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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.44 Tuesday, May 6, 2003 Forty-fourth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable William V. Irons, President of the Senate, at 4:12 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 33 Senators present and 5 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT - 33: The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algiere, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisen, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT - 5: Senators Damiani, Gibbs, McCaffrey, Parella, Roberts.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Raptakis, 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, May 1, 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.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senate Majority Leader Montalbano, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Kristy Worthen and Mary Worthen from Arkansas who are here today as special guests in Rhode Island as part of a joint project with the National Lieutenant Governor's Association and the National Alliance for the Mentally

Ill (known as NAMI) to mark May as Mental Health Month. Also joining them is Gerry Levesque from Astra Zeneca.

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Western Hills Wrestling State Champions, Mike Bourret, Dean Brady, Steven Brown, Connor Bruen, Eric Cairo, John Caparelli, Kyle Caprio, John Coleman, Matt DeMaria, Jarred DiBiase, Justin Erieo, Gian Gentile, Shawn Giblin, Victor Guerrero, Andrew Harootunian, Kenny Jimnez, Andrew Favechio, Danny Larson, Danny Lovejoy, Stephen Mancini, Jon Mastronardi, Edwin Morales, Bobby Melvin, Nick O'Connel, Chris O'Hara, Camren Salvati, Emil Sarkis, Mike Serabian, Charlie Simone, Greg Shroyer, Dom Tague, Anthony Vitale, Brandon Wilbur, Dr. Robert Mastronardi, Mr. Alfredo Cairo, Mrs. Shannon Cairo, son Alfredo Jr., daughter Christianna, principal Mr. Neri, Coach Matt Mancuso, and parent Kevin Wilbur.

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Sheryl Amaral, President of the Rhode Island Speech and Language Association.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
SENATE CHAMBER**

May 1, 2003

The Honorable William V. Irons
President of the Senate
317 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be out of state on Senate business and will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, May 6, 2003 and Wednesday, May 7, 2003.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmest regards,
ELIZABETH H. ROBERTS
Senator, District 28

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

**FROM THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

(03-H 5063) An Act relating to insurance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues.

Also:

(03-H 5091) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to insurance - fire insurance policies and reserves.

Read and referred to the Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues.

Also:

(03-H 5125) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to commercial law - credit card solicitation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues.

Also:

(03-H 5332 as amended) An Act relating to financial institutions - community obligations and banking offenses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues.

Also:

(03-H 5362) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to insurance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues.

Also:

(03-H 5387) An Act relating to education - establishment of charter public schools.

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also:

(03-H 6154) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to education - Board of Governors for Higher Education.

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also:

(03-H 5151) An Act relating to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

(03-H 5675) An Act relating to public property and works - labor and payment of debts by contractors.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

(03-H 5769 An Act relating to businesses and professions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

(03-H 5972) An Act relating to plumbers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

(03-H 5989) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to employment security - general provisions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

(03-H 5990) An Act relating to labor and labor relations - minimum wages.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

(03-H 5992) An Act relating to industrial legislation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

(03-H 5993) An Act relating to employment security - taxable wage base.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

(03-H 5994) An Act relating to mechanical trades.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

(03-H 5995) An Act relating to businesses and professions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

(03-H 6026) An Act relating to occupational safety.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

(03-H 6099) Joint Resolution creating a special legislative commission to study the tax and benefit provisions of the Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI) program.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

(03-H 5331) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages - licenses generally.

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

Also:

(03-H 5392) An Act relating to boxing and wrestling.

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

Also:

(03-H 5397) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages - retail licenses.

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

Also:

(03-H 5483) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles - registration of vehicles.

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

Also:

(03-H 5595) Joint Resolution memorializing Congress to take action to stabilize the Medicare program.

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

Also:

(03-H 6106) Joint Resolution memorializing the United States Congress to enact a Medicare prescription drug benefit.

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

Also:

(03-H 6393) An Act relating to the General Assembly.

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

Also:

(03-H 5245) An Act relating to sanitation in food establishments.

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

Also:

(03-H 6025) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to abused and neglected children.

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

Also:

(03-H 5663) An Act relating to state affairs and government - open meetings.

Read and referred to the Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

(03-H 6335) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Westerly National Little League, Inc.

Read and ordered to be held on the Desk.

Also:

(03-H 5216) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to airports and landing fields.

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

Also:

(03-H 5218) An Act relating to health insurance coverage.

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

Also:

(03-H 5283) An Act relating to distribution of credit cards.

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

Also:

(03-H 5285) An Act relating to taxation - collection of taxes generally.

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

Also:

(03-H 5348) An Act relating to health insurance coverage.

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

Also:

(03-H 5398) An Act relating to abandoned motor vehicles.

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

Also:

(03-H 5465) An Act relating to miscellaneous rules.

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

Also:

(03-H 5498) An Act relating to health insurance coverage - mandated hearing aid coverage.

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

Also:

(03-H 5528) An Act relating to business and professions - Sunday business.

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

Also:

(03-H 6136) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to health and safety - Lyme disease diagnosis and treatment.

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

Also:

(03-H 6226) An Act relating to taxation - levy and assessment of local taxes.

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

Also:

(03-H 5107) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

(03-H 5701) An Act relating to towns and cities - relief of firefighters and police officers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

(03-H 6034) An Act relating to health and safety.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

(03-H 6227) An Act relating to taxation - property subject to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

(03-H 6228) 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.

Also:

(03-H 5015) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to child protection - Amber Alert.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

(03-H 5160) An Act relating to waters and navigation - personal watercraft safety act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

(03-H 5194) An Act relating to criminal offenses - kidnapping.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

(03-H 5198) An Act relating to domestic relations - child custody.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

(03-H 5254) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to criminal offenses - abandonment and nonsupport.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

(03-H 5256) An Act relating to preliminary proceedings in District Court.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

(03-H 5386) An Act relating to businesses and professions - Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

(03-H 5437) An Act relating to property - recording of instruments.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

(03-H 5439) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to property.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

(03-H 5515) An Act relating to weapons.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

(03-H 5629) An Act relating to the Department of Administration - state tax officials.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

(03-H 5636) An Act relating to practice in Probate Courts.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

(03-H 5661) An Act relating to courts and civil procedure - Family Court.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

(03-H 5662) An Act relating to courts and civil procedure - court administration.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

(03-H 5666) An Act relating to elections.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

(03-H 5867) An Act relating to property - powers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
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 measures:

(03-S 677) An Act relating to corporations, associations and partnerships - business corporations.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 929) An Act relating to incorporation of the Dunns Corners Fire District.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 944) An Act relating to establishing the Westerly Municipal Land Trust.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

(03-S 472) An Act relating to property - mortgage foreclosures.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 480) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to criminal offenses - sexual offender registration and community notification.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 483) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to public property and works - state purchases.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 673) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to criminal law - theft and disruption of telecommunications and community antenna television services.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 697) An Act relating to taxation - levy and assessment of local taxes.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 702) An Act relating to probate practice and procedure - collection and management of decedents' estates.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 706) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to state affairs and government.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 733) An Act relating to elections - voting districts and officials.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 736) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to businesses and professions - confidentiality of health care communications and information act.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Senator Alves, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

(03-S 1002) An Act relating to taxation - tax sales.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 1004) An Act relating to taxation - levy and assessment of the local taxes.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 1024) An Act authorizing the town of Cumberland to finance the construction of additions, renovations, improvements, alterations and repairs to public schools and school facilities and the renovation and repair of the public library in the town by the issuance of not more than \$3,900,000 bonds and/or notes therefor to be allocated as follows: \$3,500,000 to finance the construction of additions, renovations, improvements, alterations and repairs to public schools and school facilities in the town and \$400,000 to finance the renovation and repair of the public library in the town.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 1027) An Act authorizing the town of Cumberland to finance road improvements by the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 bonds and/or notes therefor.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Senator Goodwin presents (03-S 1058) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages - retail licenses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Celona, Montalbano, Connors, Bates and Tassoni present (03-S 1059) An Act relating to towns and cities - low and moderate income housing.

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

Senator Bates presents (03-S 1060) Senate Resolution congratulating the GFWC Bristol County Women's Club for 50 years of community service.

Senator Bates requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senator Celona present (03-S 1061) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Eastern Vision Group, Inc.

Senator Celona requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Celona and Montalbano present (03-S 1062) Senate Resolution expressing condolences on the passing of Cheryl L. Bozzi.

Senator Celona requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senator Lenihan presents (03-S 1063) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Snoopy's Diner Inc.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senator Lenihan presents (03-S 1064) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Delmar Aero Corp.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. (03-S1033) An Act relating to domestic relations - solemnization of marriages.

Ordered on the Calendar.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, May 13, 2003.

2. (03-S276) (Substitute "A") Joint Resolution providing for bi-partisan preparatory commission to assemble information on constitutional questions in preparation for a vote by the qualified electors on the holding of a Constitutional Convention in accordance with Article XIV Section 2 of the Rhode Island Constitution.

Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A".

Senator Cote moves passage, seconded by Senators Sheehan, Breene, Goodwin, Connors 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 and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 33:

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

NAYS - 0.

3. (03-S1001) An Act relating to animals and animal husbandry - dog licenses.

Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues recommends passage.

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by Senators Perry and Goodwin.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 32:

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

NAYS - 0.

4. (03-S217) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to education - the Rhode Island Student Investment Initiative.

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

Senator Alves moves passage, seconded by Senator Issa.

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 and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 33:

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

NAYS - 0.

5. (03-S272) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to education - health and safety of pupils.

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

Senator Tassoni moves passage, seconded by Senators Issa, Gallo, Polisena and Celona.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 32:

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

NAYS - 0.

6. (03-S595) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to education - certification of teachers.

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

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by Senator Issa.

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 and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 33:

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

NAYS - 0.

7. (03-S983) (Substitute "A") Senate Resolution creating a special Senate commission to study the health effects of toxic mold.

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 8, 2003.

8. (03-S198) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to administrative procedures.

Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A".

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Desk.

9. (03-S260) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to commercial law - interest and usury.

Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A".

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by Senator Breene.

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, 0 Senators voting in the negative and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS - 31:

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

NAYS - 0.

ABSTAINED - 1: Senator Algieri.

10. (03-S558) An Act relating to mortgage loan appraisers.

Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

Senator Breene moves passage, seconded by Senator Walaska.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 29 Senators voting in the affirmative, 0 Senators voting in the negative and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS - 29:

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

NAYS - 0.

ABSTAINED - 1: Senator Algieri.

11. (03-H5024) (Substitute "A") Joint Resolution creating a special legislative commission to study the issue of registering vehicles online.

Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A".

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Desk.

12. (03-S134) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to criminal offenses - children.

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Desk.

13. (03-S65) An Act relating to motor vehicle offenses.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Polisena moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Tassoni, Celona, Goodwin and Lanzi.

Senators Perry, Algieri and Senate Majority Leader Montalbano discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 32:

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

NAYS - 1: Senator Perry.

14. (03-S452) An Act relating to criminal offenses - assaults.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Algieri moves passage, seconded by Senators Celona and Polisena.

Senators Perry and Algieri discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 30:

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

NAYS - 1: Senator Perry.

15. (03-S464) An Act relating to criminal offenses - children.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 8, 2003.

16. (03-S674) An Act relating to criminal offenses - public utilities.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Celona, and without objection, ordered to be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

17. (03-S693) An Act relating to indictments, informations and complaints.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by Senator Breene.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 32:

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

NAYS - 0.

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 Raptakis 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 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 DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Celona, the Senate adjourns at 4:50 o'clock P.M., in memory of Cheryl L. Bozzi of North Providence, a beloved community leader and devoted public servant who will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR LEONIDAS P. RAPTAKIS

Dear God, we beseech you to fit us for today's work and for the work in days ahead. May we profit by this moment by being still and knowing that You alone are sufficient for all our needs. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, May 7, 2003:

- 1. (03-S1063) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Snoopy's Diner Inc.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

- 2. (03-S1064) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Delmar Aero Corp.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate
Tuesday, May 6, 2003

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, May 7, 2003:

- 1. (03-S810) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to businesses and professions - Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline

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

- 2. (03-S149) Joint Resolution making an appropriation to pay certain veterans' bonuses.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

- 3. (03-S150) Joint Resolution making an appropriation to pay certain veterans' bonuses.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

- 4. (03-S225) An Act relating to public officers and employees - retirement system - contributions and benefits.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

- 5. (03-S370) An Act relating to towns and cities - relief of injured and deceased firefighters and police officers.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

- 6. (03-S374) An Act relating to state affairs and government - pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly act.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

7. (03-S501) An Act relating to public utilities and carriers - railroad preservation.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

8. (03-S514) An Act relating to taxation.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

9. (03-S746) An Act relating to taxation - sales and use taxes - liability and computation.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

10. (03-S758) An Act relating to criminal procedure - criminal injuries compensation.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

11. (03-S143) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to indebtedness of towns and cities - municipal deficits.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A" as amended.

12. (03-S354) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to towns and cities.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A".

13. (03-S80) An Act relating to criminal offenses.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

14. (03-S244 as amended) An Act relating to criminal procedure - sentence and execution.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended.

15. (03-S386) An Act relating to delinquent and dependent children - interstate compact on juveniles.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

16. (03-S463) An Act relating to sentence and execution.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

17. (03-S466) An Act relating to corporations, associations and partnerships - racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

18. (03-S658) An Act relating to causes of action.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, May 8, 2003:

- 1. (03-S983) (Substitute "A") Senate Resolution creating a special Senate commission to study the health effects of toxic mold.

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

- 2. (03-S464) An Act relating to criminal offenses - children.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 3. (03-S843) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to public utilities and carriers.

Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A".

- 4. (03-S105) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to health and safety.

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

- 5. (03-S136) An Act relating to businesses and professions - health clubs.

Committee on Health and Human Services recommends passage.

- 6. (03-S1002) An Act relating to taxation - tax sales.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

- 7. (03-S1004) An Act relating to taxation - levy and assessment of the local taxes.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

- 8. (03-S1024) An Act authorizing the town of Cumberland to finance the construction of additions, renovations, improvements, alterations and repairs to public schools and school facilities and the renovation and repair of the public library in the town by the issuance of not more than \$3,900,000 bonds and/or notes therefor to be allocated as follows: \$3,500,000 to finance the construction of additions, renovations, improvements, alterations and repairs to public schools and school facilities in the town and \$400,000 to finance the renovation and repair of the public library in the town.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

- 9. (03-S1027) An Act authorizing the town of Cumberland to finance road improvements by the issuance of not more than \$2,000,000 bonds and/or notes therefor.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

- 10. (03-S677) An Act relating to corporations, associations and partnerships - business corporations.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

11. (03-S929) An Act relating to incorporation of the Dunns Corners Fire District.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

12. (03-S944) An Act relating to establishing the Westerly Municipal Land Trust.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

13. (03-S472) An Act relating to property - mortgage foreclosures.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

14. (03-S480) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to criminal offenses - sexual offender registration and community notification.

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

15. (03-S483) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to public property and works - state purchases.

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

16. (03-S673) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to criminal law - theft and disruption of telecommunications and community antenna television services.

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

17. (03-S697) An Act relating to taxation - levy and assessment of local taxes.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

18. (03-S702) An Act relating to probate practice and procedure - collection and management of decedents' estates.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

19. (03-S706) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to state affairs and government.

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

20. (03-S733) An Act relating to elections - voting districts and officials.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

21. (03-S736) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to businesses and professions - confidentiality of health care communications and information act.

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

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, May 13, 2003:

1. (03-S1033) An Act relating to domestic relations - solemnization of marriages.

Ordered on the Calendar.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate
Tuesday, May 6, 2003

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