor vehicle registration plate for recipients of the United States Bronze Star Medal.)

{LC1195/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 201**BY** Cano, Acosta, Quezada, Miller, Euer, Murray, Kallman, DiPalma, DiMario**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7TH
THROUGH THE 14TH OF 2021, TO BE "CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS
WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC1066/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5024**BY** Caldwell**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.)

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, on Wednesday, February 10th at 4:14 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senators McCaffrey and Algieri, Senate adjourns at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR CYNTHIA ARMOUR COYNE

Dear Lord, remind us as legislators we have a great responsibility to our constituents. Help us to emulate your examples 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 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021 in Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College**

1. The Reappointment of Jo Eva Gaines (Council on Elementary and Secondary Education) to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. The Reappointment of Colleen A. Callahan, Ed. D. (Council on Elementary and Secondary Education) to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

3. The Appointment of Cornelius M. Kerwin, Ph.D VICE Cecilia Rouse to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2022.

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

4. The Appointment of Vahid Ownjazayeri as Chair VICE Merrill Sherman of the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank. This appointment is to begin on March 1, 2021 and for a term expiring March 1, 2023.

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

5. The Reappointment of Scott Lajoie to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank for a term expiring March 1, 2022.

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

6. The Reappointment of Joshua Celeste, Esq. to the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank for a term expiring March 1, 2022.

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

7. The Reappointment of Susan Leach DeBlasio to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

8. The Reappointment of Nicolas P. Retsinas to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation for a term expiring July 1, 2025.

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

9. The Reappointment of Maria Barry to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation for a term expiring July 1, 2025.

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

10. The Appointment of Peter Mancini VICE Catherine Parente to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2025.

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

11. The Appointment of Marcy Reyes to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority Board of Directors for a term expiring April 1, 2024.

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

12. The Reappointment of William Facente to the Personnel Appeal Board for a term expiring April 1, 2027.

Committee on Labor recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

13. The Reappointment of Stan Israel (Representing Labor) to the Rhode Island State Labor Relations Board for a term expiring August 1, 2027.

Committee on Labor recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

14. The Reappointment of Scott Duhamel (Representing Labor) to the Rhode Island State Labor Relations Board for a term expiring August 1, 2027.

Committee on Labor recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

15. The Reappointment of Michael Grey (Employer Representative) to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Committee on Labor recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

16. The Reappointment of George Nee (Labor Representative) to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Committee on Labor recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

17. The Appointment of Marc Amato (Chair of Local Workforce Investment Board/designee VICE Janet Raymond) to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Committee on Labor recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

18. The Appointment of Jordan Boslego (Representing Employer/Disabilities) to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Committee on Labor recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

19. **2021-S 146**
BY Morgan
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GEOFFREY S. WESTON

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

20. **2021-S 147**
BY Morgan
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2021 AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

21. **2021-S 148**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PROVIDENCE RIVER BOAT CO.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021 in Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College**

1. The Reappointment of Michael Mello (Council on Postsecondary Education) to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2023.

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
2. The Reappointment of Marianne F. Monte (Council on Postsecondary Education) to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2023.

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
3. The Reappointment of Lawrence E. Purtill (Council on Elementary and Secondary Education) to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
4. The Reappointment of Dr. Jeffrey A. Williams (Council on Postsecondary Education) to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
5. The Reappointment of Rachelle Green (Council on Postsecondary Education) to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2023.

Committee on Education recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
6. The Reappointment of Michael Sabitoni to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation for a term expiring July 1, 2024.

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
7. The Reappointment of Raymond Coia, Vice Chair (Appointed/Elected Official Representing Coastal Municipality Over 25,000) to the Coastal Resources Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

8. The Reappointment of Donald Gomez (Appointed Representing Coastal Community with Population Less Than 25,000) to the Coastal Resources Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

9. The Reappointment of Jennifer R. Cervenka, Chair (Public Member) to the Coastal Resources Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

10. The Appointment of Ernest Almonte VICE Bruce Campbell to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2024.

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

11. The Reappointment of Jean Rondeau to the State Retirement Board for a term expiring March 1, 2025.

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

12. The Reappointment of Stephen McAllister II to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation for a term expiring July 1, 2025.

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

13. The Reappointment of Robin Coia (Labor Representative) to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Committee on Labor recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

14. The Appointment of Janet Raymond (Employer Representative) VICE John Gregory to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Committee on Labor recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

15. The Reappointment of Steven Kitchin (Local Workforce Representative) to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Committee on Labor recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

16. **2021-S 13 SUB A**
BY Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION

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

17. **2021-S 63**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

18. **2021-S 1**
BY Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

19. **2021-S 74**
BY Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

20. **2021-S 50**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

21. **2021-S 52**
BY Rogers
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

22. **2021-S 53**

BY Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTERLY TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

John E. Fleming Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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}

Transmitted to the Governor.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

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Respectfully Submitted,

Gordon E. Rogers
Senator Gordon E. Rogers
Senate District 21

2-2-2021
Date

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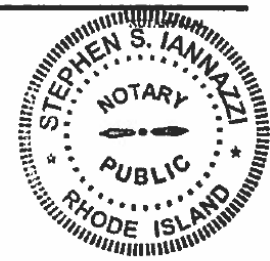
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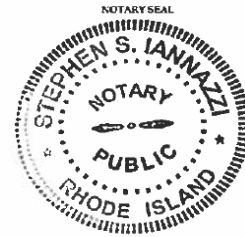
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