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JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the seventh day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and three.

Volume 130, No.29 Tuesday, March 25, 2003 Twenty-ninth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable William V. Irons, President of the Senate, at 4:23 o'clock P.M.

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

PRESENT - 36:

The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algiere, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT - 2: Senators Perry, Roberts.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Father Anthony Evangelatos, St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church, Newport, RI, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Thursday, March 20, 2003 proceedings is read in part.

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

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

Upon suggestion of Senator Raptakis, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Kostantinos Bikas, Consul General of Greece.

Consul General Bikas addresses the members and their guests.

APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President presents the following communication from His Excellency, the Governor, transmitting the following appointment and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, PROVIDENCE**

Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

March 19, 2003

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution entitled Judicial Selection, I have made the following appointment as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court:

Francis X. Flaherty of Warwick
VICE
Associate Justice John P. Bourcier

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

Sincerely,

DONALD L. CARCIERI
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**FROM THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

(03-H 6206) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Katrina, Inc.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator McCaffrey, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Judiciary to the Committee on Health and Human Services:

(03-S 708) An Act relating to domestic relations - marriage licenses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator McCaffrey, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bills from the Committee on Judiciary to the Committee on Government Oversight:

(03-S 710) An Act relating to public officers and employees - code of ethics.

Read and referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

(03-S 724) An Act relating to public officers and employees - code of ethics.

Read and referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator McCaffrey, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

(03-S 174) An Act relating to elections - registration of voters.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND GAMING ISSUES

Senator Goodwin, from the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

(03-S 32) An Act relating to motor vehicles - special registration place - Coventry - police chief emeritus.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 286) An Act relating to registration of vehicles - senator emeritus.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 590) An Act relating to holidays and days of special observance - days of special observance.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Senator Celona, from the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

(03-S 931) An Act relating to towns and cities - Chopmist Water District.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senator Celona, from the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation that the Advice and Consent of the Senate be given to the following:

Reappointment of Thomas F. Ahern (Administrator) of East Greenwich as Administrator to the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers for a term expiring March 1, 2009.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Appointment of Anthony J. Marouchoc of Portsmouth VICE Barbara Caniglia to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation for a term expiring July 1, 2006.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senator Celona, from the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

(03-S 925) An Act relating to taxation - town of Scituate.

Read and ordered to be held on the Desk.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

Upon motion of Senate Majority Leader Montalbano, seconded by Senator Algieri, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a voice vote:

1. (03-S950) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Omni Innovations, Inc.
2. (03-S951) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Givens Marine Survival Co., Inc.
3. (03-S952) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Givens Marine Survival Service Co., Inc.
4. (03-S953) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Omni Multimedia Group Co. Inc.
5. (03-H6201) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of the B.E. Trust Corporation.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. Reappointment of Donald Gagnon of Woonsocket (Representing Minimum Housing Inspectors) to the State Building Codes Standards Committee for a term expiring May 1, 2005.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this reappointment.

Senator Cote, seconded by Senators Celona, Tassoni, Algieri, Walaska, McCaffrey, Blais and others, moves that Advice and Consent of the Senate be given this reappointment.

The Advice and Consent of the Senate is given this reappointment, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 34: The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS - 0.

2. (03-S317) An Act relating to the Department of Health - food establishments.

Committee on Health and Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Gibbs moves passage, seconded by Senators Breene, Blais and Parella.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative, 0 Senators voting in the negative, and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS - 33: The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS - 0.

ABSTAINED - 1: Senator Celona.

3. (03-S444) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to assisted living residences.

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

Senator Alves moves passage, seconded by Senators Gallo, Felag, Paiva Weed, McCaffrey and others.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative, 0 Senators voting in the negative, and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS - 33: The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS - 0.

ABSTAINED - 1: Senator Celona.

4. (03-S874) An Act relating to state affairs and government - home and community care services to the elderly.

Committee on Health and Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Gibbs moves passage, seconded by Senators Blais, Breene, Algieri and Paiva Weed.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 33: The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS - 0.

5. (03-S875) Joint Resolution memorializing Congress to eliminate home care reimbursement reductions.

Committee on Health and Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by Senators Alves, Issa, Ruggerio, Gibbs and Algieri.

Senator Issa discusses the resolution.

The resolution 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 as follows:

YEAS - 34: The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS - 0.

6. (03-S880) Joint Resolution memorializing Congress to take action to stabilize the Medicare program.

Committee on Health and Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by Senators Gallo, Alves, Gibbs, Blais, Issa and others.

Senator Issa discusses the resolution. The resolution 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 as follows:

YEAS - 34: The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS - 0.

7. (03-S249) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to motor vehicle offenses.

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

Senator Polisena moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Goodwin, Gibbs, Damiani, DaPonte, Sosnowski, Lanzi and many others.

Senate Majority Leader Montalbano, seconded by Senators Polisena, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Algieri and others offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
(03-S 249) (Substitute "A")

Mr. President: I hereby move to amend (03-S 249) (Substitute "A") entitled " AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES", as follows:

On page 2, delete lines 12 through 16.

On page 3, on line 12 by deleting the word "level" and replacing it with the word "concentration".

On page 3, on line 13 after the word "weight" and before the word "shall" insert "or who has a blood presence of any scheduled controlled substance as defined in section (b)(2)".

On page 3, on line 21 by deleting the word "level" and replacing it with the word "concentration".

On page 3, on line 23 after "(.15%)" and before the word "shall" insert "or whose blood alcohol concentration is unknown".

On page 3, on line 32 after "a" insert "drug, toluene, or any".

On page 3, on line 33 after the word "in" by changing the word "sections" to "section".

On page 3, on line 33 after "(b)(1)" by deleting "and (b)(2)" before the word "shall".

On page 4, on line 8 by deleting the word "level" and replacing it with the word "concentration".

On page 4, on line 9 after "(.15%)" and before the word "and" insert "or whose blood alcohol concentration is unknown or who has a blood presence of any controlled substance as defined in section (b)(2),".

On page 4, on line 24 after "a" insert "drug, toluene, or any" before "controlled".

On page 4, on line 24 after the word "in" by changing the word "sections" to "section".

On page 4, on line 24 after "(b)(1)" by deleting "and (b)(2)" before the word "shall".

On page 4, on line 29 by deleting the word "level" and replacing it with the word "concentration".

On page 4, line 30 after "(.15%)" and before the word "regardless" insert "or whose blood alcohol concentration is unknown or who has a blood presence of any scheduled controlled substance as defined in section (b)(2)".

On page 5, line 10 after "a" insert "drug, toluene, or any" before "controlled".

On page 5, line 10 after the word "in" by changing the word "sections" to "section".

On page 5, line 10 after "(b)(1)" by deleting the word "and".

On page 5, line 11 by deleting "(b)(2)".

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. MONTALBANO
Senator, District 17

Senator Paiva Weed discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 34:

The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS - 0.

Senators Algieri and Montalbano discuss the act.

Upon motion ofSenate Majority Leader Montalbano, seconded by Senators Polisena, Ruggerio and Algieri, the bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 34:

The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS - 0.

GUEST

Upon suggestion ofSenate Majority Leader Montalbano, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Patrick Lynch, Attorney General.

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8. (03-S250) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to motor vehicle offenses - reckless driving.

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

Senator Polisena moves passage, seconded by Senator McCaffrey, Damiani, Blais, Goodwin, Breene, Felag and others.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 31:

The Honorable President Irons and Senators Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS - 0.

9. (03-S169) An Act relating to Fair Employment Practices Act.

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, March 27, 2003.

10. (03-S453) An Act relating to employment security - taxable wage base.

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Senator Gibbs moves passage, seconded by Senator Bates.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 33:

The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS - 0.

NEW BUSINESS

The following item s are received and referred to committee pending any objection of the body on the next legislative day.

Senators Parella, Felag and Bates present (03-S 955) An Act authorizing the Bristol Warren Regional School District to finance construction of a new elementary school in Bristol, Rhode Island and additions, improvements and renovations to Hugh Cole Elementary School in Warren, Rhode Island, Byfield Elementary School in Bristol, Rhode Island, including site infrastructure and improvements, the furnishing and equipping thereof and the provision of architectural, engineering, surveying and other services necessary or appropriate therefor, and to issue not more than \$38,000,000 bonds and notes therefor.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Roberts, Lanzi and Gallo present (03-S 956) An Act relating to taxation - property subject to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Polisena, Damiani, Felag and Issa present (03-S 957) Senate Resolution relating to taxation - Operation Stand Down Rhode Island.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Issa, Connors and Badeau present (03-S 958) An Act relating to weapons.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Blais presents (03-S 959) An Act relating to the town of Scituate - juvenile hearing board.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Badeau and Cote present (03-S 960) An Act relating to taxation - levy and assessment of local taxes.

Read and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government.

Senators Parella, Bates and Felag present (03-S 961) An Act relating to motor vehicles - size, weight and load limits.

Read and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government.

Senators Alves, Ruggerio and Goodwin present (03-S 962) An Act relating to commercial law - general regulatory provisions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues.

Senators Alves, Ruggerio and Goodwin present (03-S 963) An Act relating to establishment and extension of gambling activities and other facilities.

Read and referred to the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues.

Senators Alves, Ruggerio and Goodwin present (03-S 964) An Act relating to elections - gambling referenda.

Read and referred to the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues.

Senators Alves, Ruggerio and Goodwin present (03-S 965) An Act relating to sports, racing and athletics - establishment and extension of gambling activities and other facilities.

Read and referred to the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues.

Senators Alves, Ruggerio and Goodwin present (03-S 966) An Act relating to establishment and extension of gambling activities.

Read and referred to the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues.

Senators Raptakis, McBurney, Gallo, Caprio and Montalbano present (03-S 967) Senate Resolution recognizing Macedonia as Hellenic.

Senator Raptakis requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Raptakis, seconded by the entire Senate, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, under suspension of the rules, upon a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Fogarty announces that the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Goodwin announces that the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues will meet on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Issa announces that the Committee on Education will meet on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Bates announces that the Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues will meet on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Also:

Senator McCaffrey announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters with the exception of (03-S 249) (Substitute "A") on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 5:10 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

FATHER ANTHONY EVANGELATOS
ST. SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
NEWPORT, RI

O Lord Jesus Christ, we ask that you bless us as we call upon Your holy name on this blessed day, in which You became incarnate through Your most holy mother - the glorious feast of the Annunciation - also the day on which we celebrate freedom and democracy, as we commemorate the 182nd anniversary of the independence of the Greek people from slavery. We ask that You bless the elected officials of this state and of this nation, and the leaders of all nations of the world, that they may be guided by Your goodness only, and not by the powers of evil. We ask that You instill in all of mankind, a new vision of world peace in which arrogance and the sense of superiority do not become obstacles in the quest for peace. May You grant us the ability to always uphold dignity and respect for all human beings, reminding us that we have all been created in Your image and likeness. Teach us to impart love and respect for all people of earth into the hearts of all children of the world, and not to teach them that any one nation need to be called greatest, for this only breeds the seeds of arrogance, superiority and eventually hatred. We ask that you protect and bless the armed forces of this nation and of all peace-loving nations of the word, and we pray for the safety of all those who peacefully inhabit areas of conflict. Finally, remember
O Lord our God, the fallen heroes of all peoples of the world who have struggled for freedom and for peace. May You grant them eternal repose. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

> In order for Wednesday, March 26, 2003:

- 1. (03-H6206) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Katrina, Inc.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, March 26, 2003:

- 1. Reappointment of Kenneth Aurecchia of Johnston (Johnston Resident Representative) to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation for a term expiring July 1, 2005.

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

- 2. Reappointment of Jan Harmen Reitsma of Barrington as Director of the Department of Environmental Management.

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

3. Appointment of Adelita S. Orefice of Providence VICE Debra A. Capuano as Director of the Department of Elderly Affairs.

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

4. Appointment of Kenneth Aurecchia of Johnston VICE William Turner to the Board of Governors for Higher Education for a term expiring January 31, 2006.

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

5. Reappointment of Colleen A. (Bielecki) Callahan of Cumberland to the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education for a term expiring January 31, 2006.

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

6. Reappointment of James DiPrete of West Warwick to the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education for a term expiring January 31, 2006.

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

7. Appointment of Jeffrey A. Lanphear of Cranston VICE Associate Justice John F. Sheehan as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court.

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this appointment.

8. (03-S180) Joint Resolution to approve and publish and submit to the electors a proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the State (separation of powers).

Committee on Government Oversight recommends passage.

9. (03-S389) An Act relating to the Family Independence Act.

Committee on Health and Human Services recommends passage.

10. (03-S570) An Act relating to education.

Committee on Health and Human Services recommends passage.

11. (03-S884) An Act relating to health and safety - laboratories.

Committee on Health and Human Services recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, March 27, 2003:

1. Reappointment of Thomas F. Ahern (Administrator) of East Greenwich as Administrator to the Division of Public

Utilities and Carriers for a term expiring March 1, 2009.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this reappointment.

2.

Appointment of Anthony J. Marouchoc of Portsmouth VICE Barbara Caniglia to the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation for a term expiring July 1, 2006.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this appointment.

3. (03-S169) An Act relating to Fair Employment Practices Act.

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

4. (03-S931) An Act relating to towns and cities - Chopmist Water District.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

5. (03-S32) An Act relating to motor vehicles - special registration place - Coventry - police chief emeritus.

Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues recommends passage.

6. (03-S286) An Act relating to registration of vehicles - senator emeritus.

Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues recommends passage.

7. (03-S590) An Act relating to holidays and days of special observance - days of special observance.

Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues recommends passage.

8. (03-S174) An Act relating to elections - registration of voters.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate
Tuesday, March 25, 2003

As always, your [comments](#) concerning this page are welcomed and appreciated.

Thank you for stopping by!

