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Sixth 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 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, 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 – 1: Senators Ciccone.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Louis P. DiPalma, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma 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 10, 2021

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that on Thursday, February 10, 2021, I will be absent from Senate Session, due to a personal matter.

I would appreciate you recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Ciccone, III

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Senator District ~ 7

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**NEW BUSINESS
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

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.

Senator Morgan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Morgan moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lombardo, Lombardi, Algiere, de la Cruz, Bell, Paolino, Anderson, Goldin.

The act is read and passed upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 not voting as follows:

YEAS -35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS- 0

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.)

{LC11/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Morgan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Morgan moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, McCaffrey, Pearson, DiMario, Goodwin, Coyne, Lawson, Mack, de la Cruz, Quezada.

The act is read and passed upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, and 0 not voting as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, 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:

**NEW BUSINESS
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

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

Senator Cano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Cano moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Algieri, Anderson, Gallo, Felag, Lombardi, Archambault, Calkin, Murray, Euer, de la Cruz, Quezada, Morgan, Picard, Kallman, Seveney, Goldin, Mack and Rogers.

Senator Acosta speaks on the senate resolution.

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

Senate Resolution No. 202

BY Lawson, Ruggerio, Algieri

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JAMES P. MCSTAY

{LC1341/1}

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 Mendes, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Burke, Euer, Algieri, Gallo, Coyne, Felag, Lombardi, Archambault, Euer, Quezada, Mack.

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 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.

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, 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:**CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Senator Cano moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Felag, Coyne, DiPalma, Lawson and Sosnowski.

Senators Calkin and Bell discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative, and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 31: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 6: Senators Acosta, Anderson, Bell, Calkin, Mack and Mendes.

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.

Senator Cano moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Miller, Gallo, Goodwin, Felag, Coyne, DiPalma, and Lawson

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 30 members voting in the affirmative, and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 7: Senators Acosta, Anderson, Bell, Calkin, Mack, Mendes and Morgan,

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.

Senator Cano moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Felag, Coyne, DiPalma, Miller, Quezada, DiMario, Valverde, Seveney, Pearson, Lawson and Sosnowski.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative, 0 members voting in the negative and 1 member abstained as follows:

YEAS – 36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

ABSTAINED – 1: Senator Lawson.

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.

Senator Cano moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Gallo, Goodwin, Felag, Coyne, DiPalma, Miller, Quezada, Burke, DiPalma, DiMario, Valverde, Seveney, Pearson, Anderson, Lawson and Sosnowski.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative, 0 members voting in the negative and 2 member abstained as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke , Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 2: Senators Calkin and Mendes.

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.

Senator Cano moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Felag, Lombardi, Euer, Burke and Lawson.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative, and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 31: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 5: Senators Acosta, Bell, Calkin, Mack and Mendes.

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.

Senator Euer moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Felag, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lawson, Archambault, Euer, Cano, Valverde, Seveney, Picard and Quezada.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative, and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 5: Senators Anderson, Bell, Calkin, Mack and Mendes.

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.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the desk.

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.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the desk.

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.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the desk.

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.

Senator Euer moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Felag, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lawson, Algieri, Burke, Rogers, Archambault, Euer, Cano, Valverde, Morgan and Quezada.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 27 members voting in the affirmative, and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 27: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski.

NAYS – 7: Senators Acosta, Anderson, Bell, Calkin, Goldin, Mack and Mendes.

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.

Senator Pearson moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Felag, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lawson, Archambault, Euer, Coyne, Valverde, Murray, Cano, Seveney, Picard and Quezada.

Senator Bell discusses the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative, and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 31: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 5: Senators Anderson, Bell, Calkin, Mack and Mendes.

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.

Senator Pearson moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Felag, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lawson, Archambault, Burke, Coyne, Valverde, Murray, Cano, Seveney, Picard and Quezada.

Senator Bell discusses the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 29 members voting in the affirmative, and 6 members voting in the negative and 2 members abstained as follows:

YEAS – 29: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski.

NAYS – 6: Senators Bell, Calkin, Goldin, Mack, Mendes and Valverde.

ABSTAINED- 2: Senators Algieri and Cano.

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.

Senator Lombardi moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Felag, Lombardo, Lawson, Archambault, Anderson, Cano, Murray and Coyne,

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 33 members voting in the affirmative, and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 3: Senators Bell, Calkin and Mendes.

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.

Senator Lombardi moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Felag, Lombardo, Lawson, Archambault, Burke, DiPalma, Cano, Murray and Coyne.

Senator Bell discusses the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative, and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 5: Senators Anderson, Bell, Calkin, Mack and Mendes.

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.

Senator Lombardi moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Felag, Lombardo, Lawson, Archambault, Burke, Quezada and Seveney.

Senator Bell discusses the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative, and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 5: Senators Anderson, Bell, Calkin, Mack and Mendes.

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.

Senator Goodwin moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Gallo, Sosnowski, Quezada, Pearson, Kalman, Mack, Mendes, Archambault, Burke, Bell, DiMario, Anderson, Valverde, Felag, Lombardo and DiPalma.

Senators Rogers, Mack, Lawson and Pearson discuss the act.

Senator Pearson seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Quezada, Goodwin, Euer, Coyne, Gallo and Seveney, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2021 -- S 0013 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- S 0013 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION", as follows:

1. On page 5, line 3, by adding the language "[public](#)" after the language "[charter](#)".
2. On page 5, line 3, by adding the language "[as defined in § 16-77-2.1](#)" after the language "[school](#)".
3. On page 5, line 4, by adding the language "[public](#)" after the language "[charter](#)".

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Pearson

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The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative, 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

Senator Goodwin moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Gallo, Cano, Anderson, Valverde, DiPalma, DiMario, Sosnowski, Miller, Burke and Bell.

Senators Quezada, de la Cruz, Bell, Acosta, DiPalma, Pearson, Cano, Gallo and Goodwin discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 6 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 31: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 6: Senators Acosta, Algieri, de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino, and Mendes.

17. 2021-S 63

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Gallo moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Gallo, Sosnowski, Quezada, Pearson, Euer, Miller Lombardi, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag and Archambault.

Senator Gallo seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Quezada, Goodwin, Euer, Coyne, Goldin, Lawson and DiPalma, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT**TO****2021 -- S 0063**

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- S 0063, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT", as follows:

1. Page 2, Line 21, by deleting the language "commerce corporation," and inserting in place thereof the language "executive office of commerce,".

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Gallo

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

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, 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:

Senator Gallo moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lombardi, Pearson, Euer, Valverde, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Miller, Burke, Murray and Bell.

Senator Bell discusses the act as amended.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, 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:

18. 2021-S 1

BY Quezada

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

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Senator Quezada moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Gallo, Anderson, Kallman, Sosnowski, Burke, Mack, Valverde, Seveney, Mendes, Pearson, Euer, Miller Lombardi, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag Calkin and Archambault.

Senator Picard seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Felag, Gallo, Quezada, Goodwin, Coyne, Kallman, Seveney and DiPalma, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2021 -- S 0001

AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- S 0001, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 6, by deleting the language "[October 1, 2021](#)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "[January 1, 2022](#)".

2. On page 2, line 8, by deleting the language "[October 1, 2022](#)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "[January 1, 2023](#)".

3. On page 2, line 9, by deleting the language "[October 1, 2023](#)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "[January 1, 2024](#)".

4. On page 2, line 10, by deleting the language "[October 1, 2024](#)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "[January 1, 2025](#)".

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Picard

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LC000548/2
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The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 23 Senators voting in the affirmative, 12 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 23: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski.

NAYS – 12: Senators Anderson, Bell, Calkin, DiMario, Goldin, Kallman, Lombardi, Mack, Mendes, Morgan, Murray, Valverde.

Senator Quezada moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lombardi, Pearson, Euer, Valverde, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Miller, Burke and Kallman.

Senators de la Cruz, Mendes, Mack, de la Cruz, Mendes, Mack, Paolino, Calkin, DiPalma discuss the act as amended.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 7 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 7: Senators Algieri, de la Cruz, Lombardi, Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis, Rogers.

19. 2021-S 74

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Coyne moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Pearson, Valverde, Sosnowski, Murray, Lombardo, Euer and Quezada.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, 0 members voting in the negative, and 0 members not voting as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, 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:

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.

Senator Euer moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lombardi, Lawson, Felag, Coyne, Morgan, Mendes, Sosnowski, Quezada.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, 0 members voting in the negative, and 0 members not voting as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, 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:

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.

Senator Rogers moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Morgan, Lombardi, Mack, Algiere, Quezada, Coyne and Felag.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, 0 members voting in the negative, and 0 members not voting as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, 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:

22. 2021-S 53

BY Algiere

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.

Senator Algiere moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Morgan, Lombardi, Mack, Quezada, Coyne Anderson, Mendes and Felag.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, 0 members voting in the negative, and 0 members not voting as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, 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:

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 Miller announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet on Thursday, February 11th at 4:00 o'clock P.M. via WebEx.

Senator Archambault announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet on Thursday, February 11th at 4:00 o'clock P.M.. via WebEx.

Senator Sosnowski announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet on Friday, February 12th at 4:00 o'clock P.M.. via WebEx.

Senator Cano announces that the Committee on Education will meet on Friday, February 12th at 3:00 o'clock P.M.. via WebEx.

Senator Goodwin announces that the Senate will not be meeting next week during Winter Break.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Lawson the Senate moves to recess at 7:26 o'clock P.M., in memory of *the Honorable James P. McStay*.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 203**

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CLAIMS ADJUSTERS (Authorizes department of insurance, within the DBR, in lieu of passing in-state licensing examination, to recognize the competence of an applicant for an insurance claims adjuster license, through an out-of-state proctored examination.)

{LC1660/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 204

BY Anderson, DiMario, Calkin, Mendes, Valverde, Murray, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires that electrical distribution companies submit a time of use rate plan to the PUC setting forth high and on-demand times. The time of use rate plans are to be implemented on or before January 1, 2022.)

{LC843/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Resolution No. 205**BY** Picard, Quezada, Cano, Lawson, Anderson**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (Amends the constitution to guarantee Rhode Island residents with equal opportunity to receive an education and provide judicial enforcement of this provision.)

{LC1057/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 206**BY** Sosnowski, Coyne, Seveney, Felag, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - COMMERCIAL FISHERIES (Permits dockside sale of fish by commercial fishing license holders.)

{LC1098/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 207**BY** DiPalma, Picard, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Requires state to reimburse the city/town for any costs associated with transporting children placed in foster care by RI-licensed child-placing agency or RI governmental agency to an educational facility outside the regional transportation district.)

{LC331/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 208**BY** Seveney, Gallo, DiPalma, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS -- TRAINING AND EVALUATION -- EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS (Directs the council on elementary and secondary education to implement an assessment and evaluation system that applies to both teachers and administrators and is aligned with the state's standards.)

{LC839/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 209**BY** Lawson, Gallo, Euer, Cano, Pearson, Picard, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Goldin, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ACCESS TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (Updates Access to Advanced Placement Courses for All Students Act.)

{LC1537/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 210**BY** Felag, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education, in collaboration with the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation, to make educational resources available regarding litter prevention and recycling awareness to elementary school students.)

{LC1194/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 211**BY** Gallo, Lombardo, Picard, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Establishes courses that include instruction in career and technical education programs.)

{LC1213/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 212**BY** Gallo, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION – REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 – THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Seeks to advance economic development by guaranteeing students the right to enroll in approved career technical educational programs and allows them to enroll outside the district of residence if their district does not offer a duplicate program.)

{LC1223/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 213**BY** Gallo, Lombardo, DiPalma, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS TO EARNING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE ACT (Creates the Apprenticeship Pathways to Earning a Bachelor's Degree Act, to enable an individual to earn a bachelor's degree at public higher education institutions throughout the state by earning credits through apprenticeships.)

{LC1218/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 214**BY** Cano, Pearson, DiPalma, Kallman, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM [SEE TITLE 19 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Provides for a minimum standard for the public education system.)

{LC837/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 215**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education and the DCYF to each pay 50% of the out-of-district transportation costs for children allowed to remain in the school where the child is enrolled at the time of placement.)

{LC1078/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 216**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Requires state to reimburse the city/town for any costs associated with transporting children placed in foster care by RI-licensed child-placing agency or RI governmental agency to an educational facility outside the regional transportation district.)

{LC1070/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 217**BY** Sosnowski, Coyne, Seveney, Felag, Cano, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STAFFING (Requires all public schools in grades kindergarten through twelve (12), to have at least one full-time certified school social worker for every four hundred (400) students.)

{LC1441/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 218**BY** Felag, DiPalma, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts reusable bags not including paper or plastic bags from the state sales tax.)

{LC1183/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 219**BY** Acosta, Mack, Calkin, Anderson, Kallman, Bell, Mendes**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING CONSTRUCTION (Creates the housing jobs department and a series of other initiatives designed to create jobs in housing construction, specifically affordable and low-income housing, green and solar energy jobs and programs for low-income individuals.)

{LC1178/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 220

BY Valverde, DiMario, Miller, Euer, Coyne, Paolino, Goldin, Lawson, Acosta, Bell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT RECYCLING ACT OF 2021 (Creates a refundable ten cent (\$0.10) deposit for non-reusable beverage containers. A four cents (\$0.04) handling fee would be paid by distributors.)

{LC1417/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 221

BY Felag, Quezada, Euer, DiPalma, Bell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases the state earned-income credit as of January 1, 2022, to eighteen percent (18%) of the federal earned-income credit, not to exceed the amount of state income tax.)

{LC1179/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 222

BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Allows annual regionalization bonus at 2% of state's share of foundation education and formula by removing sunset provision.)

{LC1243/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 223

BY Anderson, Calkin, Mack, Mendes
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Amends the current law so that monthly payments of child support (and payment of any arrearages) be exempt from income in determining an applicant's qualifications for The Rhode Island Works Program.)

{LC845/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 224

BY Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY,

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 75% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND 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 Providence to issue not more than \$140,000,000 bonds to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the city of Providence.)

{LC1266/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 225

BY Bell, Mendes

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- DEFINITION OF CORPORATE NET INCOME (Repeals a state corporate income tax deduction to allowable income for federal tax purposes for investment property held for at least seven (7) years.)

{LC290/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 226

BY Murray, Felag, Seveney, Euer, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Cano, Pearson, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Provides for adjustments to the payment standard for cash assistance.)

{LC1612/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 227

BY Felag, Cano, DiPalma, Coyne, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Eliminates the sales tax on taxi services and pet care services.)

{LC1181/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 228

BY Felag, Pearson, Sosnowski, Seveney, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (Requires quasi-public corporations to use all funds and property to perform the function or service for which the quasi-public corporation was created.)

{LC1180/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 229**BY** DiPalma, Picard, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION – REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Increases the housing resources restricted receipts account by \$.60 previously retained for state use.)

{LC1246/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 230**BY** Mendes, Acosta, Calkin, Mack, Bell, Kallman, Cano, Anderson, Quezada, Valverde**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICARE-FOR-ALL SINGLE PAYER PROGRAM IN RHODE ISLAND

{LC1012/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 231**BY** Goldin, Valverde, DiMario, Bell, Calkin, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Allows pregnant women with an annual family income above the applicable Medicaid income limit to be eligible to purchase health insurance through one of the Medicaid managed care plans.)

{LC749/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 232**BY** Lombardi, Lombardo, Picard, Felag, Quezada, DiMario, Morgan, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (Includes in the practice of physical therapy the ordering of diagnostic imaging (x-ray imaging) to be performed by other health care professionals.)

{LC1393/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 233**BY** Bell, Calkin, Mack, Anderson, Goldin, Quezada, Lawson, Mendes, Acosta, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (Establishes a universal, comprehensive, affordable single-payer health care insurance program which shall be referred to as, "the Rhode Island Comprehensive Health Insurance Program" (RICHIP))

{LC594/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 234**BY** Lawson, Miller, Cano, Goldin, Valverde, Quezada, Bell, DiMario, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM (Mandates the rules and regulations of the department of health pertaining to newborn screening to include at a minimum, newborn screening tests for all disorders and conditions listed in the current federal Recommended Uniform Screening Panel.)

{LC1548/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 235**BY** Gallo, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (Authorizes a licensed physical therapist to perform physical therapy services to a student while in school without a prescription or referral, in accordance with the student's IEP or IFSP.)

{LC1208/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 236**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES (Requires pharmacists to advise of cheaper generic alternatives and advise when a drug would cost less if paid out-of-pocket without insurance.)

{LC1235/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 237**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Increases the maximum tax for qualifying low-income housing from eight percent (8%) to ten percent (10%) of the property's previous year's gross scheduled rental income.)

{LC1071/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 238**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permits a municipality, in which twelve percent (12%) of the housing in a municipality qualifies for low-income housing, to charge a tax up to ten percent (10%) of the current year's gross scheduled rental income.)

{LC1069/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 239**BY** Cano, Murray, Euer, Quezada, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation real property acquired or leased by a railroad entity used in the boarding or disembarking of railroad passengers or supporting passenger railroad operations and services.)

{LC1003/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 240**BY** Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON (Ratifies and validates Barrington Home Rule Charter amendments approved by electors at 11/3/20 election.)

{LC1075/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 241**BY** Bell, Mack, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- CRANSTON STREET ARMORY FOUNDATION (Establishes the Cranston Street Armory Foundation to restore, renovate, reconstruct and allow public use and access to the historical Cranston Street Armory structure.)

{LC489/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

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Senate Bill No. 242**BY** DiMario, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real property of Ocean State Community Wellness, Inc., a qualified tax-exempt corporation under § 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, for the property located at 7450 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

{LC1421/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 243**BY** DiPalma, Morgan, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Allows mobile and manufactured homes which are a part of a mobile and manufactured home park to be counted as low and moderate income housing for purposes of compliance with the requirements of the city's or town's comprehensive land use plan.)

{LC311/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 244**BY** Lombardo, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES (Requires any public utility or its contractor to reimburse an excavator for lost time expense incurred, including manpower and equipment from the utility's incorrect marking of underground utilities.)

{LC1275/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Resolution No. 245**BY** Kallman, Quezada, Pearson, McCaffrey, DiMario, Valverde, Coyne, Mack, Miller, Acosta
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT PROPOSALS AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCING THE INCARCERATION OF WOMEN (Creates a 13 member commission to study justice reinvestment proposals and provide recommendations for reducing the incarceration of women, and would report back five months after passage, and expire on January 5, 2023.)

{LC1373/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 246**BY** Acosta, Miller, Mack, Calkin, Quezada, Kallman, Bell, Valverde, Mendes**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – NONDISCRIMINATION IN ACCESS TO ANATOMICAL GIFTS AND ORGAN TRANSPLANT ACT (ISAAC'S LAW) (Prohibits discrimination against a potential organ transplant recipient based solely on a physical or mental disability.)

{LC1221/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 247**BY** Acosta, Kallman, Mack, Calkin, Goldin, Quezada, Valverde, Mendes, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Creates early in-person voting and online applications for mail ballots. It removes the two (2) witnesses' notarization of voter signature for mail ballots.)

{LC1437/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 248**BY** Acosta, Mack, Calkin, Quezada, Kallman, Bell, Mendes**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – POWERS AND

OPERATIONS (Prohibits financial institutions from investing in private detention centers or continuing to invest with any institution, company or subsidiary of a company that owns or contracts with a government entity to manage or run a prison.)

{LC1533/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 249

BY Bell, Calkin, Murray, Anderson, Goldin, Quezada, Cano, Mendes, Valverde, Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL ASSAULT

{LC283/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 250

BY Goldin, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Reduces age from 25 to 18.)

{LC753/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 251

BY Lawson, Kallman, Murray, Euer, Mack, DiMario, Mendes, Cano, Valverde, Quezada, Calkin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - STATION HOUSES FOR WOMEN (Requires that as of January 1, 2022, all inmates whom menstruate shall have access to feminine hygiene products at no cost to the inmate.)

{LC1451/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 252

BY Lombardo, Miller, Ruggiero, Gallo, Kallman, McCaffrey, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Expands the definition of "qualifying patient" to include any animal having a debilitating medical condition as determined by a veterinarian for purposes of a prescription for medical marijuana.)

{LC1276/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 253

BY Bell, Mack, Quezada, Cano, Mendes, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND SANCTUARY STATE ACT

{LC1540/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 254**BY** Lombardo, Lombardi, Morgan, Rogers, Paolino, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL-- ELIMINATION OF POST-USE POLYMERS AND RECOVERED FEEDSTOCKS USED IN ADVANCED RECYCLING PROCESSES FROM SOLID WASTE (Exempts post-use polymers and recovered feedstocks used in advanced recycling processes from the definition of solid waste.)

{LC1200/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 255**BY** Rogers, Algieri, de la Cruz, Morgan, Lombardi, Archambault, Lombardo, DiPalma, Picard, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Limits the governor to one thirty (30) day renewal of a declaration of emergency without a joint resolution of the general assembly.)

{LC1109/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 256**BY** Miller, Valverde, Lawson, Goldin, Kallman, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

{LC1405/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 257**BY** Bell, Mack, Mendes, Acosta, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION (Provides for a reduced penalty for the offense of larceny, and further provides for a tiered penalty system for the offense of shoplifting.)

{LC281/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 258**BY** Sosnowski, Coyne, Seveney, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES

{LC1596/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 259**BY** Sosnowski, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Adds airspace to the land the DOT can acquire that is necessary for a suitable airport or to preserve, maintain, or restore approach. Additionally this act would add the term "Approach, approach zone, approaches" to section 1-2-3.1.)

{LC1422/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 260**BY** Miller, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CEMETERIES -- CEMETERY PERPETUAL FUNDS REPORTING (Requires 25% of price of cemetery lot be deposited in perpetual care fund (PCF). PCF to file annual report with AG.)

{LC1659/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 261**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Exempts volunteer fire companies under the supervision, control, or jurisdiction of another public body from certain posting requirements of the open meetings act.)

{LC1176/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 262**BY** Lombardo, Lombardi, Archambault, DiPalma, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Amends the deceptive trade practices chapter to clarify the law's exemptions and enhances the attorney general's authority to seek civil penalties for violations of the law.)

{LC1268/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 263**BY** Coyne, Ruggerio, Gallo, Lombardo, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Miller, Lombardi, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Raises the legal age for persons to purchase or be sold or delivered certain tobacco products, electronic nicotine-delivery systems and liquid nicotine containers from eighteen (18) years of age to twenty-one (21) years of age.)

{LC958/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 264**BY** Coyne, Sosnowski, Valverde, Burke, Seveney, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE ELDER ADULT FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION PREVENTION ACT (Requires employees of regulated financial institutions to report suspected financial exploitation of elder adults to the office of healthy aging and provide authority to the regulated financial institution to place a temporary hold on transactions.)

{LC1005/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 265**BY** Kallman, Lawson, Acosta, Murray, Euer, Quezada, Cano, Seveney, DiPalma, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING

{LC1408/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 266**BY** McCaffrey, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Maryellen Goodwin to join Katuska Pérez and Brian Parker in marriage on or about September 3, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC1722/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 267**BY** Valverde, Cano, Goldin, Mack, Sosnowski, Euer, Acosta, Kallman, Coyne, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - EQUALITY IN ABORTION COVERAGE (Provides for abortion coverage in the Medicaid program and repeal the abortion coverage exclusion for state employee insurance plans.)

{LC764/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 268**BY** Sosnowski, Lombardo, Picard, Seveney, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- ROOFING CONTRACTORS (Amends the registration and licensure requirements of roofing contractors.)

{LC1589/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 269**BY** Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES--OVERTIME

{LC1608/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 270**BY** Goldin, Ruggerio, Gallo, Coyne, Goodwin, Valverde, Mendes, DiMario, Mack, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Comprehensively addresses wage discrimination, based on sex by expanding employee protections and the scope of the remedies available to employees who have experienced wage discrimination.)

{LC746/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 271**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Euer, Kallman, Seveney, DiMario, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

{LC280/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 272**BY** Goldin, Goodwin, Murray, Coyne, Valverde, Mendes, DiMario, Mack, Miller, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES ACT (Changes the definition of employee and employer for purposes of the fair employment practices act, while expanding personal liability for violations.)

{LC751/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 273**BY** Lombardi, Lombardo, Felag, de la Cruz, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS (Repeals § 25-3-7 of the general laws which gives the director of the department of labor and training the authority to exempt certain classes of employees from receiving overtime pay for Sunday and holiday work.)

{LC1392/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Resolution No. 274**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO APPEAR JOINTLY ON THE BALLOT) (Submits constitutional amendments to voters that the governor and the lieutenant governor form a joint candidacy.)

{LC1074/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 275**BY** Felag, Seveney, Lombardo, Murray, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSURE (Provides issuance of occupational licenses for military members and spouses stationed in Rhode Island.)

{LC1414/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 276**BY** Coyne, Lawson, Mendes

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes the administrator of the division of motor vehicles to issue special license plates to Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse.)

{LC1476/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 277

(by request)

BY Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows the Westerly Town Council to issue a Class B liquor license for premises located at 169 and 177 Main Street, despite its location within proximity to a school church.)

{LC1310/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 278**BY** Valverde, Ruggiero, Murray, DiMario, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE -- USE OF ANIMALS IN MEDICAL TRAINING (Prohibits a medical training program from using live animals if another accredited training program in the same medical discipline does not use animals or if an alternative teaching method exists.)

{LC761/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

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. 4 SUB A

BY Miller, Goldin, Valverde, Goodwin, Felag, Coyne, Burke, Cano, Seveney, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE TELEMEDICINE COVERAGE ACT (Amends the provisions of the telemedicine coverage act and provide coverage for telemedicine under Rhode Island Medicaid.)
{LC597/A/2}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 16 SUB A

BY Miller, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Archambault, Lombardi, Ciccone, Quezada, Lombardo, Sosnowski, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM (Creates pilot program to establish harm reduction centers where use of pre-obtained controlled substances may occur under supervision of health care professionals)
{LC618/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 47

BY Miller, Bell, Murray, Quezada, Cano, DiMario, Acosta, Anderson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HEALING ART OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (Changes title of chapter 37.2 of title 5 and throughout, replacing the words "Oriental medicine" with "Chinese medicine". Allows individuals who are otherwise certified, to practice acupuncture & Chinese medicine using Chinese medical diagnostic methods.)
{LC354/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

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}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

Chairwoman Sosnowski, from the Committee on Commerce, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Appointment of William Stone to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

The Reappointment of Jason Kelly to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

The Reappointment of Mary Jo Kaplan to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of David Chenevert VICE Ronald P. O'Hanley to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

The Reappointment of Karl Wadensten to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

The Reappointment of Gregory Pizzuti to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2025.

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

The Reappointment of Michael Traficante to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2025.

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 14**BY** McCaffrey, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the governor to designate any person to solemnize a marriage within the state of Rhode Island on a particular day and within a particular city or town.)

{LC596/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 2021**Senate Bill No. 279****BY** Quezada, Picard, Calkin, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- FILING OF ASSUMED NAME (Requires a person or persons who transact business under a trade name to register with a municipality, provides more extensive information when filing and to notify the municipality when the trade name is changed or discontinued.)

{LC1333/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 280**BY** Pearson, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Changes the tax classification for cable television assets.)

{LC824/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Resolution No. 281**BY** Gallo, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE OFFICE OF THE POSTSECONDARY COMMISSIONER FORM A WORK GROUP TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH REVIEW INTO HOW RHODE ISLAND CAN PROTECT STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS

{LC1203/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 282**BY** Quezada, Cano, Calkin, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Provides students attending public schools enrolled in grades K-12 with a students' bill of rights prohibiting discrimination based on race, sex, gender, economic status or mental, physical, developmental or sensory disabilities.)

{LC1329/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 283**BY** Gallo, Lombardo, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Provides for school construction projects approved after July 1, 2020, that Rhode Island based architectural businesses be used or the project is only eligible to receive five (5) incentive points.)

{LC1214/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 284**BY** Gallo, Lombardo, Picard, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Establishes a group to develop a tuition formula for schools sending students to technical programs.)

{LC1202/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 285**BY** Gallo, DiPalma, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL-TO-CAREER TRANSITION ACT OF 1996 (Implements an individual career and academic plan graduation requirement for each student enrolled in public schools in the sixth through twelfth grade, starting with students entering the sixth grade in the 2023-2024 school year.)

{LC1217/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 286**BY** Pearson, Gallo, Cano, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Direct the council on elementary and secondary education to provide professional support and assistance to LEAs regarding effective ways to use data such as the LEA's budget and demographics, school culture, and assessments to improve student performance.)

{LC815/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 287**BY** Gallo, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHING A CLASS SIZE MAXIMUM FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWO (2) (Mandates public school classroom size be limited to twenty (20) students for kindergarten through grade two (2).)

{LC1201/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 288**BY** McCaffrey, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Makes permanent the exemption from taxation for certain residential property developments which have not been completed or, if completed, have not been sold and occupied.)

{LC1404/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 289**BY** Gallo, Goodwin, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- OFFICE OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES (Amends various sections relating to libraries to remove outdated provisions and update language to reflect current practices affecting library technology.)

{LC1222/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 290**BY** Gallo, Lombardo, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Act provided increased school ho using aid for communities that utilize resident architectural firms for services included in new school or renovation project.)

{LC1212/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 291**BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Provides that any operational surplus of the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation shall be automatically transferred, on an annual basis, to a restricted receipt account for the sole purpose of waste management infrastructure.)

{LC825/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Resolution No. 292**BY** Quezada, Cano, Goldin, Mack, Bell, Acosta, Mendes**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO YEAR UP PROVIDENCE

{LC1303/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 293**BY** Pearson, Seveney, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - MUNICIPAL INCENTIVE AID (Authorizes the general treasurer to withhold state aid to municipalities which do not meet certain requirements regarding locally-administered pension plans and, if applicable, funding improvement plans.)

{LC826/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 294**BY** Ciccone, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX AMNESTY (Creates a ninety (90) day tax amnesty program in the state fiscal year 2021-2022)

{LC1595/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 295**BY** Pearson, Seveney, Murray, Cano, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

{LC822/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 296**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES--MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT (Allows the town of Middletown to enroll its full-time police officers hired on or after July 1, 2021, in a defined contribution plan established by the town and prevents newly hired police officers from becoming members of the retirement system.)

{LC1801/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 297**BY** Lombardo, Ciccone, Picard, Gallo, Sosnowski, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS

{LC1730/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 298**BY** Gallo, Lombardo, Ciccone, Picard, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from sales tax the trade-in values of motorcycles.)

{LC1206/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 299**BY** Gallo, Lombardo, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks weighing fourteen thousand pounds (14,000 lbs.) or less from sales and use tax.)

{LC1204/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 300**BY** Pearson, Valverde, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - STAY INVESTED IN RI WAVEMAKER FELLOWSHIP (Repeals the provisions of the Stay Invested in RI Wavemaker Fellowship, and establish the Stay Invested in RI Tax Credit to provide eligible taxpayers with a tax credit for educational loan repayment expenses.)

{LC818/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 301**BY** Gallo, Euer, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES-- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Increases the amount of exemption from sales tax for clothing including footwear from two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

{LC1207/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 302**BY** Gallo, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- STEP THERAPY PROTOCOLS (Requires health insurers that issue prescription drug coverage to use step therapy protocols.)

{LC1210/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 303**BY** Gallo, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - INTERSTATE COMPACT TO AWARD PRIZES FOR CURING DISEASES (Adopts Interstate Compact to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases with a commission established upon enactment by 6 states to award prizes successful disease cures.)

{LC1209/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 304**BY** Archambault, Euer, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNANTICIPATED OUT-OF-NETWORK BILLS FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES (Protects people with health insurance from surprise medical bills for emergency and other services by requiring a non-participating health care provider to bill an insured party only for a co-payment, or deductible.)

{LC1051/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 305

BY Miller, Coyne, DiPalma, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Valverde, Lawson, Goldin, Calkin, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ALCOHOLISM (Requires the dept of behavioral healthcare/developmental disabilities/hospitals to coordinate with the DOH to propose revisions to chapter 1.10 and 10.1 of title 23, including updates and revisions of statutory language and evidence-based best practices.)

{LC1574/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 306

BY Archambault, DiPalma, Miller, Valverde, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROL SUBSTANCES ACT (Requires that professionals authorized to prescribe opioid drugs discuss addiction risks and when appropriate alternative treatments with patients upon the second refill and/or upon the third prescription.)

{LC1041/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 307

BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING AND PLANNING BOARDS (Amends the voting requirements of planning and zoning boards.)

{LC1377/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 308

BY Archambault, McCaffrey, Coyne, DiMario, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Increases penalties for animal cruelty.)

{LC1035/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 309

BY Archambault, Euer, Coyne, Kallman, DiMario, McCaffrey, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

{LC1031/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 310**BY** Archambault, Ruggerio, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Burke, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS – PUBLIC RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (Establishes public records administration program for the custody/disposal of state public records assisted by an advisory commission.)

{LC1034/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 311**BY** Archambault, Euer, DiMario, Coyne, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - ARTIFICIAL PROPAGATION OF GAME

{LC1028/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 312**BY** Archambault, McCaffrey, Euer, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPPORT (Repeals court costs against all defendants who plead nolo contendere, guilty or are found guilty of certain crimes.)

{LC1036/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 313**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Coyne, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING (Prohibits littering upon private property owned by another person.)

{LC1038/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 314**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Euer, McCaffrey, Burke, Coyne, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Grants a judge or magistrate the discretion to impose the requirement of blood and/or urine testing or the use of the ignition interlock system.)

{LC1063/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 315**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Mack, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE

{LC1334/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 316**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Goodwin, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS--CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAROLE (Upon request of a parolee, enables the parole board to terminate a parolee's supervision and legal custody order in accordance with guidelines it is authorized to promulgate. Prisoners with a life sentence for first and second degree murder are excluded.)

{LC1311/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 317**BY** Quezada, Cano, Calkin, Acosta, Mendes, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION (Requires that the judicial nominating commission be composed of at least three (3) members of color.)

{LC1313/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 318**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Coyne, Euer, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Provides for specific fines and sanctions to operators of motor vehicles who fail to exercise due care to avoid colliding with a vulnerable road user causing injury, serious injury, or death to the vulnerable road user.)

{LC1022/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 319**BY** Archambault, Lombardo, Kallman, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Authorizes a law enforcement or animal control officer to hold an animal confined in a motor vehicle up to seventy-two (72) hours pending a district court hearing.)

{LC1042/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 320**BY** Archambault, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Provides for a reduction in the minimum number of special plates to be ordered from the DMV to one hundred fifty (150) sets upon payment of a conditionally refundable fee of three thousand dollars (\$3,000).)

{LC1048/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 321**BY** Euer, Cano, Murray, DiMario, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH AND SAFETY (Updates and modernize the Department of Environmental Management's ability to enforce environmental laws, and more specifically modifies practices regarding a Notice of Violation.)

{LC637/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 322**BY** Gallo, Ciccone, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN (Requires children who seek a special limited work permit to successfully complete a worker rights' training program established and funded by the department of labor and training.)

{LC1233/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 323**BY** Euer, Goodwin, Murray, Valverde, Mack, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Allows individuals employed in domestic service or in or about a private home to be included as an employee.)

{LC547/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 324**BY** Gallo, Sosnowski, Lombardo, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- HEALTHY BEVERAGE ACT (Creates the "Healthy Beverage Act" which requires that children's meals offered by restaurants include certain healthy beverage options if beverage is automatically included in the meal.)

{LC1219/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 325**BY** Pearson, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CUMBERLAND TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR AND EQUIPPING OF RECREATIONAL AREAS AND FACILITIES IN THE TOWN (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to issue general obligation bonds and notes not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the development/improvement/repair/alteration/construction/renovation/equipping of recreational areas and facilities in the town.)

{LC1226/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 326**BY** Murray, McCaffrey, Goodwin, DiPalma, Felag, Cano, Euer, Lawson, Ciccone, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Adds one new income tax bracket for purposes of state income taxation.)

{LC1426/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 327**BY** Lawson, McCaffrey, Miller, Cano, Pearson, Goodwin, Quezada, Sosnowski, DiMario, Euer, Murray, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SUGARY DRINKS TAX (Imposes a tax of 15 cents/per oz on the sale of bottled sugary drinks/syrups/powders from which a sugary drink may be derived with tax collected deposited into the Retail SNAP Incentive Fund effective 1/1/22.)

{LC2083/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

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 Tuesday, February 23rd at 4:07 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, Senate adjourns at 4:09 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR LOUIS P. DIPALMA

Dear Lord, We pray that you bless this Senate. Help us to work with a real commitment to resolving the problems that face our State. Remind us to always treat each other with dignity and respect. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021 in Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College

1. Appointment of William Stone to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.

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

2. Reappointment of Jason Kelly to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.

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

3. Reappointment of Mary Jo Kaplan to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.

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

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021 in Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College

1. Appointment of David Chenevert VICE Ronald P. O'Hanley to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.

Committee on Commerce recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
2. Reappointment of Karl Wadensten to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.

Committee on Commerce recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
3. Reappointment of Gregory Pizzuti to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2025.

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
4. Reappointment of Michael Traficante to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2025.

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.
5. **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.
6. **2021-S 16 SUB A**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM

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

7. **2021-S 47**
 BY Miller
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE
 HEALING ART OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

8. **2021-S 108**
 BY Valverde
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PREVENTION
 AND SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES -- HIV/AIDS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

9. **2021-S 14 SUB A**
 BY McCaffrey
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -
 SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

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

John E. Fleming Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR****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.)

{LC11/1}

Transmitted to the Governor on Thursday, February 11th, 2021.