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Sixteenth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:07 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 37: The Honorable President Montalbano 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, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, 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, February 10, 2004 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 Senator Roberts and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Grace Sur, who will be serving as an intern this year.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

February 5, 2004

Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be out of state on business and unable to attend the Senate session on Wednesday, February 11, 2004. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Dennis L. Algiere
SENATE MINORITY LEADER

Also:

February 10, 2004

Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be out of town attending a pharmacy meeting and will be absent from the Senate sessions on Wednesday, February 11, and Thursday, February 12, 2004.

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

Sincerely,
Leo R. Blais
SENIOR DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7280

BY Menard, Petrarca, McManus

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

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

Also:

House Bill No. 7381

BY Winfield, Petrarca

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF DAN SLEBODA EXCAVATING, INC.

Received and ordered to be placed on the Desk.

Also:

House Bill No. 7185

BY Ginaitt, Naughton, McNamara, Flaherty, Trillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- CITY OF WARWICK -- HARBOR MASTER

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2336**

BY Senator Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2337

BY Senators Fogarty P, Connors, Caprio F, Gallo, Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GENERAL ASSEMBLY).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2338

BY Senators Alves, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING AND ATHLETICS -- AND EXTENSION OF GAMBLING ACTIVITIES AND OTHER FACILITIES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2339

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- REGULATION OF VICIOUS DOGS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2340

BY Senator McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2341

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2342

BY Senator Connors

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO OPPOSE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GACT IN REGARD TO REALLOCATION OF HOTEL LODGING FUNDS AND THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE TOURISM ORGANIZATION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2343

(Governor)

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2344

BY Senators Perry, Alves, Goodwin, Connors, Polisena

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2345

BY Senator Connors

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2346

BY Senator Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2347

BY Senators Perry, Pichardo, Alves, Goodwin, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2348

(Corrections)

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - MEDICAL PAROLE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2349

BY Senator Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2350

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- LAW APPLICABLE TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2351

BY Senator McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO VICTIMS ECONOMIC SECURITY AND SAFETY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2352

BY Senators Perry, Sosnowski, Roberts, Bates, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SAFE ACCESS TO MEDICAL AND RELIGIOUS FACILITIES ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2353

(by request)

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ETHICS -- ETHICS COMMISSION POWERS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2354

BY Senators Walaska, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SUPERSEDEAS BONDS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2355

(Attorney General)

BY Senators Felag, Alves, Bates, Connors, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE ARBITRATION BOARD.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2356

BY Senators Connors, Paiva-Weed, Goodwin, Ciccone, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CLERKS OF SUPREME AND SUPERIOR COURTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2357

BY Senators Perry, Pichardo, Roberts, Sosnowski, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2358**BY** Senators Tassoni, Lanzi, Polisena, Caprio F, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2359**BY** Senators Perry, Pichardo, Roberts, Paiva-Weed, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WEAPONS -- FIREARMS SAFETY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2360**BY** Senators Gibbs, Blais, Breene, Cote, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOUSING RESOURCES COMMISSION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2361

(by request)

BY Senator Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2362**BY** Senators Sheehan, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2363**BY** Senators Revens, McCaffrey, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICAL REGULATION -- REGISTRATION OF AIRCRAFT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2364

BY Senator Caprio F

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2365

BY Senators Perry, Goodwin, Caprio F, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CITIES AND TOWNS -- EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION PROPERTY OF THE PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2366

(by request)

BY Senators Cote, Tassoni, Fogarty P

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2367

BY Senators Alves, Perry, Roberts, Goodwin, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOCIAL WORKERS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2368

(by request)

BY Senator Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2369

BY Senators Gibbs, Cote, Roberts, Paiva-Weed, Parella

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ADULT AND CHILD DAY CARE ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2370

BY Senators Perry, Roberts, Connors, Ciccone, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2371

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senators Pichardo, Goodwin, Roberts, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2372

(by request)

BY Senator Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2373

BY Senators Gallo, Lanzi, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (reimbursement of tax payments to communities in which a state correctional facility is located).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2374

(Attorney General)

BY Senators Alves, McBurney, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - TOBACCO PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS' ESCROW FUNDS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2375

BY Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2376

(Governor)

BY Senator Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2377

BY Senators Perry, Pichardo, Lanzi, Tassoni, Alves

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- BENEFITS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2378

BY Senators Badeau, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2379**BY** Senator Issa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PRACTICE (eliminate present requirement for the licensure of clinical histologic technicians).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2380**BY** Senators Perry, Pichardo, Tassoni, Alves, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AIR QUALITY IN SCHOOLS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2381**BY** Senators Alves, Perry, Roberts, Goodwin, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2382

(Dept. of Health)

BY Senators Blais, Parella**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2383**BY** Senators Celona, Alves, Tassoni, Walaska, Montalbano J**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION MOURNING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATION NIGHTCLUB FIRE ON FEBRUARY 20TH.

Senator Celona requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Celona moves passage, seconded by Senator Alves and the entire Senate.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a rising vote.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2384

BY Senators McBurney, Montalbano J

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WILLIARD H. AND ELIZABETH C. WHITING.

Senator McBurney requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McBurney moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a rising vote.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2385

BY Senator Perry

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 12, 2004 AS THE FIRST ANNUAL "SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

Senator Perry requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Perry moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2386

BY Senators Sheehan, Sosnowski, Lenihan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Wakefield and Westerly)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2387

BY Senators Roberts, Perry, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2388

(RI Supreme Court)

BY Senators Paiva-Weed, McCaffrey, Connors, Caprio F

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2389

BY Senators Parella, Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PERSONAL INCOME TAX (ADULT EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2390

BY Senators Goodwin, Alves, Polisena, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- NURSING LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2391

BY Senators Gallo, Fogarty P, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2392

BY Senators Pichardo, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Caprio F

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2393

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2394

BY Senators Roberts, Parella

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2395

BY Senators Roberts, Paiva-Weed, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2396

BY Senators Lenihan, Sosnowski, Sheehan, Polisena, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2397

BY Senators Parella, Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH, RETARDATION AND HOSPITALS -- DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2398

(Supreme Court)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Connors, Caprio F

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2399

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS - COSTS AND FEES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2400

BY Senators Perry, McCaffrey, Sheehan, Fogarty P, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL TENURE AND DISCIPLINE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2401

(by request)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Connors, Caprio F

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2402

BY Senators Sheehan, Sosnowski, Lenihan, Polisena, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2403

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MECHANICS' LIENS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2404

BY Senators Sheehan, Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2405

(by request)

BY Senator Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2406

BY Senators Felag, Connors, Sosnowski, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2407

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GIFT CERTIFICATES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2408

BY Senators Felag, Sosnowski, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- UNSOLICITED TELEPHONE SALES CALLS

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2409**BY** Senator McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2410**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCES -- SECURITY DEPOSITS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2411**BY** Senators Roberts, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2412**BY** Senators Roberts, Polisen**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2413**BY** Senators Roberts, Polisen, Ruggerio, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE QUALITY PROGRAM.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2414**BY** Senators Connors, DaPonte, Pichardo, Ciccone, Badeau**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO NONPROFIT HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2415

BY Senators Sheehan, Roberts, Paiva-Weed, Lenihan, Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2416

BY Senators Sheehan, Perry, Paiva-Weed, Roberts, Gibbs
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - HEALTH MAINTENANCE
ORGANIZATIONS

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2417

(Secretary of State)

BY Senators DaPonte, Felag, Connors, Ruggerio, Tassoni
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2418

BY Senators Sheehan, Sosnowski, Lenihan, Algieri, Paiva-Weed
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- LOBBYING.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2419

BY Senators Sheehan, Sosnowski, Lenihan, Algieri, Paiva-Weed
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CODE OF ETHICS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2420

BY Senators Lenihan, Sosnowski, Sheehan, Polisena, Cote
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LOBBYING.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2421

BY Senators Lenihan, Sosnowski, Sheehan, Polisena, Cote
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CODE OF ETHICS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2422

BY Senators Roberts, Lenihan, Paiva-Weed
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- CODE OF ETHICS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2423

BY Senator Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2424

(Attorney General)
BY Senator McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2425

BY Senators Sheehan, Lenihan, Sosnowski, Parella, Connors
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL IN RHODE ISLAND

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2426

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Connors, Walaska, Polisena

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - BENEFITS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2427

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Connors, Walaska, Polisena

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - - BENEFITS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2428

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2429

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Tassoni, Connors, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - PROCEDURE

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2430

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Tassoni, Connors, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2431

BY Senators Ruggerio, Connors, Goodwin, DaPonte, Pichardo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2432

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Connors, Walaska, Polisena
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2433

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Connors, Polisena
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- MEDICAL SERVICES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2434

BY Senators Ruggerio, Tassoni, Felag, Polisena, Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - - WORKERS'
COMPENSATION - - BENEFITS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2435

BY Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Gallo, Ciccone, Lanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS'
COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2436

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Connors, Walaska, Polisena
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS'
COMPENSATION - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2437

BY Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Polisena, Lanzi, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION - - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2438

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Lanzi, Ciccone, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2439

BY Senators Ruggerio, Lanzi, Ciccone, Goodwin, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAUSES OF ACTION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2440

BY Senators Ruggerio, McBurney, Tassoni, Lanzi, Celona

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- CAUSES OF ACTION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2441

BY Senators Ruggerio, Badeau, Walaska, Celona, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2442**BY** Senators Ruggerio, McBurney, Polisen, Issa, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE PROTECTION ACT

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2443**BY** Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Paiva-Weed, Lanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS**BY** Senators CONTRACTORS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2444**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Ciccone, Lanzi, Tassoni, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- ARBITRATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2445**BY** Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Lanzi, Issa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2446**BY** Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Fogarty P, McCaffrey, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MEDIATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2447**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Lanzi, Badeau, Paiva-Weed, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SAFETY AWARENESS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2448

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Caprio F

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2449

BY Senators Ruggerio, Paiva-Weed, Goodwin, Walaska, Issa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2450

BY Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Walaska, McCaffrey, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GIFT CERTIFICATES

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2451

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Lanzi, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2452

BY Senators Ruggerio, Tassoni, Gallo, DaPonte, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2453

BY Senators Ruggerio, Roberts, Paiva-Weed, DaPonte, Perry
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2454

BY Senators Ruggerio, Tassoni, Celona, Connors, Lanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2455

BY Senators Ruggerio, Caprio F, Tassoni, Walaska
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2456

BY Senators Ruggerio, Perry, Pichardo, Caprio F, Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AID - - TOWNS AND CITIES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2457

BY Senators Ruggerio, Perry, Pichardo, Goodwin, Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES -- PENSION
FUND REFINANCING BONDS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2458

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Lanzi, Goodwin, McBurney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2459

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Lanzi, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2460

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Caprio F, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - - STATE AID

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2461

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Lanzi, Ciccone, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIREFIGHTERS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2462

BY Senators Ruggerio, Roberts, Lanzi, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - - CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2463

BY Senators Ruggerio, McBurney, Lanzi, Ciccone, Issa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2464**BY** Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Goodwin, McBurney, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HEALING ACT OF ACUPUNCTURE

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2465**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Alves, Issa, DaPonte, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW ACT

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2466**BY** Senators McBurney, Montalbano J, Caprio F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

Upon motion of Senate Majority Leader Paiva-Weed, seconded by Senator Breene, the following measure on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, is read and passed, upon a voice vote:

1 2004-H 7479**BY** Carter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF WICKFORD

Without objection, H-7479, is ordered to be held on the desk.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1 2004-S 2164 SUB A**BY Blais****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL
REGULATORY PROVISIONS - INTEREST AND USURY

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Breene, and without objection ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

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.

RECESS

Upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte and by unanimous consent the Senate stands at recess at 4:17 o'clock P.M., and the desk will remain open to receive new business, until the call of the chair.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order on Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at 4:24 o'clock P.M.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2467****BY** Senator Polisen**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO THE RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION --
PROPERTY BUY OUT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2468**BY** Senator Montalbano J**ENTITLED,** AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER
OF GREENVILLE INSULATION CO., INC..

Senator Ruggerio requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by Senator McCaffrey.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2469

BY Senators Algiere, Gibbs, Blais, Parella, Roberts

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2, 2004 AS "READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

Senator Algiere requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Algiere moves passage, seconded by Senator Breene.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2470

BY Senator Caprio F

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF BOWLING GREEN, INC..

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2471 (Governor)

BY Senators Algiere, Parella, Breene, Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2472 (Secretary of State)

BY Senators Goodwin, Paiva-Weed, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- LOB
BYING.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2473 (Governor)**BY** Senators Polisen, Roberts, Sosnowski, Damiani, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - MEDICAL MALPRACTICE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2474 (by request)**BY** Senator Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2475**BY** Senators Goodwin, Caprio F, Perry, Roberts, Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2476**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2477**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION PAPERS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2478**BY** Senators Paiva-Weed, Goodwin, Montalbano J, McCaffrey, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT- LOB
BYING OF STATE EMPLOYEES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2479**BY** Senators Ciccone, Badeau, Connors, Lanzi, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- IMPERSONATION AND
IDENTITY FRAUD

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2480**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2481**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2482**BY** Senator Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2483 (Secretary of State)**BY** Senators Perry, Roberts, Pichardo, Sosnowski, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE -- RITE CHOICE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2484 (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senators Connors, Goodwin, Felag, DaPonte, Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2485

BY Senators Tassoni, Lanzi, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM-CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2486 (by request)

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2487

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2488

BY Senators Lanzi, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE PURCHASES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2489**BY** Senators Issa, Connors, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MILITARY SERVICE AND VETERANS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2490 (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Tassoni, Issa, Polisena, Walaska, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2491 (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Roberts, Gallo, Cote, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - - WORKSITE WELLNESS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2492**BY** Senators Ciccone, Connors, Lanzi, Ruggerio, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE CREDITS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2493**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Roberts, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2494**BY** Senators Felag, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2495 (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senators Fogarty P, Goodwin, Algieri, Caprio F, Alves

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF FUND.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2496

BY Senators Issa, Connors, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2497

BY Senators Roberts, Sosnowski, Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2498 (Attorney General)

BY Senator Issa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2499

BY Senators Tassoni, Perry, Roberts, Lanzi, Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- AFFORDABLE ENERGY BARGAIN ACT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2500**BY** Senators Roberts, Sosnowski, Bates, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2501 (Secretary of State)**BY** Senators Felag, Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE -- SECURED TRANSACTIONS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2502 (Governor)**BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2503**BY** Senators Sheehan, Lenihan, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMENDING SHIRLEY SILVIA AND THE FRIENDS OF PLUM BEACH LIGHTHOUSE FOR THEIR BOUNDLESS REVITALIZATION EFFORTS PRESERVING THE PLUM BEACH LIGHTHOUSE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2504 (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Fogarty P, Goodwin, Gibbs, Connors, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2505**BY** Senators Tassoni, Lanzi, Polisena, Damiani, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH COVERAGE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2506 (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Perry, Roberts, Sosnowski, Goodwin, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY ASSURANCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2507**BY** Senators Perry, Roberts, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2508**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY ALL CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY ALL STATE AGENCIES AND QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATIONS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2509**BY** Senators Caprio F, DaPonte, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING, AND ATHLETICS (establish R.I. Gaming Control and Enforcement Act).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2510**BY** Senators Caprio F, Damiani, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNIT PRICING.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2511 (by request)**BY** Senators Polisena, Lanzi, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2512**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2513 (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Tassoni, Caprio F, Polisena, Lanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BIOTERRORISM.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2514**BY** Senator Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CITIES AND TOWNS -- RESIDENCY.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2515**BY** Senators Tassoni, Polisena, Paiva-Weed, Damiani**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2516**BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF EXETER - BOONE LAKE SHORES DAM MAINTENANCE DISTRICT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2517**BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2518**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Roberts, Walaska, Lenihan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- NOISE MONITORING ACT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2519**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Roberts, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2520**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Roberts, Walaska, Revens, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- PERMANENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING ACT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2521**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Roberts, Walaska, Revens, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS - NOISE MONITORING.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2522**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Roberts, Walaska, Revens**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2523**BY** Senators Parella, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT TO AN ACT RELATING TO THE PORTSMOUTH WATER AND FIRE DISTRICT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2524**BY** Senators Connors, DaPonte, Ciccone, Badeau**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2525**BY** Senators Revens, McCaffrey, Roberts, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2526 (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Connors, Pichardo, Lanzi, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2527**BY** Senators Connors, Montalbano J**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS IN THE TOWN OF LINCOLN.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2528

BY Senators Fogarty P, Gallo, Sheehan, Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2529

BY Senators Perry, Roberts, Goodwin, Sheehan, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2530

BY Senators Connors, Caprio F, Pichardo, DaPonte, Lanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2531

BY Senators Alves, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2532

BY Senators Connors, Badeau, Ciccone, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2533

BY Senator Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIRE FIGHTERS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2534

BY Senators Perry, Roberts, Pichardo, Gibbs, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING AND CONSERVATION TRUST FUND.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2535

BY Senators Roberts, Perry, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2536 (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senators Goodwin, Roberts, Gibbs, Lanzi, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2537 (by request)

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- TAXATION OF BEVERAGES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2538**BY** Senators Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS -- NATIONAL GUARD RE-ENLISTMENT BONUS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2539**BY** Senators Walaska, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2540**BY** Senators Sheehan, Lenihan, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2541**BY** Senators Alves, McBurney, Goodwin, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2542 (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Gallo, Goodwin, Roberts, Connors, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2543**BY** Senators Walaska, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2544

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ADVOCATE

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2545

BY Senators Goodwin, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT MEDICAL INSURANCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2546

BY Senators Goodwin, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COMMERCIAL INSURANCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2547

BY Senators Roberts, Tassoni, Sheehan, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT HOSPITAL CORPORATIONS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2548

BY Senators Alves, Caprio F, McBurney, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY -- ASSURANCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2549 (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Alves, Roberts, McBurney, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCES.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2550**BY** Senators Roberts, Perry, Paiva-Weed, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CURRENT STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2551**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2552**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2553**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2554**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- LICENSES.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2555**BY** Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Issa, Paiva-Weed, Fogarty P**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT AND FEASIBILITY OF MOVING REGULATORY AUTHORITY FOR THE AUTO BODY INDUSTRY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2556 (By Request)**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2557 (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Roberts, Gallo, Cote, Algiere, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2558 (Lt. Governor)**BY** Senators Roberts, Gallo, Goodwin, Gibbs, Lanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE ELDERLY ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2559**BY** Senators Alves, McBurney, Goodwin, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2560**BY** Senators Roberts, Parella, Gibbs, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT - RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CENTERS AND FACILITIES PROGRAM.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2561**BY** Senators Gibbs, Perry, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2562**BY** Senators Roberts, Perry, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2563**BY** Senators Gibbs, Perry, Bates, Issa, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2564**BY** Senator Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2565 (By Request)

BY Senator Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INCOMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL AND PERSONS ADJUDGED NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2566 (Secretary of State)

BY Senators Perry, Sosnowski, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2567 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Connors, Pichardo, Lanzi, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS - ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2568

BY Senator Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2569

BY Senators Perry, Roberts, Paiva-Weed, Pichardo, Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (ban on racial profiling).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2570

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2571

BY Senators Goodwin, Caprio F, Perry, Roberts, Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC ASSAULT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2572 (by request)

BY Senator Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - MECHANICS' LIENS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2573

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (establish unborn victims of violence act)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2574

BY Senators Paiva-Weed, Gibbs, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2575

BY Senator Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY SERVICE -- MILITARY SERVICE DEBT RELIEF ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2576**BY** Senators Connors, Pichardo, Perry, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- LAW PRACTICE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2577**BY** Senators Gibbs, Paiva-Weed, Parella**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2578**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2579 (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Polisena, Damiani, Paiva-Weed, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY -- LEAD PAINT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2580**BY** Senators Polisena, Damiani**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- CAUSES OF ACTION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2581**BY** Senators Polisena, Damiani, Sosnowski, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2582**BY** Senators Gibbs, Perry, Roberts, Parella, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE AGE OF MAJORITY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2583**BY** Senators Polisena, Damiani, Blais, Breene, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- MARRIAGE ELIGIBILITY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2584**BY** Senators Polisena, Lenihan, Cote, Raptakis, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REFERENDA ELECTIONS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2585**BY** Senators Roberts, Gibbs, Tassoni, Felag, Issa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2586**BY** Senators Gallo, Fogarty P, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- AUTHORIZING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO NEGOTIATE WITH HEALTH CARE INSURERS AND PROVIDING FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2587**BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACIES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2588

BY Senators Gibbs, Perry, Parella

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEATH INSURANCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2589

BY Senators Roberts, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2590

BY Senators Gallo, Issa, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2591

BY Senators Perry, Goodwin, Alves, Connors, Parella

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2592

BY Senators Polisena, Damiani

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (JUDICIAL POWER)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2593**BY** Senators Perry, Goodwin, Alves, Connors, Parella**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2594 (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Gallo, Issa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2595**BY** Senators Roberts, Issa, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2596 (Governor)**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - - SCHOOL BUDGETS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2597**BY** Senators Gallo, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2598**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2599

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2600

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2601

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES --COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2602

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES --CABLE ACCESS

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2603 (by request)

BY Senator Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (surcharge on wireless telephone accounts).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2604

BY Senators Roberts, Sosnowski, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- CATV.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2605

BY Senators Walaska, Bates, Alves

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GASOLINE AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2606

BY Senators Perry, Roberts, Pichardo, Connors, Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2607

BY Senators Polisena, Damiani, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE NURSING EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2608

BY Senators Walaska, Cote, Bates, Blais, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - JOBS DEVELOPMENT ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2609**BY** Senators Fogarty P, Gallo, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2610**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Roberts, Paiva-Weed, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - HEALTH CARE FOR FAMILIES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2611**BY** Senators Gibbs, Perry, Roberts, Parella, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- SALARIES AND TRAVELING EXPENSES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2612**BY** Senators Polisena, Damiani, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2613**BY** Senators Lanzi, Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR FAMILIES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2614 (by request)**BY** Senators Polisena, Damiani, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2615 (by request)

BY Senators Polisena, McCaffrey, Raptakis, Damiani

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - MOTOR VEHICLE DAMAGE APPRAISERS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2616 (by request)

BY Senators Polisena, Damiani, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2617

BY Senator Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2618

BY Senators Breene, Sosnowski, Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2619

BY Senators Connors, Goodwin, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2620

BY Senators Fogarty P, Gallo, Walaska, Tassoni, Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2621

BY Senators Fogarty P, Gallo, Walaska, Tassoni, Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXES -- BURRILLVILLE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2622 (Governor)

BY Senators Gallo, Walaska, Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2623

BY Senators Gallo, Fogarty P
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND LITERACY AND DROPOUT PREVENTION ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2624

BY Senators Gallo, Fogarty P, Walaska, Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CIVIC EDUCATION COMMISSION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2625

BY Senators Gallo, Walaska
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2626

BY Senator Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2627

BY Senators Breene, Damiani

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2628

BY Senators Breene, Blais, Damiani

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DEER HUNTING.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2629 (By Request)

BY Senator Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LOBSTERS AND OTHER CRUSTACEANS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2630

BY Senators McCaffrey, Roberts, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2631

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2632 (By Request)

BY Senators Polisena, Raptakis, Damiani, Sosnowski, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - AUTOMOBILE BODY REPAIR SHOPS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2633

BY Senator Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2634 (By Request)

BY Senators Polisena, Raptakis, Damiani, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2635

BY Senators Tassoni, Caprio F, Polisena, Perry, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2636 (Dept. of Children, Youth and Families)

BY Senators Roberts, Issa, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CERTIFICATION OF CHILD CARE AND YOUTH WORKERS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2637

BY Senators Polisena, Damiani, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2638

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (ELECTING A GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ON THE SAME BALLOT AT THE SAME TIME)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2639 (by request)

BY Senator Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2640

BY Senator Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRICIANS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2641**BY** Senators Polisena, Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO NONPROFIT HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS - BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF RHODE ISLAND - BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2642 (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Polisena, Goodwin, Damiani**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ESTABLISHING FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR CIGARETTES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2643**BY** Senators Gallo, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2644 (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Gallo, Fogarty P, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE ELDERLY ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2645 (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Polisena, Goodwin, Damiani, Sosnowski, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE NURSING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2646

BY Senators Polisena, Damiani

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2647

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES - EXEMPTIONS (substitute the word motor vehicle for the word automobile)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2648

BY Senator Revens

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXES -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2649 (Dept. Human Services)

BY Senator Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DISPOSITION OF BODIES TO BE BURIED WITH PUBLIC FUNDS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2650

BY Senators Raptakis, Cote, Polisena, Parella, Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2651 (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Roberts, Felag, Alves, Pichardo, Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2652 (by request)**BY** Senators Algieri, Gibbs, Blais, Parella, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2653**BY** Senator Revens**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND STUDENT ACCESS ENDOWMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2654**BY** Senators Alves, Fogarty P, McBurney, Goodwin, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2655**BY** Senators Alves, Fogarty P, McBurney, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2656

BY Senators Walaska, Ruggerio, Alves, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND HUMAN RESOURCES INVESTMENT COUNCIL.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2657 (by request)

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- TOWN OF CUMBERLAND.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2658

BY Senators Gibbs, Perry, Roberts, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2659

BY Senators Gibbs, Perry, Roberts, Parella

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF NURSING ASSISTANTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2660

BY Senators Alves, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- INSURANCE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2661 (Secretary of State)

BY Senators Gallo, Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DISCLOSURE OF NAMES OF STATE GOVERNMENT CONSULTANTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2662 (Governor)

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- ACQUISITION OF LAND.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2663

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2664

BY Senators McBurney, Polisena

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2665 (Governor)

BY Senators Blais, Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2666 (State Police)

BY Senator Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2667**BY** Senators Paiva-Weed, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Gallo, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- CODE OF ETHICS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2668**BY** Senators Perry, Roberts, Sosnowski, Goodwin, Alves**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2669**BY** Senators Alves, Caprio F, McBurney, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2670**BY** Senators Alves, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2671**BY** Senators Roberts, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RHODE ISLAND EDUCATIONAL RECORDS BILL OF RIGHTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2672**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2673

BY Senator Issa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2674 (State Police)

BY Senators Breene, Algiere

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2675

BY Senators Gibbs, Perry, Roberts, Parella, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2676

BY Senators Gibbs, Tassoni, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ZONING ORDINANCES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2677 (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senators Alves, Roberts, Caprio F, McBurney, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - LONG TERM HOME HEALTH CARE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2678

BY Senator Revens

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2679

BY Senators Alves, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY -- ASSURANCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2680

BY Senators Alves, McBurney, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSING POOLS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2681

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICAL THERAPISTS.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2682 (Governor)

BY Senators Breene, Gibbs, Parella

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (REFERENDUM ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY).

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2683**BY** Senators Cote, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (Veto Overrides 28 days).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2684**BY** Senators Bates, Gibbs, Gallo, Walaska, Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (general assembly website electronic filing by agencies and authorities).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2685**BY** Senator Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED ANNUITIES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2686 (Dept. Business Regulation)**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2687**BY** Senators Roberts, Perry, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ADAPTIVE TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM COMMITTEE (telephone access to text of newspapers).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2688 (Dept. Business Regulation)**BY** Senators Blais, Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MANDATORY PRELICENSING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2689**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS (3% to 7% assessment)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2690**BY** Senators Walaska, Bates, Alves**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES - PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (out of state retail fuel businesses).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2691**BY** Senators Lanzi, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EXPLOSIVES - - SEISMIC LIMITS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2692**BY** Senator Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- AUTOMOBILE BODY REPAIR SHOPS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2693

BY Senator Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2694

BY Senators Roberts, Perry, Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR NEW HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT AND NEW INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2695

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2696

BY Senators Tassoni, Polisena, Lanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2697

BY Senators Roberts, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MEDICAID EXPENDITURES -- ANNUAL REPORT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2698

BY Senators Roberts, Perry, Parella

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BIRTH-RELATED
NEUROLOGICAL INJURY COMPENSATION PROGRAM.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2699

BY Senator Polisena

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2700

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAUSES OF ACTION -- TORT LAW

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2701

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT
ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2702

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND
TENANT ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2703

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT
ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2704

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2705

BY Senators Perry, Roberts, Sosnowski, Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2706

BY Senators Sheehan, Lenihan, Cote, Polisena, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - CAUSES OF ACTION - MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2707 (by request)

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LEGAL SERVICES FOR INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2708

BY Senators Issa, McBurney, Gibbs, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2709

BY Senator Issa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2710

BY Senators Alves, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT IMPLEMENTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOBACCO MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF THE TOBACCO MANUFACTURERS' MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FUNDS ESCROW.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2711

BY Senators Connors, Paiva-Weed, Issa, DaPonte, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE NATIONAL GUARD -- EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2712

BY Senators Perry, Roberts, Gibbs, Sosnowski, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT --MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND ABORTIONS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2713

BY Senator Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2714**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2715**BY** Senators Roberts, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2716**BY** Senators Alves, McBurney, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION -- NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2717**BY** Senators Issa, Tassoni, Roberts, McBurney, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2718**BY** Senators Issa, Roberts, McBurney, Gibbs, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2719**BY** Senators Issa, Tassoni, Gallo, Gibbs, Parella**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOSTER CARE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2720

BY Senators Issa, Roberts, McBurney, Parella

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CLOTHING SALES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2721

BY Senators Issa, Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE ARCHIVES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2722 (Governor)

BY Senators Blais, Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2723

BY Senator McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE POLICE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2724 (by request)

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (trucks 6000 lb.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2725

BY Senators Ciccone, Pichardo, DaPonte, Goodwin, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - ABANDONED CARS (auctions).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2726

BY Senators McCaffrey, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2727

BY Senators Caprio F, Perry, DaPonte, Goodwin, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2728

BY Senators Pichardo, Perry, DaPonte, Ruggerio, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2729

BY Senators Caprio F, DaPonte, Goodwin, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2730

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2731 (Lt. Governor)**BY** Senators Goodwin, Alves, DaPonte, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2732**BY** Senator Badeau**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2733**BY** Senators Pichardo, Perry, Ciccone, Goodwin, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2734**BY** Senators Perry, Ruggerio, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKING SURCHARGES IN THE PROVIDENCE PARKING DISTRICT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2735**BY** Senators Goodwin, Ciccone, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2736**BY** Senator Badeau**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- ACTIONS AGAINST THE STATE ON HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2737

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2738

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - MECHANICS' LIENS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2739

BY Senators Tassoni, Polisena, Perry, Roberts, Lanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICIANS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2740

BY Senators Tassoni, Polisena, DaPonte, Lanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VICTIM'S RIGHTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2741

BY Senators Pichardo, Ciccone, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2742

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SEWER/DRAINLAYER INSTALLERS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2743

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- PROCEDURE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2744

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2745

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2746

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2747

BY Senators Connors, Badeau, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PLUMBERS AND IRRIGATORS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2748

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2749

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS WORKERS' COMPENSATION - INSURANCE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2750

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2751 (Governor)

BY Senator Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RHODE ISLAND HUMAN RESOURCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2752

BY Senators Caprio F, Pichardo, Perry, Ciccone, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAWNBROKERS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2753**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - - COMMUNITY OBLIGATIONS AND BANKING OFFENSES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2754 (Dept. of Business Regulation)**BY** Senator Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- RHODE ISLAND LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2755**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (board makeup/functions).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2756 (by request)**BY** Senators Goodwin, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2757**BY** Senator Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (garden of heroes).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2758**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2759**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (airport noise contour).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2760**BY** Senators Goodwin, Ruggerio, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES (interest rates cities over 125,000).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2761**BY** Senator Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (employment).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2762**BY** Senator Badeau**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2763

BY Senator Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE HEALTH INSURANCE PRUDENT PURCHASING ACT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2764

BY Senator Lenihan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PRIVATE SCHOOLS (approval by board of governors only).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2765

BY Senators Issa, Gallo, Gibbs, Parella

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LICENSING AND MONITORING OF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2766

BY Senators Issa, Tassoni, Roberts, McBurney, Parella

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES' HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY INCENTIVE GRANT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2767

BY Senators Roberts, Gallo, Issa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS -- MIDDLE SCHOOLS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2768

BY Senator Issa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2769 (Governor)

BY Senator Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND CESSPOOL PHASE-OUT ACT OF 2004.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2770

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Lanzi, Alves

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2771

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Lanzi, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2772

BY Senators Ruggerio, Felag, Perry

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF TOXIC MOLD.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2773

BY Senators Ruggerio, Gallo, Lanzi, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORTING.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2774

BY Senators Ruggerio, Ciccone, Felag, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2775

BY Senators Ruggerio, Pichardo, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2776

BY Senators Ruggerio, Badeau, Tassoni, Polisena

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2777

BY Senators Ruggerio, Gallo, McBurney, Polisena, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS

BY Senators CONTRACTORS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2778**BY** Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Lanzi, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (transporting chemicals).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2779**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Ciccone, DaPonte, Lanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS
BY CONTRACTORS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2780**BY** Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Lanzi, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND
PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2781**BY** Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Lanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HOISTING
ENGINEERS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2782**BY** Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Lanzi, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOISTING ENGINEERS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2783**BY** Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Lanzi, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2784**BY** Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Lanzi, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRICIANS -- APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2785**BY** Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Lanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2786**BY** Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Lanzi, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2787**BY** Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Lanzi, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRICIANS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2788**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Gallo, Lanzi, Perry, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2789

BY Senators Goodwin, Perry, Ruggerio, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES -- WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2790

BY Senator Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FRAUD.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2791

BY Senators Goodwin, Perry, Ciccone, Pichardo, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TOWING STORAGE ACT.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2792

BY Senators Caprio F, Ciccone, Pichardo, DaPonte, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- PRACTICE IN PROBATE COURTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2793

BY Senators Pichardo, Perry, DaPonte, Ruggerio, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2794**BY** Senators Goodwin, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2795 (Governor)**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - CERTIFICATION OF CREATIVE COMPANIES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2796**BY** Senators Alves, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2797 (Lt. Governor)**BY** Senators Connors, Goodwin, Roberts, Gibbs, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ESTABLISHING A LONG-TERM CARE IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2798**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION - ORGAN TRANSPLANT FUND

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2799**BY** Senator Badeau**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- PROCEDURE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2800

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2801

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2802

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- PROCEDURE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2803

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2804 (Dept. Labor & Training)

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY -- BENEFITS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2805**BY** Senators Caprio F, Perry, Ciccone, Pichardo, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES IN PROVIDENCE, NORTH PROVIDENCE, EAST PROVIDENCE, CENTRAL FALLS, PAWTUCKET, WOONSOCKET AND WARWICK AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFORE OF THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$375,000).

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2806**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROHIBITING THE COURTS FROM IMPOSING TAX INCREASES

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2807**BY** Senator Badeau**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2808**BY** Senator Badeau**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2809**BY** Senator Badeau**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2810

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2811

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2812

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- SCHOOL BUS DRIVER'S.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2813

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2814 (Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Senators Gibbs, Parella

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2815 (Health)

BY Senators Blais, Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PRACTICE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2816

BY Senator Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CHECK CASHING.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2817 (Dept. of Business Regulations)

BY Senators Bates, Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2818 (Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Senator Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2819

BY Senator Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURERS' REHABILITATION AND LIQUIDATION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2820 (Governor)

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2821

BY Senator Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES TAX (residents in the town of Warren available for writers composers and artists tax exemption).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2822

BY Senators Gibbs, Gallo, Pichardo, Raptakis, Parella

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE FOR WORKING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2823

BY Senator Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS -- MILITARY COMMISSIONS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2824

BY Senators Felag, Parella, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2825

BY Senators Polisena, Damiani

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - - CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS -- ARBITRATORS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2826**BY** Senators Felag, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Cote, Connors**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATIONS TO IMPOSE A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE HEALTH COVERAGE RECERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF SMALL EMPLOYERS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2827**BY** Senator Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2 OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WATCH HILL FIRE DISTRICT", APPROVED MAY 2, 1941.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2828**BY** Senator Polisena**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (Rhode Island Red Light Running Act of 2004).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2829**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Pichardo, Roberts, Paiva-Weed, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- VETERINARY PRACTICE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2830**BY** Senators Walaska, Damiani, Polisena, Blais, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ESTABLISHING A STANDARD FOR GREATER SECURITY IN ISSUING RHODE ISLAND DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2831**BY** Senators Felag, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2832**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Breene, Paiva-Weed, Felag, Fogarty P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (create firefighter license plates).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2833**BY** Senators Felag, Gibbs, Sosnowski, Polisena, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2834**BY** Senators Polisena, Damiani**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GENERAL ASSEMBLY).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2835**BY** Senators Polisena, Damiani**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO JUDICIAL SELECTION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2836

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2837 (Environmental Management)

BY Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Pichardo, DaPonte, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2838

BY Senators Perry, Roberts, Sosnowski, Goodwin, Alves

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAX EXPENDITURE REPORTING.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2839

BY Senators Perry, Ruggerio, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2840

BY Senators Perry, Ruggerio, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - LAUNDRIES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2841

BY Senators Goodwin, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2842 (by request)

BY Senators Cote, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISER CERTIFICATION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2843

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2844

BY Senators McCaffrey, Caprio F, Ruggerio, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2845 (Governor)

BY Senators Blais, Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

TRANSFER OF BILLS

Senator Blais, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues:

Senate Resolution No. 2021

BY Senators Blais

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

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

Also:

Senator Breene, for the Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Judiciary:

Senate Bill No. 2303

(State Police)

BY Senators Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Polisena and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Tony Simon, Rhode Island Director for Senator John Kerry's Presidential Campaign.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

Senate Bill No. 2025 as amended

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2053 SUB A

BY Senators Polisena, Damiani, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES -- RECKLESS DRIVING
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Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2055

BY Senators Raptakis, Polisena, Parella, Damiani, McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2121

BY Senators Walaska, Bates, Fogarty P
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2151

BY Senators McBurney, Issa, Montalbano J
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - DOGS - CITY OF PAWTUCKET

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7185

BY Ginaitt, Naughton, McNamara, Flaherty, Trillo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- CITY OF WARWICK -- HARBOR MASTER

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

House Bill No. 7793

BY Senators Watson, Amaral
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BUDGET.

Senator Alves requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The act is read and passed in concurrence, 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 Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

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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.

RECESS

Upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte and by unanimous consent the Senate stands at recess at 4:32 o'clock P.M., and the desk will remain open to receive new business, until the call of the chair.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order on Wednesday, February 25, 2004 at 6:25 o'clock P.M.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Resolution No. 8007

BY Fox, Watson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND THE HONORABLE SENATE TO JOIN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN JOINT SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING A MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR, REGARDING THE STATE BUDGET.

Senator Paiva Weed requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by Senator Algieri.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2846

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION MEMORALIZING CONGRESS TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF MEN'S HEALTH.

Senator Blais requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by Senator Breene.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

FROM THE DESK

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, the following act is removed from the desk and acted on as follows:

House Bill No. 7381

BY Winfield, Petrarca

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF DAN SLEBODA EXCAVATING, INC.

Senator Ruggerio requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by Senator Tassoni.

The act is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Lenihan announces that the Committee on Oversight will meet on Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 3:00 o'clock P.M., in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Perry announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet on Thursday, February 26, 2004, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Pichardo announces that the Committee on Finance will meet on Thursday, February 26, 2004, at 2:30 o'clock P.M., in Room 211 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.

RECESS

Upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte and by unanimous consent the Senate stands at recess at 6:25 o'clock P.M., and the desk will remain open to receive new business, until the call of the chair.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order on Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 4:17 o'clock P.M.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Breene, Blais, Fogarty and Sheehan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber members of the Future Farmers of America, from the Exeter- West Greenwich Chapter, Rebecca Breene, Becky Cain, Leila DelBonis, Kelley Linden, Stephen Luis, Ryan Shoener, Ali Toles, and advisor Wendy Millar. From the Scituate Chapter Matt Boyer, Kayla Harrison, Brian Etchells, Stephen Pezucco, Kaitlin Graham, Eric Wilcox, Cameron Gerard, Wayne Pelletier, Kenny Gauvin, Kyle Schnaible, and advisor David Lewis. From the Narragansett Chapter William DePiero, Mike O'Connor, Catherine DePiero, Ben Scott, and advisor Greg Breene. From the Ponagansett Chapter Michael Lewis, James Vaughn, Joseph Kraus, Martina Reynolds, Laura Branch, Andrew Nadrowski, Crystal DiNitto, Ashley Dalton, Maria Procopio, Ashley McCarthy, and advisor Lauren Andrews, and State Advisor Norm Hammond and Alumni President Lauren Thurn.

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Amy Bauman, a senior attending Brown University, who will be serving as an intern this year.

Upon suggestion of Senator Algieri and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Michael Sullivan former State Senate.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 2847**BY** Senator Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ALMAN PRODUCTS, INC..

Senator Ruggerio requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by Senator Alves.

The act is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2848**BY** Senators Badeau, Cote, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO STOP ANY FUTURE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PLAN TO INCREASE THE COST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PHARMACY PROGRAM FOR THOSE WHO SERVE FULL MILITARY CAREERS, AND THE SURVIVORS OF THOSE FAMILIES.

Senator Badeau requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Badeau moves passage, seconded by Senators Polisenia and Damiani.

The act is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2849**BY** Senator Felag**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM ERNEST ELTZROTH ON HIS ELECTION TO RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC. AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

Senator Felag requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senator Walaska.

The act is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2850

BY Senator Felag

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 14TH - 20TH, 2004 TO BE TALL CEDARS WEEK IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND CONGRATULATING TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF NORTH AMERICA ON THEIR 102ND ANNIVERSARY.

Senator Felag requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senator Sheehan.

The act is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2851

BY Senators Pichardo, Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2004.

Senator Pichardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

The act is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2852

BY Senators Pichardo, Sosnowski, DaPonte, Goodwin, Caprio F

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAX SALES - INFORMED NOTICE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2853

BY Senators Montalbano J, Paiva-Weed, Algiere, McCaffrey, Polisena

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2854

BY Senator Lenihan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2855

BY Senator Lenihan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RECOUNTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2856

BY Senator Lenihan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS AND PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2857

BY Senator Lenihan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - BALLOT SECURITY AND STORAGE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2858

BY Senator Lenihan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- TABULATION AND CERTIFICATION OF RETURNS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2859**BY** Senator DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2860 (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Felag, Sosnowski, Bates, Fogarty P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2861 (by request)**BY** Senator Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2862**BY** Senators Pichardo, Perry, Goodwin, Caprio F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR OPERATOR'S AND CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2863**BY** Senator Revens**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- O'ROURKE CHILDREN'S CENTER.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2864**BY** Senators Paiva-Weed, Badeau, Pichardo, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- GENERIC DRUGS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2865

BY Senators Pichardo, Perry, Sosnowski, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2866

BY Senators Pichardo, Perry, Ciccone, Caprio F

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2867

BY Senators DaPonte, Perry, Damiani

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY TO FAVORABLY CONSIDER THOSE PROPOSALS CONTAINING PROVISION FOR BURIAL OF THE E-183 TRANSMISSION LINE FROM FRANKLIN SQUARE IN PROVIDENCE TO BOLD POINT IN EAST PROVIDENCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2868

BY Senators Connors, DaPonte, Tassoni, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2869

BY Senators DaPonte, Damiani, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2870**BY** Senators DaPonte, Perry, Damiani**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2871**BY** Senators DaPonte, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- MOTOR PASSENGER CARRIERS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2872**BY** Senators Pichardo, Perry, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2873**BY** Senators Pichardo, Perry, Ciccone, Goodwin, Caprio F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2874 (Attorney General)**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2875**BY** Senator DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2876

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2877

BY Senators DaPonte, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2878

BY Senators DaPonte, Ciccone, Perry, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (employee passenger service).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2879

BY Senators DaPonte, Ciccone, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- MOTOR PASSENGER CARRIERS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2880

BY Senators DaPonte, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2881

BY Senators DaPonte, Perry, Damiani

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2882 (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ESTABLISHING A PILOT PRIMARY CARE PROGRAM FOR THE UNINSURED.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2883

BY Senator DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2884

BY Senators DaPonte, Perry, Ciccone, Damiani, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2885

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEAD PAINT ABATEMENT INCOME TAX RELIEF.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2886**BY** Senators Paiva-Weed, Gallo, Sheehan, Perry, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FAIR MARKET DRUG PRICING.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2887**BY** Senator DaPonte**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$149,460 TO UNITED METHODIST ELDER CARE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2888**BY** Senators DaPonte, Ciccone, Damiani, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2889**BY** Senators DaPonte, Ciccone, Goodwin, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2890**BY** Senators DaPonte, Ciccone, Tassoni, Caprio F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS -- HEALTH INSURANCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2891**BY** Senator Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CIVIC EDUCATION COMMISSION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2892

BY Senators DaPonte, Perry, Damiani, Felag, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2893

BY Senators DaPonte, Paiva-Weed, Roberts, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2894

BY Senators DaPonte, Ciccone, Caprio F, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2896 (by request)

BY Senator Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2897

BY Senators Cote, Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL POWERS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2898 (Attorney General)

BY Senators DaPonte, Connors, Polisena

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2899

BY Senators Pichardo, Damiani, Connors, Perry, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2900

BY Senators Pichardo, Damiani, Connors, Perry, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION COMMISSION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2901

BY Senators DaPonte, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- WITHHOLDING TAX (employee leasing).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2902 (Attorney General)

BY Senators DaPonte, Tassoni, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Damiani

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2903

BY Senators DaPonte, Ciccone, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2904**BY** Senators DaPonte, Damiani**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - CONSTRUCTION OF PORT FACILITIES (Galilee).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2905**BY** Senators Gallo, Walaska, Fogarty P, Felag, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STROKE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2906**BY** Senator Celona**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO UTILIZE WARNING MESSAGE BOARDS ON STATE HIGHWAYS FOR ADVERTISING.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2907**BY** Senators Sheehan, Fogarty P, Breene, Tassoni, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - CAUSES OF ACTION - FIREFIGHTERS' IMMUNITY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2908**BY** Senator Celona**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING AND ATHLETICS (gaming license transfer act).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2909**BY** Senator Celona**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CITY AND TOWNS -- ORDINANCES

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2910**BY** Senators DaPonte, Felag, Caprio F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- INCENTIVES FOR INVESTMENT IN EMERGING GROWTH BUSINESS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2911**BY** Senators DaPonte, Felag, Ruggerio, Caprio F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2912**BY** Senators DaPonte, Felag, Caprio F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAX INCENTIVES FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN SMALL BUSINESSES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2913**BY** Senators DaPonte, Walaska, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PERSONAL INCOME TAX -- NONRESIDENTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2914**BY** Senator DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2915

BY Senators DaPonte, Ruggerio, Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2916

BY Senators DaPonte, Ruggerio, Damiani

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2917

BY Senators Paiva-Weed, Goodwin, Lenihan, DaPonte, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- CODE OF ETHICS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2918

BY Senators Perry, Paiva-Weed, Connors, Felag, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LOBBYING.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2919

BY Senators DaPonte, Perry, Ciccone, Damiani, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HIGH VOLTAGE LINES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2920**BY** Senators Roberts, Parella, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2921**BY** Senators Damiani, Polisena, Sosnowski, DaPonte, Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DNA DETECTION OF FELONY OFFENDERS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2922**BY** Senators DaPonte, Felag, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2923**BY** Senators DaPonte, Ruggerio, Damiani, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RENTAL VEHICLES -
- INSURANCE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2924 (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Caprio F, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- HEALTH CLUBS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2925

BY Senator Lanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS BOARD.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2926

BY Senators DaPonte, Damiani, Caprio F

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SUNDAY BUSINESS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2927

BY Senators DaPonte, Roberts, Ruggerio, Damiani

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2928

BY Senators Fogarty P, Connors, Caprio F, Gallo, Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MEDICAL BENEFITS (general officers, representatives senators 7%).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2929

BY Senators Damiani, Polisena, Issa, DaPonte, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS -- CONTINUATION OF EMPLOYMENT

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2930

BY Senator Lanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LOCKSMITHS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2931

BY Senators Pichardo, Badeau, Ciccone, Issa, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- IMMIGRATION STATUS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2932 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Damiani, Polisena, Sosnowski, Perry, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2933

BY Senators Damiani, Polisena, Sosnowski, Cote, Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPUS SECURITY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2934

BY Senator DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2935

BY Senators Damiani, Polisena, DaPonte, McCaffrey, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATION OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2936

BY Senators DaPonte, Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2937

BY Senators DaPonte, Ruggerio, Damiani

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - NONPROFIT HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2938

BY Senators Damiani, Polisena, Raptakis, Sheehan, Lenihan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2939

BY Senators Damiani, Polisena, Sosnowski, Breene, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LYME DISEASE AND TREATMENT

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2940

BY Senators Damiani, Polisena, Sosnowski, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2941**BY** Senators DaPonte, Damiani**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ARIANA DEANGELIS ON BEING RECOGNIZED AS A DISTINGUISHED FINALIST FOR A PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Without Objection, the Consent Calendar and Calendar in order for Thursday, February 26, 2004, is taken up today.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

Upon motion of Senate Majority Leader Paiva-Weed, seconded by Senator Algieri, the following measure on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, is read and passed, upon a voice vote:

1 2004-S 2470**BY** Caprio F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF BOWLING GREEN, INC.**CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1 2004-S 2164 SUB A**BY** Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - INTEREST AND USURY

Upon suggestion of Senator Blais, and without objection Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, March 2, 2004.

Also:

2 2004-S 2025 as amended**BY** Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION

Upon suggestion of Senator Blais, and without objection Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, March 2, 2004.

Also:

3 2004-S 2053 SUB A

BY Polisena

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES --
RECKLESS DRIVING

Senator Polisena, moves passage, seconded by Senators Damiani, Pichardo, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed and many others. Senators Issa, Polisena, Sheehan, and Damiani, discuss the act.

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 in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Also:

4 2004-S 2055

BY Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

NAYS- 0:

Also:

5 2004-S 2121

BY Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING
ORDINANCES

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

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

NAYS- 0:

Also:

6 2004-S 2151

BY McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -
DOGS - CITY OF PAWTUCKET

Senator McBurney, moves passage, seconded by Senators Roberts, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Issa, Polisena, Damiani and Bates.

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:

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 31: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Breene, Celona, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

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 Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:42 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DANIEL P. CONNORS

Lord, we ask you to keep us safe and healthy over the vacation break, and allow us to return refreshed so we may continue to serve in the best interests of our people. Amen.

January Session A.D. 2004

SENATE CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004:

1 2004-S 2941

BY DaPonte

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ARIANA DEANGELIS
ON BEING RECOGNIZED AS A DISTINGUISHED FINALIST FOR
A PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Thursday, February 26, 2004

January Session A.D. 2004

SENATE CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004:

1 2004-S 2164 SUB A

BY Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL
REGULATORY PROVISIONS - INTEREST AND USURY

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

2 2004-S 2025 as amended

BY Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE
AND EXECUTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended.

Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Thursday, February 26, 2004

PROCEEDINGS IN JOINT SESSION

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

The Honorable President of the Senate, Joseph A. Montalbano, in the Chair.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Joint Session is called to order at 6:50 o'clock P.M.

Upon suggestion of the Honorable President, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the roll of the Senate and the roll of the House of Representatives is dispensed with, there being a quorum of the Senate and a quorum of the House of Representatives present, therefore a quorum of the Joint Session.

Upon suggestion of the Honorable President, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Resolution (04-H 8007) of invitation is dispensed with.

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, appoints Senators Bates, Blais, Felag, Issa, Roberts and Sosnowski, and Representatives Shanley, Lowe, Almeida, Rose, Watson and Gorham, a Committee, to escort His Excellency, the Governor, Donald L. Carcieri to the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while the State University and College Presidents enter the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while the Mayors, Town Administrators and Local City and Town Officials enter the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while the Directors of the Executive Departments and invited guests enter the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while members of the Judiciary enter the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while the Honorable Paul J. Tavares, General Treasurer, enters the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while the Honorable Matthew A. Brown, Secretary of State, enters the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Charles J. Fogarty, enters the Chamber.

Joint Session attends while His Excellency, the Governor, Donald L. Carcieri, enters the Chamber.

The Honorable President presents His Excellency, the Governor, Donald L. Carcieri, to the Joint Session. The Governor delivers his Budget Address.

(See Appendix for Governor's Message.)

Upon suggestion of the Honorable President, and by unanimous consent, the Joint Session attends while the committee escorts His Excellency, the Governor, Donald L. Carcieri, members of the Governor's family and invited guests from the Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Speaker Murphy, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Paiva-Weed, and by unanimous consent, Joint Session adjourns and the two Houses separate at 7:36 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.

Secretary of the Senate

GABRIEL REI

Deputy Clerk

Appendix

Governor Donald L. Carcieri Budget Address February 25, 2004

Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, members of the General Assembly, members of the judiciary, my fellow general officers, my family, distinguished guests, and my fellow Rhode Islanders.

For the last three years we have spent a half billion dollars more than we collected in taxes. Let me repeat....That's an average of \$185M per year.

How did we do that? We spent our surplus (\$130M), we sold our tobacco settlement (\$300M), and last year the Federal government gave us a one-time, \$102M gift.

We've drained the cupboard bare, and the problem still exists. We now face a deficit of \$192M in fiscal year 2005, basically the same as we've had for the previous three years.

Eliminating this deficit has been extraordinarily difficult. It has necessitated cuts that we have not had to face for many years. We have worked very hard to find solutions, but the choices are few.

The budget I submit to you tonight is based on three principles:

1. Spread the cuts fairly across all sectors of the community.
2. Look for new revenue opportunities, but do not increase broad-based taxes like the sales and income tax.
3. Investments for the future.

This budget matches spending to our revenue growth. We have cut over \$92M out of the requests from state departments. Seventeen departments and agencies will spend less money next year than they will this year. The Fiscal Fitness Team found more than \$37M – both new revenues and expenditure savings. The team identified overall savings of \$180M per year for the state when fully implemented. Achieving that amount will take time – probably two years – a great deal of work, and the cooperation of this body and many others. But, the rewards are huge, \$550M over the next 5 years. Still, after doing this, our total spending will increase 2.2% and require us to find new sources of revenue.

Many major budget increases are largely out of our control.

The Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health Retardation and Hospitals will see the largest increase in the budget: a combined \$64M. These increases are driven almost exclusively by increased medical inflation, higher caseloads in entitlement programs, and reduced federal assistance.

The Department of Administration budget will increase by the next largest amount, \$23M. Nearly all of it, \$22M, due to increased debt service payments and additional costs to maintain our buildings. Local municipal aid is level-funded.

The third largest increase in the budget is education. The Elementary and Secondary Education budget will increase by \$11M, most of that for mandatory teacher retirement contributions and school construction costs.

The rest of state government is essentially level-funded or funded with less money than this year.

DO NOT RAISE BROAD-BASED TAXES

To solve this deficit we cannot raise our broad-based taxes. The people of Rhode Island are already too heavily taxed. Rhode Island has the 4th highest state and local tax burden in the nation. That's right – according to the Tax Foundation, taxes in Rhode Island are higher than those in 46 other states. In 1970 we ranked 32nd highest.

We must stop raising our taxes, and learn to live within our means. That's what our taxpayers are doing!

Our citizens are under financial pressure themselves. We cannot ask them to pay more! We cannot and must not raise the taxes that weigh down working families and chase away good jobs.

Last year, the General Assembly raised the sales tax on meals and beverages by an additional 1% - from 7% to 8%.

I opposed that tax and I ask this General Assembly to repeal it beginning July 1, 2005. This will give us sufficient time to allow further Fiscal Fitness savings and provide assistance to local municipal governments.

These taxes hurt our economy and they hurt working families. And the meals tax – paid equally by everyone regardless of income – is a regressive tax. Rich or poor, everyone pays the same meals tax. Let's begin to lessen the load of our onerous tax system. Start this year with the meal and beverage tax.

There is one tax that I do support however. According to most experts, the number one public health risk in America today is tobacco smoke.

Every year, second-hand smoke leads to 3,000 lung cancer deaths in this country, while complicating the medical conditions of tens of thousands more. I propose to increase the cigarette tax by \$0.75/pack.

By increasing the tax, we raise revenue, while decreasing smoking. It's a win – win!

Finally, we need to do more to collect unpaid taxes. Currently, we project that we can collect \$10M owed to the state by instituting a simple computer check of taxes and court fines. We will aggressively pursue those taxes owed to our state.

SPREAD THE CUTS FAIRLY

The sobering reality is that we cannot close this deficit without cutting spending across all of state government.

The plan asks everyone to share the cuts: state employees, human service programs, local governments, capital projects, community organizations, businesses and yes, even the General Assembly and the Governor's Office.

Let's begin with the last two. I propose in my budget that the Governor's contingency fund be cut in half and that the General Assembly's legislative grant fund also be cut. This will save \$1.75M.

We have also begun the process of addressing state employee health care costs.

As of July 1 of this year, all non-union employees will receive a 2% wage increase. At the same time, they will begin contributing 7% of the cost of their health insurance premiums. Massachusetts state employees pay 15% of the cost of their health insurance premiums. The average contribution for private sector workers is 16%. It's time, and it's fair. As we negotiate our labor contracts this year, I expect that our union employees will be on a similar plan.

Unfortunately, resolving this deficit has meant finding cost savings in our human services programs. They make up about 40% of the entire general revenue budget – over \$1.1B next year. These programs are also growing faster than the rest of the budget.

The choices of program reductions here are extremely difficult, and I make them with a heavy heart.

The generosity of Rhode Islanders is evident in these programs. Our Rite Care program for children and mothers is a national model.

More children are covered by health insurance in Rhode Island than in any state in the nation. That is an important achievement, and I propose no programmatic changes to Rite Care.

Our welfare to work program is also one of the most generous in the nation. While many states allow welfare recipients only 24 months of cash assistance benefits, Rhode Island provides 60 months of benefits, the maximum allowed under Federal law.

Our child care subsidies are also generous and costly. Spending on child care subsidies has increased 162% in just five years.

This year, taxpayers will spend \$82M on this program, an increase of \$51M in just 5 years.

We will continue to support these programs. But, we also must find ways to slow their costs. Every program can be made more efficient. And, we owe it to our taxpayers to continually review all our programs, compare them to other states, and ask ourselves if adjustments should be made.

One area we identified is to increase accountability in our welfare program. Employment is a key component of family independence.

To encourage employment, we will increase the penalties for people who refuse to follow job search rules. Our childcare program costs are among the most rapidly increasing of all in our state budget. This budget proposes targeted changes to the co payments made by families and the income eligibility requirements.

These are not things that I do lightly. Even with these changes the cost of all human service programs will increase by \$54M, an 8.5% increase.

TARGET INVESTMENTS FOR FUTURE GROWTH

Even with this difficult budget year, we must find ways to invest. Although we do not have the luxury of making ambitious commitments to large new programs, we can make a few targeted strategic investments in key areas. I'd like to focus on education, job growth, and capital improvements.

Elementary and Secondary Education spending will increase under my budget by \$11M to a total of \$774M next year. This increase is the third largest departmental increase in my budget plan.

The budget fully funds public charter schools and the Metropolitan School in Providence. It is important to remember that these public schools serve overwhelmingly urban communities – 80% of children in our ten charter schools live in Providence, Pawtucket, and Central Falls. 79% are minority students.

The achievement results from these schools are clear: children who attend charter schools that have been given time to develop perform very well. We are giving our parents a valuable choice.

I also propose continued investments in higher education. Last year, we doubled need-based scholarship support. I can report to you that the increase is a huge success. We have increased the average award from \$600 to \$1,100, and we have helped nearly 800 additional students. This budget maintains that investment.

I propose that we continue on the same path towards good jobs. This budget:

1. Maintains funding for the Slater Centers;
 2. Continues the economic and community development fund at EDC. This has helped 23 communities begin new local economic development projects;
 3. Includes \$1.5M in seed capital enabling our universities to attract three million dollars in new National Science Foundation research funds;
 4. Proposes a new tax incentive program – called the “Creative Companies Act” – aimed at attracting ambitious entrepreneurs to Rhode Island to found new businesses;
 5. Having reviewed the effectiveness of our tax incentives, I propose eliminating five of them.
- Together with other tax law changes, this will save \$11.5M.

Let me briefly discuss a few additional investments that we must make:

- I propose additional staffing for the State Fire Marshall which would provide the Marshall with the support he needs to enforce our new Fire Safety Code.

- I propose a new trooper class for the State Police. We have not graduated a new class of trooper since 2000.
- I also propose a new class of 65 correctional officers. These are necessary public safety investments.
- Further, I propose that we continue to collect data on racial profiling by law enforcement agencies.
- Finally, I propose that we continue to fund affordable housing. We are now in the third year of a ten-year plan to build 1,000 new affordable housing units through the Neighborhood Opportunities Program.
- Actually, the program has exceeded its goal of creating 100 new units each year. That is why I propose another \$5M for that vital effort.

In addition, I am putting forward a package of bonds to be submitted for voter approval this November.

I am proposing \$60M in new bond money to protect open space and farmland; to preserve land vital to our drinking water supplies; and to continue the work of cleaning up Narragansett Bay. Last summer's fish kill was a wake-up call that we cannot ignore.

We must also invest in a long-ignored state asset: Quonset Point. This year I ask you to put before the voters a bond referendum for \$50M to transform Quonset into a modern industrial site capable of producing thousands of good jobs.

My capital improvement strategy closely ties economic development to our higher educational institutions. That is why we are proposing a \$50M investment at the University of Rhode Island to build a new Center for Biotechnology. It will be a world-class research facility that will provide both exciting new educational opportunities for students, as well as a stimulus for our growing biotech economy.

I know there are some difficult choices in this budget – some things we would all prefer not to do!

We have tried to spread the burden, and ask everyone to make sacrifices. If our May revenue estimates improve, I am prepared to revisit some of these cuts.

I pledge to work closely with the legislature on this budget. These are difficult times and it is more critical than ever for us to work together. I want the same things that you do – a state that is prospering, generating good paying jobs, giving our children a first-rate education, and assisting those that need our help.

I know many of you are asking, “Why is this necessary?” The truth is, as I’ve said earlier, we have been living beyond our means for several years. We can no longer!! We are at a critical juncture in our great state. If we face the difficult decisions now, we will chart a robust future.

These are not partisan issues, it’s about doing the best job we can for all our citizens.

Let’s join together and show the citizens of our state that they can be proud of their government!! Ladies and gentlemen, an exciting future is within our grasp – but we must be willing to grasp it.

Thank you. God bless Rhode Island and God bless the United States of America.