# **State of Rhode Island**

# Journal of the Senate

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Third day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

Volume 150, No. 13Tuesday, March 28, 2023Thirteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:22 o'clock P.M.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – **35:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

ABSENT – 3: Senators Goodwin, Morgan, and Pearson.

### INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

#### **APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Eleventh Legislative Day of the 2023 proceedings is read in part.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

State of Rhode Island SENATOR Room 316 RYAN W. PEARSON Rhode Island State House District 19 Providence, Rhode Island 02903 OFFICE: (401) 276-5584 SENATE MAJORITY LEADER sen-pearson@rilegislature.gov Senate Chamber March 28, 2023 The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio President of the Senate State House, Room 318 Providence, RI 02903 Dear Mr. President: Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. I will be voting by proxy. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, Ear Ryan W. Pearson Senate Majority Leader RP/jp cc: Mr. John Fleming, Secretary of the Senate

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

SENATOR IELISSA A. MURRAY District 24	State of Rhode Island	19 Vice-Chair, Committee on Finance
Room 309 Rhode Island State House rovidence, Rhode Island 02903		Committee on Labor
TEL 401-276-5599 en-murray®rilegislature.gov	Senate Chamber	Permanent Joint Committee on State Lottery
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State House, Room 318 Providence, RI 02903		
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Sincerely,		
Melissa A. Murray	Muray	

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

ELAINE J. MORGAN	OF IC	Committee on Health & Human Services
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P.O. Box 841 Ashaway, Rhode Island 02804	JENATE.	
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#### GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Raptakis and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of The Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Mr. George Vermpis, President of I FLY Athens Greece.

#### FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

# The Reappointment of Armand E. Sabitoni to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 01, 2026.

Senator Cano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Cano moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The reappointment is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative a s follows:

**YEAS – 33:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS** – 1: Senator Bell.

# The Reappointment of Jay Placencia to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 01, 2025.

Senator Cano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Cano moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The reappointment is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative a s follows:

**YEAS – 34:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

#### $\mathbf{NAYS} - \mathbf{0}$ :

# The Reappointment of Matthew Lenz to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 01, 2025.

Senator Cano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Cano moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The reappointment is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative a s follows:

**YEAS – 34:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

#### **NAYS – 0:**

#### **GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Cano and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of The Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Matthew Lenz.

# The Reappointment of Charles Fogarty to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 01, 2024.

Senator Cano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Cano moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The reappointment is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative a s follows:

**YEAS** – **34:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

#### $\mathbf{NAYS} - \mathbf{0}$ :

# The Reappointment of Margo Cook to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February, 2026.

Senator Cano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Cano moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

Senators Bell and Cano discuss the reappointment.

The reappointment is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative a s follows:

**YEAS – 34:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:** 

#### **IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**

Senate Resolution No. 836 BY Cano ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION THANKING BASKETBALL STAR, VERONICA DAWSON, FOR HOSTING A BASKETBALL CLINIC FOR PAWTUCKET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YOUNGSTERS {LC1886/1}

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 Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

#### **GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Cano and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of The Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Veronica Dawson and Willie Dawson, father, Adriana Dawson, mother, Olga Isaza, grandmother, Councilwoman Shelley Peterson from St. Andrew's School, and Lamel Moore from Pawtucket School Department.

Senate Resolution No. 837 BY Felag ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION THANKING AND HONORING AMERICA AND RHODE ISLAND'S VIETNAM WAR VETERANS FOR THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE ON "VIETNAM VETERANS DAY" {LC2722/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Felag requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 838 BY DiPalma ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023, TO BE "DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2724/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

#### CALENDAR

#### IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023:

1. The Appointment of Stephen S. Iannazzi VICE John P. Hooper to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

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

Senator Sosnowski moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Gallo, Euer, Felag, Lombardi, Lombardo, Ciccone, Miller, Britto, Gu, Zurier, Cano, de la Cruz, McKenney, Burke, Quezada, Lauria, Valverde.

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

**YEAS – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS** – 1: Senator Bell.

#### 2. The Appointment of Ernest Almonte VICE Bernard Buonanno II to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

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

Senator Sosnowski moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Euer, Felag, Gallo, Ciccone, Lombardi, DiMario, Picard, Cano, de la Cruz, Rogers, DeLuca, Raptakis, Quezada, Tikoian, and Acosta.

Senator Bell discusses the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS** – **37:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

#### NAYS - 0:

#### **GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of The Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Ernest Almonte.

#### 3. 2023-S 206

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS; 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

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators Euer, Felag, Lombardo, Ciccone, Zurier, and Ujifusa.

Senator DiPalma, seconded by Senator Euer, Ciccone, and Zurier offers the following written amendment.

# FLOOR AMENDMENT

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#### 2023 -- S 0206

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RENOVATION,

IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT

THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS; 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 Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- S 0206, entitled "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS; 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", as follows:

1. On page 6, line 15, by deleting the language "May 2" and by inserting in place thereof the language "November 7".

Respectfully submitted,

Senator DiPalma

LC001484/2

The motion to amend prevails 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, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

#### **NAYS - 0:**

Senators Bell and DiPalma discuss the act as amended.

The act is read and passed as amended 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, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:** 

4. 2023-S 241 BY Murray ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

 2023-S 685 BY Acosta ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Acosta moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Felag, Euer, Miller, Sosnowski, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lawson, Mack, Zurier, Cano, Kallman, Bell, Ujifusa, Tikoian, Lauria.

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

**YEAS – 37:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

#### $\mathbf{NAYS} - \mathbf{0}$ :

6. 2023-S 3

**BY** Ruggerio **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Ciccone, Lombardi, Lombardo, Sosnowski, Zurier, Lawson, LaMountain, and Tikoian.

Senators Bell and Ciccone discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 33 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 33:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 4: Senators Bell, Euer, Mack, and Ujifusa.

 2023-S 683 BY DiMario
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator DiMario moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Euer, Felag, Sosnowski, Lombardi, Britto, Gu, Zurier, Ujifusa, Valverde, McKenney, and Cano.

Senators Bell and DiMario discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

#### NAYS - 0:

 8. 2023-H 5264 SUB A BY McEntee
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

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

Senator DiPalma moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Euer, Felag, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Zurier, Ujifusa, and Valverde.

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

**YEAS – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:** 

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023:

#### 1. 2023-S 834

**BY** Lawson **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARY E. SMITH

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

#### 2. 2023-S 835

**BY** Murray **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ADRIEN JOSEPH MANDEVILLE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Gallo, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the following measures on Today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

**YEAS** – **36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

#### **NAYS – 0:**

#### TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Raptakis announces that the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs will meet tomorrow at 4:30pm in Room 313.

Senator Raptakis announces that the Senate Committee on Judiciary will meet at the Rise of the Senate in Room 313.

Senator LaMountain announces that the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at 4:00pm in the Senate Lounge.

Senator Felag announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet at the Rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge.

#### RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Gallo, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess at 5:32 o'clock P.M.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chairman DiPalma, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

#### Senate Bill No. 240

**BY** Lawson, Britto, Lauria **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town of East Providence to adopt a new tax rate applicable to Class 2 property that shall not exceed by two hundred percent (200%) the rate applicable to Class 1 property.) {LC1495/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

#### COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Chairman Felag, from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 669

BY Ciccone, F. Lombardi, DiPalma, Burke, LaMountain

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows Providence board of licenses to grant an exemptions relating to issuance of a Class BL or Class BV alcoholic beverage retail licenses for 566 Plainfield Street & 777 Elmwood Avenue.) {LC2474/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

#### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

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

#### Senate Bill No. 504 Sub A

**BY** DiMario, Euer, Tikoian, LaMountain, Gu, Britto, Valverde, Miller, Pearson **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --RENEWABLE READY PROGRAM (Establishes the renewable ready program which is designed to promote responsible siting and development of renewable energy on certain enumerated sites such as formerly contaminated sites. Projects would be funded through the infrastructure bank.) {LC2166/1}

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Placed on the Calendar.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Resolution No. 839 BY Burke ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION NEW DEAL CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS {LC2701/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

#### Senate Bill No. 840

**BY** F. Lombardi

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Amends the election laws to change certain deadlines for declarations of candidacy, party disaffiliation and submission of nomination papers for special federal elections.) {LC2570/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

#### Senate Bill No. 841

**BY** Raptakis, DiPalma, F. Lombardi, Burke, Tikoian, Murray, Ciccone, Britto **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Requires a write-in candidate to file a declaration of intent with the same office at which the declaration of candidacy would be filed, and require similar residency requirements for write-in candidates that exists for declared candidates.) {LC2670/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

#### Senate Bill No. 842

**BY** Quezada, Ujifusa, Tikoian, Cano **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC2669/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 843
BY Acosta, Ujifusa, Britto, Kallman, Euer, Zurier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Establishes a three
(3) day transmittal period after the deadline for local boards to accept mail ballot applications, if
delivered via the postal service.)
{LC1824/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 844 BY LaMountain ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Allows the board of elections to establish rules and regulations for objections to nomination papers and would allow the board seven (7) days to conduct a hearing.) {LC1822/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 845
BY F. Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Allows mail ballot drop boxes to be opened at least thirty-five (35) days prior to election day.)
{LC1817/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

#### Senate Bill No. 846

**BY** Paolino, E Morgan **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Raises aggregate reporting to \$200, individual/PAC contributions to \$2,000. Defines FMV/accounts payable. Prohibits financing to candidates owing fines to BOE. Exempts candidates from aggregate reporting. Provides public financing for primaries in 2026.) {LC1870/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

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#### Senate Bill No. 847 BY Cano ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Increases role of division of motor vehicles in voter registration and addresses verification process, by establishing very specific obligations and responsibilities that must be followed before offering an individual application to register to vote.) {LC1379/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Gallo, seconded by de la Cruz, the Senate adjourns at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR. Secretary of the Senate

# TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### House Bill No. 5264 SUB A

**BY** McEntee, Carson, Caldwell, Dawson, Craven, Batista, Finkelman, Vella-Wilkinson, Morales, Cortvriend **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Extends the moratorium on penalties related to COVID-19 modifications to food business or food service establishments to February 15, 2024.)

 $\{LC526/A/1\}$ 

Transmitted to the Governor.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023:

1. 2023-S 839 BY Burke ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION NEW DEAL CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

#### CALENDAR

#### IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023:

1. 2023-S 241 BY Murray ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

2. 2023-S 240 SUB A

**BY** Lawson **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

3. 2023-S 26

**BY** Miller **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

#### CALENDAR

#### IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023:

### 1. 2023-S 504 SUB A BY DiMario ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --RENEWABLE READY PROGRAM

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

#### 2. 2023-S 669

**BY** Ciccone **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

# INVOCATION

#### SENATOR THOMAS J. PAOLINO

Guide us, Lord, towards a deeper understanding of the needs of the people of our State; may we be instrumental in serving those needs. Let us work to improve the lives of those who have no voice in their government. Amen.

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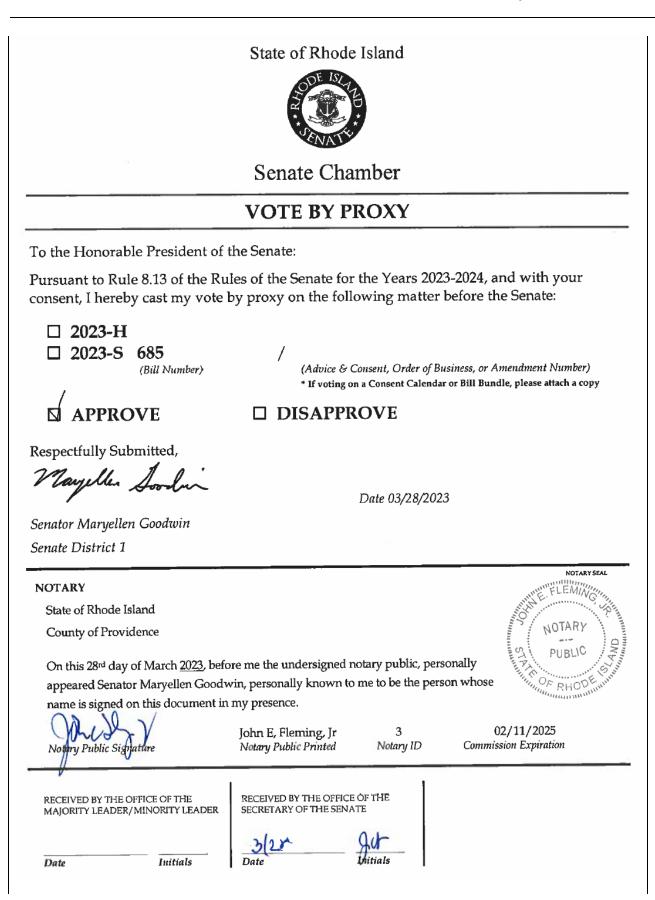
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To the Honorable President of	the Senate:		
Pursuant to Rule 8.13 of the Ru consent, I hereby cast my vote	lles of the Senate for the Years 2023-2024, and with your by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:		
2023-H     2023-S     (Bill Number)     (Bi			
M APPROVE	DISAPPROVE		
Respectfully Submitted,			
<u>Molissia</u> (1. Muo Senator Melissa A. Murray Senate District 24	Date		
NOTARY State of Rhode Island County of Providence	PUBLIC PUBLIC		
On this 28th day of March, 2023, be appeared Senator Melissa A. Murra name is signed on this document in	fore me the undersigned notary public, personally ay, personally known to me to be the person whose n my presence.		
Nothry Public Signature	John E, Fleming, Jr 3 02/11/2025 Notary Public Printed Notary ID Commission Expiration		
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