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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.60 Thursday, June 12, 2003 Sixtieth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable William V. Irons, President of the Senate, at 4:13 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 Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

ABSENT - 2: Senators Fogarty, Walaska.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
SENATE CHAMBER

June 11, 2003

The Honorable William V. Irons
President of the Senate
317 State House

Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be out of the state and will be absent from the Senate session on Thursday, June 12, 2003.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM A. WALASKA
Senator, District 30

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

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

June 11, 2003

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be out of the state and will be absent from the Senate session on Thursday, June 12, 2003.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

PAUL W. FOGARTY
Senator, District 23

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

**STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO R.I. GENERAL LAWS SECTION
36-14-6**

I, John A. Celona, holding the position of
Senator, District 7, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. A matter involving (03-H 5840) and (03-S 567) (Substitute "A") is presently before R.I. Senate.
2. I have the following interest in the matter noted in paragraph 1 above: Consultant at the Village at Elmhurst.

3A. In compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws Section 36-14-6(1), I hereby recuse from participating in the discussion of or taking official action relating to said matter. (This does not prohibit participation as a member of the public in an open meeting pursuant to Commission Regulation 7003.) Advisory Opinion 98-59.

Signed under the penalties of perjury this 11th day of June, 2003.

JOHN A. CELONA
Senator, District 7

Ordered to be placed on file.

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

June 10, 2003

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-130-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Rural Development Council:

Jeffrey Bowie of Chepachet
(Business Representative
Located in Rural Community)
VICE
Robert Harding
(resigned)

for a term expiring July 1, 2003.

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

Sincerely,

DONALD L. CARCIERI
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Senator Roberts, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

(03-S 47) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to human services - children's health care - hospice care.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5389) (Substitute "B") An Act relating to health and safety - birth defects surveillance system.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 6048 as amended) An Act relating to the Family Independence 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 424) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to Division of Motor Vehicles.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 499) An Act relating to towns and cities - relief of firefighters and police officers.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 524) An Act relating to retirement of municipal employees - military service credits.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 609) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to public property and works - arbitration.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5742) An Act relating to towns and cities - retirement of municipal employees.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY AND REGULATORY ISSUES

Senator Walaska, from the Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

(03-S 1123) An Act relating to insurers' rehabilitation and liquidation act.

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 1132) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to health and safety - fire safety code.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, June 17, 2003.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator McCaffrey, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation that the Advice and Consent of the Senate be given to the following appointment:

Appointment of Paul A. Suttell of Little Compton VICE Associate Justice Victoria Lederberg as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senators Felag, Parella and Bates present (03-S 1145) Senate Resolution congratulating the Honorable Raymond Cordeiro and Oryann Lima on being named Chief Marshals of the 2003 Bristol Fourth of July Celebration and Parade.

Senator Felag requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Breene, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a voice vote:

- 1. Appointment of Mark VanNoppen of Providence (Representative of the Rhode Island Builders Association) VICE Armand F. Ferland to the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission for a term expiring January 31, 2006.

2. Appointment of Susan Sweet of Rumford (Senior Housing Advocate Seat) VICE Sheila Cabral Sousa to the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission for a term expiring January 31, 2006.
3. (03-S1142) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Foster Senior Housing, Inc.
4. (03-S1143) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Riteway Properties, Inc.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

Upon suggestion of Senate Majority Leader Montalbano, and without objection, the following acts will be considered in one vote:

7. (03-H5091) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to insurance - fire insurance policies and reserves.
8. (03-H5362) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to insurance.
9. (03-H5368) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to unfair competition and practices.
10. (03-H5476) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to insurance - federal riot reinsurance reimbursement fund.
11. (03-H5901) An Act relating to insurance - nonrenewal and premium coverage changes.
13. (03-H5860) Joint Resolution proclaiming 2003 to be the "Year of the Woonasquatucket" in Rhode Island.
14. (03-H6043) Joint Resolution declaring June as "Rivers Month" in the state of Rhode Island.
15. (03-H5083) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to food and drugs - fruits and vegetables generally.
20. (03-H5122) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to property - residential landlord and tenant act.
21. (03-H5254) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to criminal offenses - abandonment and nonsupport.
22. (03-H5375) (Substitute "B") An Act relating to criminals - correctional institutions - parole.
23. (03-H5479) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to property - mortgage foreclosures.
25. (03-H6137) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to motor and other vehicles - Rhode Island Uniform Commercial Driver's License Act.

Senate Majority Leader Montalbano moves passage, seconded by Senator Algieri.

The acts are read and passed, by unanimous consent, 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 Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS - 0.

4. (03-S961) An Act relating to motor vehicles - size, weight and load limits.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Wednesday, June 18, 2003.

5. (03-S580 as amended) An Act relating to ground water protection.

Committee on Environment and Agriculture recommends passage as amended.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Blais and Sheehan.

The act is read and passed, as amended, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 35:

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

NAYS - 0.

12. (03-H5911 as amended) An Act relating to businesses and professions - telephone sales.

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

Senator DaPonte moves passage, seconded by Senators Gallo, Felag and Senate Majority Leader Montalbano.

The act is read and passed, as amended, by unanimous consent, 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 Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS - 0.

6. (03-H5063) An Act relating to insurance.

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

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senator Blais.

The act is read and passed, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote with 29 Senators voting in the affirmative and 7

Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 29:

The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS - 7: Senators Alves, Lenihan, Paiva Weed, Parella, Raptakis, Roberts, Sheehan.

16. (03-S610) An Act relating to towns and cities - relief of firefighters and police officers.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senator Ruggerio.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, 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 Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS - 0.

17. (03-S691) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to Children, Youth and Families Department - confidentiality of records.

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

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by Senator Roberts.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, 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 Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS - 0.

18. (03-S1106) An Act relating to domestic relations - divorce and separation.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Raptakis moves passage, seconded by Senator Polisena.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 35:

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

NAYS - 0.

19. (03-H5016) An Act relating to the town of Scituate - Juvenile Hearing Board.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Upon suggestion of Senate Majority Leader Montalbano, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the desk.

24. (03-H6031) An Act relating to criminal offenses - assaults.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Algieri moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Damiani, Polisena and others.

Senator Perry discusses the act.

The act is read and passed, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 35:

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

NAYS - 1: Senator Perry.

NOW PRESIDING

The Honorable President yields the rostrum to the Honorable John C. Revens, Jr., President Pro Tempore, at 4:35 o'clock P.M.

CALENDAR

1. (03-S1140 as amended) 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 as amended.

Senator Lenihan moves passage, seconded by Senators Raptakis, Blais, Cote, Breene, Sosnowski, Algieri and many others.

Senator Lenihan, seconded by Senators Cote, Roberts, Felag, Sosnowski, Raptakis and others, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

(03-S 1140 as amended)

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend (03-S 1140 as amended) entitled "JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (SEPARATION OF POWERS)", as follows:

- 1. On page 2, by deleting lines 6 and 7, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: "The powers of government shall be distributed into three (3) separate and distinct departments: the legislative, executive and judicial."
- 2. On page 2, line 18, by inserting the words "of the state" after the word "officers".
- 3. On page 2, line 18, by inserting the word "for," after the word "provided".

Respectfully submitted,

J. MICHAEL LENIHAN
Senator, District 35

The motion to amend prevails 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 Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS - 0.

Senate Majority Leader Montalbano, Senator Sheehan, President Irons and Senator Connors discuss the resolution.

Upon motion of Senator Lenihan, seconded by President Irons and Senators Roberts, Algieri and Breene, read and passed, as amended, by unanimous consent, 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 Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS - 0.

NOW PRESIDING

The Honorable President Pro Tempore yields the rostrum to the Honorable President, William V. Irons at 4:45 o'clock P.M.

CALENDAR

2. (03-H5081 as amended) 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 as amended.

Senator Lenihan moves passage, seconded bySenate Majority Leader Montalbano and Senators Cote, Raptakis, Sheehan, Algieri and many others.

Senator Lenihan, seconded by Senators Raptakis, Roberts, Algieri, Blais andSenate Majority Leader Montalbano, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

(03-H 5081 as amended)

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend (03-H 5081 as amended) entitled "JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (SEPARATION OF POWERS)", as follows:

On page 2, delete lines 11 through 16.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MICHAEL LENIHAN
Senator, District 35

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

YEAS - 35:

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

NAYS - 0.

Upon motion of Senator Lenihan, seconded by Senators Raptakis, Roberts, Algieri, Blais andSenate Majority Leader

Montalbano, read and passed, as amended, by unanimous consent, 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 Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS - 0.

3. (03-S724) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to public officers and employees - code of ethics.

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

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by Senators Roberts, Lenihan, Sheehan, Felag, Senate Majority Leader Montalbano and others.

Senator Paiva Weed, seconded by Senators Roberts, Lenihan, Sheehan, Felag, Senate Majority Leader Montalbano and others, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

(03-S 724) (Substitute "A")

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend (03-S 724) (Substitute "A") entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - CODE OF ETHICS", as follows:

1. On page 3, line 14 insert the following language after the word "year", : ",and expressly including solicitors and assistant solicitors, police chirefs, fire chiefs, superintendents of schools, building inspectors, members of planning boards, zoning boards, licensing boards and tax appeal boards".

2. On page 3, line 15, delete the word "state" and insert in place thereof the word "municipal".

Respectfully submitted,

M. TERESA PAIVA WEED
Senator, District 13

The motion to amend prevails 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 Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey,

Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS - 0.

Upon motion of Senator Paiva Weed, seconded by Senators Roberts, Lenihan, Sheehan, Felag, Senate Majority Leader Montalbano and others, 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 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 36:

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

NAYS - 0.

RECOMMITTAL

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Blais, (03-H 6261) An Act relating to taxation - town of Scituate, on Tuesday's Calendar, is removed from the Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all Senate matters and House matters that have been amended by the Senate on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith and all House matters, passed in concurrence, are ordered placed on the desk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Issa announces that the Committee on Education will meet on Tuesday, June 17, 2003, at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Also:

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet on Friday, June 13, 2003, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 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. BEST WISHES

Senator Algieri extends best wishes to Senator Gibbs on the very special occasion of her birthday. The entire Senate joins in extending best wishes.

CONGRATULATIONS

Senate Majority Leader Montalbano extends congratulations to Senator Roberts on her selection as Legislator of the Year by the Rhode Island Partnership for Home Care.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algiere, and upon suggestion of Senator Celona, the Senate adjourns at 4:55 o'clock P.M., in memory of the Honorable Anthony A. Giannini of North Providence, former Presiding Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court, who was one of the most respected and admired judges to serve the people of this state. He will be greatly missed.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ROGER R. BADEAU

We ask, you, Lord, to show us in this chamber our place, define our duties, direct our energies, and guide us as we work. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, June 17, 2003:

1. (03-S1132) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to health and safety - fire safety code.

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

2. (03-S1114) An Act relating to taxation - town of Lincoln.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

3. (03-S401 as amended) An Act authorizing the city of Providence to convey certain property dedicated for park purposes.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage as amended.

4. (03-S536) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to insurance - small employer health insurance availability act.

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

5. (03-S553 as amended) An Act relating to health and safety - health care accessibility and quality assurance act.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage as amended.

6. (03-S84) An Act relating to highways - construction and maintenance of state roads.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

7. (03-S756) An Act relating to taxation - sales and use taxes - liability and computation.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

8. (03-H5028) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to taxation - veterans' exemption - total disability.

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

9. (03-H5225) Joint Resolution making an appropriation to pay certain veterans' bonuses.

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

10. (03-H5226) Joint Resolution making an appropriation to pay certain veterans' bonuses.

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

11. (03-H5232) Joint Resolution making an appropriation to pay certain veterans' bonuses.

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

12. (03-H5234) Joint Resolution making an appropriation to pay certain veterans' bonuses.

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

13. (03-H5646) An Act relating to public officers and employees - election workers.

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

14. (03-H6034) An Act relating to health and safety.

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

15. (03-H6165) An Act relating to the Persian Gulf War Information Relief Commission.

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

16. (03-H6227) An Act relating to taxation - property subject to taxation.

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

17. (03-H6067 as amended) An Act relating to creating the Urban Infrastructure Commission.

Committee on Government Oversight recommends passage as amended.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, June 18, 2003:

1. (03-S961) An Act relating to motor vehicles - size, weight and load limits.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

2. (03-S626) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to workers' compensation - benefits.

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A" as amended.

3. (03-S861) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to labor and labor relations - transportation of workers.

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A" as amended.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, June 19, 2003:

1. Appointment of Paul A. Suttell of Little Compton VICE Associate Justice Victoria Lederberg as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

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

2. (03-S424) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to Division of Motor Vehicles.

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

3. (03-S499) An Act relating to towns and cities - relief of firefighters and police officers.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

4. (03-S524) An Act relating to retirement of municipal employees - military service credits.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

5. (03-S609) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to public property and works - arbitration.

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

6. (03-H5107) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

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

7. (03-H5701) An Act relating to towns and cities - relief of firefighters and police officers.

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

8. (03-H5743) An Act relating to towns and cities - retirement of municipal employees.

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

9. (03-S1123) An Act relating to insurers' rehabilitation and liquidation act.

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

10. (03-S47) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to human services - children's health care - hospice care.

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

11. (03-H5389) (Substitute "B") An Act relating to health and safety - birth defects surveillance system.

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

12. (03-H6048 as amended) An Act relating to the Family Independence Act.

Committee on Health and Human Services recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

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Secretary of the Senate
Thursday, June 12, 2003

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