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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable William V. Irons, President of the Senate, at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT — 38: The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, 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, Perry, Pichardo, Polisen, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT — 0.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Tuesday, June 24, 2003 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Connors, 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 Senators McBurney and Issa, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable James E. Doyle, Mayor of the City of Pawtucket, in recognition of his efforts and initiatives in creating an Arts and Entertainment District in Pawtucket, along with Herbert Weiss and Richard Goldstein, both employees of the City of Pawtucket.

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

May 28, 2003

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 17-7-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the State Board of Elections:

Frank J. Rego of Rumford

VICE

Robert Holbrook

(resigned)

for a term expiring June 1, 2015.

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

Sincerely,

DONALD L. CARCIERI

Governor

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 824) An Act relating to businesses and professions — athlete agents.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 1112) An Act relating to towns and cities — zoning ordinances.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 1147) An Act relating to taxation — property subject to taxation.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 1148) An Act relating to taxation — elderly real property exemption.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5056) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to towns and cities — Chopmist Water District.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5336) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to taxation — levy and assessment of local taxes.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5850) An Act relating to businesses and professions — athlete agents.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5951) (Substitute "B") An Act relating to businesses and professions — physical therapists.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5954) An Act relating to business and professions — Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 6111) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to businesses and professions — nurses.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 6299) An Act relating to cities and towns — exempting from taxation certain property of the Healing Co-Op, Inc.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 6337) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to homestead exemptions in the town of Lincoln.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 6418) An Act relating to fixing the date and time for holding the annual town meeting in Jamestown.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 6441) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 6508) An Act relating to taxation — property subject to taxation.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Appointment of Denise A. Barge of Cranston VICE Henry V. Johnson, Jr. to the Rhode Island Mortgage and Finance Corporation for a term to expire July 1, 2004.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Senator Badeau, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

(03-S 153) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to workers’ compensation — general provisions.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5080) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to Labor Relations Board — formal hearing.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Issa, from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

(03-S 418) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to education — school committees and superintendents.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5350 as amended) An Act relating to education — school committees and superintendents.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5435) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to complaints of harassment.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5458 as amended) An Act relating to education — cooperative service among school districts.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5824) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to education — compulsory attendance.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5825) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to education.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5834 as amended) An Act relating to school committees and superintendents — middle schools.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5919 as amended) An Act relating to education — health and safety of pupils.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5956) An Act relating to education — alternative education programs.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Appointment of Solomon A. Solomon of East Providence VICE John Innis Howell, Jr. to the Board of Governors for Higher Education for a term expiring January 31, 2006.

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:

Appointment of Allen P. Rubine of Cranston VICE Associate Justice Ronald Gagnon as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 495) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to state affairs and government.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5294) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 6090 as amended) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles — traffic stops statistics.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5291) An Act relating to courts and civil procedure — courts — state and municipal court compact.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT
AND AGRICULTURE

Senator Sosnowski, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Appointment of Timothy J. Brown, P.E. of East Greenwich (Public Water Systems Member) VICE Richard O. Rafanovic to the Water Resources Board for a term expiring March 1, 2006.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Appointment of Laurence W. Ehrhardt, Sr. of North Kingstown (Public Member) VICE Pamela Pogue to the Coastal Resources Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2006.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Appointment of Thomas P. Sandham of Tiverton (Representing Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District) to the Rhode Island Rural Development Council for a term expiring July 1, 2003.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Senator Montalbano presents (03-S 1167) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Nathanael Greene Fraternal Association.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senators Tassoni, Montalbano and Celona present (03-S 1168) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles — registration of vehicles.

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

Senator Ruggerio presents (03-S 1169) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Al and Betty Enterprises, Inc.

Senator Ruggerio requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Alves, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, 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 Algiere, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

Senators Irons, Montalbano, McBurney and Issa present (03-S 1170) Senate Resolution congratulating Mayor James E. Doyle on receiving national recognition for Pawtucket’s arts and entertainment initiatives.

Senator Issa requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Issa, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Montalbano, Senator McBurney and the entire Senate, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, under suspension of the rules, upon a voice vote.

Senator Algiere presents (03-S 1171) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Premier Motors, Inc.

Senator Algiere requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Algiere, seconded by Senator Breene, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, upon a voice vote.

Senator Alves presents (03-S 1172) An Act relating to the Kent County Water Authority — town of West Warwick.

Senator Alves requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

NAYS — 0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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

- 1. (03-S 1163) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of the Potowomut Investment Company.

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:

- 9. (03-H 5191) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to property subject to taxation.
- 10. (03-H 5753 as amended) An Act authorizing the city of Providence to convey certain property dedicated for park purposes.
- 11. (03-H 5909) (Substitute "B") An Act relating to insurance — small employer health insurance availability act.
- 12. (03-H 6066) An Act relating to motor vehicle insurance — motor vehicle body replacement parts.
- 13. (03-H 6181) (Substitute "B") An Act relating to insurance — small employer health insurance.
- 14. (03-H 6354) An Act in amendment of an act passed at the January session, 1937, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Shelter Harbor Fire District," approved April 27, 1937, as amended at the January session, 1950, approved April 25, 1950.
- 15. (03-H 6453) (Substitute "A") An Act authorizing the town of North Smithfield to acquire the property, assets and personnel of the North Smithfield Fire and Rescue Service, Inc. in order to establish a new municipal fire department.
- 29. (03-H 5595) Joint Resolution memorializing Congress to take action to stabilize the Medicare program.

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 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, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

- 1. (03-S 923) An Act relating to the town of Exeter — Juvenile Hearing Board.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

- 2. (03-S 829) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to businesses and professions — physical therapists.

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Blais, and without objection, ordered to be placed at the bottom of the Calendar.

- 3. (03-S 843) (Substitute "A" as amended) 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" as amended.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senators Walaska, Paiva Weed, Fogarty and Bates.

Senator Gallo, seconded by Senators Alves, Paiva Weed and Walaska, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

(03-S 843) (Substitute "A" as amended)

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend (03-S 843) (Substitute "A" as amended) entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS", as follows:

By deleting all of the language after the enactment clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Chapter 39-1 of the General Laws entitled "Public Utilities Commission" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

39-1-61. RHODE ISLAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EDUCATION ACCESS FUND. — (a) Preamble. For the past ten (10) years, the schools and libraries of Rhode Island have benefited from a regulatory agreement with Verizon and its predecessor companies that has provided up to two million dollars (\$2,000,000) annually for support of telecommunications lines for internet access. In addition, the funds provided for in the original regulatory agreement and every dollar generated hereunder leverages a one dollar and twenty-seven cents (\$1.27) federal E-Rate match. With the regulatory agreement approaching its termination and the advent of more advanced technologies, it is the intent of this section to provide a continued source of funding for internet access for eligible public and private schools and libraries.

(b) Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) "Department of Education" means the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

(2) "Commission" means the Public Utilities Commission.

(3) "Telecommunications Education Access Fund" means the program and funding made available to qualified libraries and schools to assist in paying the costs of acquiring, installing and using telecommunications technologies to access the internet.

(c) Purpose. The purpose of the Telecommunications Education Access Fund shall be to fund a basic level of internet connectivity for all of the qualified schools (kindergarten through grade 12) and libraries in the state.

(d) Authority. The commission shall establish, by rule or regulation, an appropriate funding mechanism to recover from the general body of ratepayers the costs of providing telecommunications technology to access the internet.

(1) The general assembly shall determine the amount of a monthly surcharge to be levied upon each residence and business access line or trunk in the state, including PBX trunks and centrex equivalent trunks and each service line or trunk, and upon each user interface number or extension number or similarly identifiable line, trunk or path to or from a digital network. The department will provide the general assembly with information and recommendations regarding the necessary level of funding to effectuate the purposes of this article. The surcharge shall be billed by each telecommunications services provider and shall be payable to the telecommunications services provider by the subscriber of the telecommunications services. State, local and quasi-governmental agencies shall be exempt from the surcharge. The surcharge shall be deposited in a restricted receipt account, hereby created within the commission and known as the Telecommunications Education Access Fund, to pay any and all costs associated with subsection (b)(3). The amount of the surcharge shall not exceed thirty-five cents (\$.35) per access line or trunk.

(2) The surcharge is hereby determined to be twenty-six cents (\$.26) per access line or trunk.

(3) The amount of the surcharge shall not be subject to the sales and use tax imposed under general laws chapter 44-18 nor be included within the gross earnings of the telecommunications corporation providing telecommunications service for the purpose of computing the tax under general laws chapter 44-13.

(e) Administration. The commission, with input from the department, shall administer the Telecommunications Education Access Fund consistent with the requirements of the Universal Service (E-Rate) program. The commission shall collect from the telecommunications service providers the amounts of the surcharge collected from their subscribers. The department, with the approval of the commission, shall publish requests for proposals that do not favor any particular technology, evaluate competitive bids, and select products and services that best serve the internet access needs of schools and libraries. In doing so, the department shall endeavor to obtain all available E-Rate matching funds. The department is further authorized and encouraged to seek matching funds from all local, state and federal public or private entities. The department shall approve disbursement of funds under this section in accordance with the commission's directives.

Unsuccessful bids may be appealed to the commission. The commission shall annually review the department's disbursements from this account to ensure that the department's decisions do not favor any competitor.

(f) Eligibility. All schools seeking support from the fund must be eligible for Universal Service (E-Rate) support and meet the definition of "elementary school" or "secondary school" in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. Section 8801). Schools operating as a for-profit business or with endowments exceeding fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) are not eligible for support. All libraries seeking support from the fund must meet the definition of "library" or "library consortium" in the Library Services and Technology Act, Public Law No. 104-208, section 211 et seq., 110 Stat. 3009 (1996) and must be eligible for assistance from a state library administrative agency under that act. Only libraries that have budgets that are completely separate from any schools (including, but not limited to, elementary and secondary, colleges and universities) shall be eligible to receive support. Libraries operating as for-profit business shall not be eligible for support.

(g) The effective date of assessment for the Telecommunications Education Access Fund shall be January 1, 2004.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage."

Respectfully submitted,

HANNA M. GALLO

Senator, District 27

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, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Lanzi, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

Upon motion of Senator Gallo, seconded by Senators Paiva Weed, Alves and Walaska, 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, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

4. (03-H 5409) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to banking law — dishonored checks.

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 at the bottom of the Calendar.

5. (03-S 681) (Substitute "A") An Act creating the Quonset Point/Davisville Management Corporation.

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

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

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, 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-S 931) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to towns and cities — Chopmist Water District.

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

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by Senators Celona and Fogarty.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS — 37: The Honorable President 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, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

7. (03-S 1092) (Substitute "A") An Act authorizing the town of North Smithfield to acquire the property, assets and personnel of the North Smithfield Fire and Rescue Service, Inc. in order to establish a new municipal fire department.

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

Senator Tassoni moves passage, seconded by Senators Fogarty, Celona, Damiani, Polisena and Cote.

Senator Perry discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 3 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS — 33: 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, Parella, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 3: Senators Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo.

8. (03-S 1126) An Act relating to towns and cities — creating the West Greenwich Water District.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Breene moves passage, seconded by Senators Raptakis, Algiere and Bates.

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

YEAS — 37: The Honorable President 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, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

16. (03-S 458) An Act relating to state affairs and government — the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Connors, Paiva Weed and Alves.

The act 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, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

17. (03-S 776) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to taxation — sales and use taxes — liability and computation.

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

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

Senators Raptakis, Damiani, Gibbs, Caprio, Polisena and Paiva Weed discuss the act.

Upon suggestion of Senator Paiva Weed, and without objection, ordered to be placed at the bottom of the Calendar.

18. (03-S 1049 as amended) An Act relating to real property — recording of instruments.

Committee on Finance recommends passage as amended.

Upon suggestion of Senator Alves, and without objection, ordered to be placed at the bottom of the Calendar.

19. (03-S 1054) An Act relating to parking surcharges in the Providence parking district.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

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

20. (03-S 1056 as amended) An Act relating to taxation — sales and use taxes — liability and computation.

Committee on Finance recommends passage as amended.

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

21. (03-S 1058) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages — retail licenses.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and without objection, ordered to be placed at the bottom of the Calendar.

22. (03-S 1127 as amended) An Act relating to taxation.

Committee on Finance recommends passage as amended.

Senator Alves moves passage, seconded by Senator Paiva Weed.

The act is read and passed, as amended, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS — 38: The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, 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, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

23. (03-S 1130) An Act authorizing the town of Middletown to finance the construction, furnishing and equipping of an elementary school through the issuance of not more than \$8,400,000 bonds and/or notes.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Gibbs moves passage, seconded by Senator Blais.

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

YEAS — 37: The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

24. (03-S 1141) An Act authorizing the town of Portsmouth to issue general obligation bonds and/or notes in an amount not to exceed \$3,800,000 to construct a field house facility, including a gymnasium for Portsmouth High School.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Parella moves passage, seconded by Senator Gibbs.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS — 38: The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, 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, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

25. (03-H 5069) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act making revised appropriations for the support of the state for fiscal year ending June 30, 2003.

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

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

Senators Caprio, Alves, Connors, Blais and Senate Majority Leader Montalbano discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS — 38: The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, 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, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

26. (03-H 5459) An Act relating to education — the Rhode Island Student Investment Initiative.

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Connors moves passage, seconded by Senators Issa and Paiva Weed.

The act is read and passed, in concurrence, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS — 38: 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, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

27. (03-H 6489) An Act authorizing the town of Portsmouth to issue general obligation bonds and/or notes in an amount not to exceed \$3,800,000 to construct a field house facility, including a gymnasium for Portsmouth High School.

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Parella moves passage, seconded by Senator Felag.

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

YEAS — 37: The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algiere, 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, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

28. (03-S 1144) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages — retail licenses.

Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues recommends passage.

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

Senators Polisena and Goodwin discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS — 38: 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, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

30. (03-H 6217) An Act relating to motor vehicles — special registration plate — Coventry — police chief emeritus.

Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues recommends passage in concurrence.

Upon suggestion of Senate Majority Leader Montalbano, and without objection, ordered to be placed at the bottom of the Calendar.

31. (03-S 495) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to state affairs and government.

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

Senator Sheehan moves passage, seconded by Senators Fogarty, Sosnowski, McCaffrey 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, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

32. (03-H 5015) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to child protection — Amber Alert.

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

Upon suggestion of Senator McCaffrey, and without objection, ordered to be placed at the bottom of the Calendar.

33. (03-H 5160) An Act relating to waters and navigation — personal watercraft safety act.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Polisena moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Damiani, Gibbs and Raptakis.

The act is read and passed, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 3 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS — 3: Senators Connors, Perry, Revens.

34. (03-H 5294) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

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

35. (03-H 6090 as amended) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles — traffic stops statistics.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

Senator Perry moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Pichardo, DaPonte, Connors and Roberts.

The act is read and passed, as amended, in concurrence, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS — 38: The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, 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, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS — 0.

FROM THE DESK

Upon suggestion of Senator Damiani, and without objection, the following act is removed from the Desk and acted upon as follows:

(03-S 139) An Act relating to military affairs — continuation of employment.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Goodwin announces that the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Connors announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Also:

Senator Alves announces that the Committee on Finance will meet on Monday, June 30, 2003, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Montalbano announces that the Senate will meet on Monday, June 30, 2003, at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET

Senator Alves announces that in accordance with Senate Rule 7.10, proposed amendments to the Annual Budget Bill must be filed with the Secretary of the Senate, Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr., no later than 12:00 o'clock Noon on Tuesday, July 1, 2003, and that the full Senate will consider the Budget Bill on Wednesday, July 2, 2003.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all Senate matters, House matters that have been amended by the Senate on the Secretary's desk, and (03-H 5069) (Substitute "A" as amended), (03-H 5745) (Substitute "A"), (03-H 5507) (Substitute "A"), (03-H 5860), (03-H 5063), (03-H 6021) (Substitute "A"), (03-H 6018), (03-H 6019), (03-H 6003), (03-H 6020), (03-H 6031), (03-H 5761), (03-H 5826), (03-H 5091) (Substitute "A"), (03-H 5841) (Substitute "A"), (03-H 6024) and (03-H 6165), 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.

RECESS

Upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte, and by unanimous consent, the Senate stands at recess at 5:40 o'clock P.M. until the call of the chair.

CALLED TO ORDER

The senate is called to order at 4:15 o'clock P.M. on Thursday, June 26, 2003.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

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 1157) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages — regulation of sales.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 6288) An Act relating to animals and animal husbandry — dog licenses.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.

Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DANIEL P. CONNORS

Heavenly Father, please bestow your wisdom on everyone here today. As we begin this lively experiment, help us remember that in Your eyes we are all non-partisan. With Your wisdom and in Your light, may we progress through the hectic days ahead. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, June 26, 2003:

1. (03-S 1167) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Nathanael Greene Fraternal Association.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. Appointment of Denise A. Barge of Cranston VICE Henry V. Johnson, Jr. to the Rhode Island Mortgage and Finance Corporation for a term to expire July 1, 2004.

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

3. Appointment of Thomas P. Sandham of Tiverton (Representing Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District) to the Rhode Island Rural Development Council for a term expiring July 1, 2003.

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

4. Appointment of Laurence W. Ehrhardt, Sr. of North Kingstown (Public Member) VICE Pamela Pogue to the Coastal Resources Management Council for a term expiring January 31, 2006.

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

5. Appointment of Timothy J. Brown, P.E. of East Greenwich (Public Water Systems Member) VICE Richard O. Rafanovic to the Water Resources Board for a term expiring March 1, 2006.

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

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Wednesday, June 25, 2003

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, June 26, 2003:

1. Appointment of Solomon A. Solomon of East Providence VICE John Innis Howell, Jr. 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.

2. Appointment of Allen P. Rubine of Cranston VICE Associate Justice Ronald Gagnon as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court.

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

3. (03-S 139) An Act relating to military affairs — continuation of employment.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

4. (03-S 829) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to businesses and professions — physical therapists.

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

5. (03-H 5409) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to banking law — dishonored checks.

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

6. (03-S 776) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to taxation — sales and use taxes — liability and computation.

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

7. (03-S 1049 as amended) An Act relating to real property — recording of instruments.

Committee on Finance recommends passage as amended.

8. (03-S 1058) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages — retail licenses.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

9. (03-H 6217) An Act relating to motor vehicles — special registration plate — Coventry — police chief emeritus.

Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues recommends passage in concurrence.

10. (03-H 5015) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to child protection — Amber Alert.

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

11. (03-S 824) An Act relating to businesses and professions — athlete agents.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

12. (03-S 1112) An Act relating to towns and cities — zoning ordinances.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

13. (03-S 1147) An Act relating to taxation — property subject to taxation.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

14. (03-S 1148) An Act relating to taxation — elderly real property exemption.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

15. (03-H 5056) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to towns and cities — Chopmist Water District.

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

16. (03-H 5336) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to taxation — levy and assessment of local taxes.

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

17. (03-H 5850) An Act relating to businesses and professions — athlete agents.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

18. (03-H 5951) (Substitute "B") An Act relating to business and professions — physical therapists.

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

19. (03-H 5954) An Act relating to businesses and professions — Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

20. (03-H 6111) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to businesses and professions — nurses.

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

21. (03-H 6299) An Act relating to cities and towns — exempting from taxation certain property of the Healing Co-Op, Inc.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

22. (03-H 6337) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to homestead exemptions in the town of Lincoln.

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

23. (03-H 6418) An Act relating to fixing the date and time for holding the annual town meeting in Jamestown.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

24. (03-H 6441) An Act relating to taxation.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

25. (03-H 6508) An Act relating to taxation — property subject to taxation.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

26. (03-S 418) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to education — school committees and superintendents.

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

27. (03-H 5350 as amended) An Act relating to education — school committees and superintendents.

Committee on Education recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

28. (03-H 5435) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to complaints of harassment.

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

29. (03-H 5458 as amended) An Act relating to education — cooperative service among school districts.

Committee on Education recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

30. (03-H 5824) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to education — compulsory attendance.

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

31. (03-H 5825) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to education.

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

32. (03-H 5834 as amended) An Act relating to school committees and superintendents — middle schools.

Committee on Education recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

33. (03-H 5919 as amended) An Act relating to education — health and safety of pupils.

Committee on Education recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

34. (03-H 5956) An Act relating to education — alternative education programs.

Committee on Education recommends passage in concurrence.

35. (03-H 6154) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to education — Board of Governors for Higher Education.

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

36. (03-H 5291) An Act relating to courts and civil procedure — courts — state and municipal court compact.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

37. (03-S 153) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to workers' compensation — general provisions.

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

38. (03-H 5080) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to Labor Relations Board — formal hearing.

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

39. (03-H 5769) An Act relating to businesses and professions.

Committee on Labor recommends passage in concurrence.

40. (03-H 5972) An Act relating to plumbers.

Committee on Labor recommends passage in concurrence.

41. (03-S 1157) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages — regulation of sales.

Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues recommends passage.

42. (03-H 5331) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages — licenses generally.

Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues recommends passage in concurrence.

43. (03-H 5392) An Act relating to boxing and wrestling.

Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues recommends passage in concurrence.

44. (03-H 6288) An Act relating to animals and animal husbandry — dog licenses.

Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues recommends passage in concurrence.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.

Secretary of the Senate

Wednesday, June 25, 2003