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Thursday, February 15, 2007

Fifteenth Legislative Day

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

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 37: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 1: Lanzi

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Fourteenth Legislative Day of the 2007 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Jabour and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Wayne Montague and John Garrick both from the City of Providence.

Upon suggestion of Senator Paiva Weed and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable J. Clement "Bud" Ciccilline, former State Senator from Newport.

Upon suggestion of Senator Jabour and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Nicholas J. Narducci, Jr., Ward 4 Council Member from the City of Providence

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

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

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

February 14, 2007

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

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

WILLIAM E. CARNES, JR of PAWTUCKET

VICE

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE WILLIAM DIMITRI, JR.

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

Sincerely,
Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

February 15, 2007

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be attending the American Legislative Exchange Council health care conference in Denver, Colorado and hence, will be absent from the Senate session on February 15, 2007. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Leo R. Blais
DEPUTY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

February 15, 2007

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

Dear President Montalbano:

I am writing this letter to respectfully notify you that I will be absent from Senate Session today, Thursday, February 15, 2007.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Beatrice A. Lanzi
Senator – District 26

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

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

Senate Bill No. 265

BY Senators Sheehan, Lenihan

ENTITLED, AN ACT CONCERNING TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY CITIZENS OF NORTH KINGSTOWN

Senator Lenihan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lenihan moves passage, seconded by Senator Sheehan.

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

YEAS- 29: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Bates, Breene, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lenihan, Maselli, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Senate Resolution No. 16

BY Senators Ciccone, Maselli, Algieri, Levesque C, Bates

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS (Tomas E. Ramirez)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 5143 SUB A

BY Costantino, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (technical changes) {LC750/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 245

BY Senators Lenihan, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTERS 425 AND 530 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2006 AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO FINANCE RENOVATIONS, ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND/OR RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE WICKFORD MIDDLE AND THE DAVISVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$20,100,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR

Senator Lenihan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lenihan moves passage, seconded by Senator Sheehan.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 30: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Bates, Breene, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 515

BY Senator Metts

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Senator Metts requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Metts moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 516

BY Senator Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - MOTOR VEHICLE BODY REPLACEMENT PARTS {LC2018/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 517

BY Senators Sosnowski, Ruggerio, Perry, Moura

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY STATE TRADES CLASSIFICATIONS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 518 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Raptakis, Walaska, Sosnowski, Bates, Lenihan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC1252/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 519

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - GROCERY AND LAUNDRY CARTS, MILK CASES, EGG BASKET, AND BAKERY CONTAINERS {LC1908/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 520

BY Senators Sosnowski, Breene, Felag, Raptakis, Walaska

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE TAXATION OF FARM, FOREST, AND OPEN SPACE LAND {LC2050/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 521**BY** Senators Perry, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Gallo, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC1924/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 522**BY** Senators Perry, Goodwin, Fogarty P, Connors, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT {LC1979/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 523**BY** Senators Doyle, Tassoni, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF SEX OFFENDER LEGISLATION IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2201/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 524**BY** Senators Perry, Goodwin, Connors, Sosnowski, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC1981/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 525 (by request)**BY** Senator Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 526**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Jabour, Lenihan, Algiere, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS {LC1470/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 527**BY** Senators Perry, Goodwin, Connors, Jabour, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC1927/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 528**BY** Senators Tassoni, Jabour, Moura, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING AND ATHLETICS -- THE RHODE ISLAND GAMING CONTROL AND REVENUE ACT {LC2144/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 529**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES {LC2238/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 530**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Moura, Ciccone, Tassoni, Alves**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - AUTOMOBILE BODY REPAIR SHOPS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 531**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Ciccone, McCaffrey, Alves, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RETAIL LICENSES - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 532**BY** Senators Ruggerio, McBurney, Ciccone, Lanzi, Badeau**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 533**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES
{LC1480/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 534**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- KENT COUNTY
WATER DISTRICT

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 535**BY** Senator Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE {LC1405/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 536 (Secretary of State)**BY** Senator Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND
PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT -- FEES {LC1597/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 537

BY Senators Pichardo, Miller, Perry, Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CHECK CASHING
{LC1524/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 538

BY Senator Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - CONSUMER PROTECTION AT RATE
HEARINGS {LC1278/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 539

BY Senators Pichardo, Perry, Miller, Metts, Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LENDERS AND LOAN
BROKERS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 540

BY Senators Maselli, Tassoni, Issa, Doyle, Moura

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY
PROVISIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAIR DEALERSHIP ACT {LC2096/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 541 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Walaska, McCaffrey, Issa, Sheehan, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY
PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY {LC1255/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 542 (Secretary of State)

BY Senator Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS
-- BUSINESS CORPORATIONS {LC1595/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 543

BY Senators Miller, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HOLOCAUST INSURANCE REGISTRY
{LC2252/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 544

BY Senators Miller, Perry, Levesque C, Pichardo, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SMALL EMPLOYER INSURANCE
{LC1038/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 545

BY Senators Fogarty P, Tassoni, Gallo, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES -- EXCAVATION NEAR
UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES -- COSTS {LC2196/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 546

BY Senators Sosnowski, Miller, Moura, Pichardo, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC1883/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 547

BY Senators Jabour, Moura, Miller, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- POWERS AND
OPERATIONS {LC1531/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 548

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE STATE BUILDING CODE {LC2141/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 549

BY Senators Tassoni, Jabour, Moura, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - PUBLIC UTILITIES - ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION WIRES {LC1779/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 550

BY Senators Sosnowski, Raptakis, Sheehan, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - CIGARETTE TAX {LC1567/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 551 (by request)

BY Senator Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - ENGINEERS {LC2143/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 552

BY Senators Jabour, Connors, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - CHECKS AND OTHER INSURANCES - DISHONOR {LC1533/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 553

BY Senator Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ACCESSIBLE TAXICABS {LC1338/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 554

BY Senators Sosnowski, Moura, Sheehan, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE FACULTY AND COLLEGE EXCELLENCE ACT OF 2007 {LC1476/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 555

BY Senators Tassoni, Paiva-Weed, Jabour, Moura, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES {LC2098/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 556

BY Senators Tassoni, Paiva-Weed, Jabour, Moura, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SCHOOL PUPIL TRANSPORT VEHICLE

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 557

BY Senator Moura

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - BOARD OF REGENTS - ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 558

BY Senators Revens, Sosnowski, Jabour, Paiva-Weed, Lenihan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND RESEARCH FOUNDATION {LC1483/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 559

BY Senator Levesque C

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

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 560

BY Senators Perry, Connors, Gallo, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL {LC1550/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 561

BY Senators Sosnowski, Algiere, Walaska, Raptakis, Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ELECTRONIC WASTE PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2007 {LC1549/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 562

BY Senators Miller, Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - BIRDS {LC1993/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 563 (by request)

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LICENSING {LC2271/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 564

BY Senators Sosnowski, Paiva-Weed, Breene, Walaska, Fogarty P

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY {LC1596/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 565 (Governor)

BY Senator Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND CESSPOOL ACT OF 2007 {LC1095/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 566

BY Senators Moura, Jabour, Miller, Maselli, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DIESEL EMISSIONS RESOLUTION {LC1443/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 567

BY Senators Pichardo, Miller, Tassoni, Perry, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CENTER FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT {LC1471/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 568

BY Senator Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION {LC2126/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 569

BY Senators Perry, Jabour, Tassoni, Sosnowski, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS -- CARE FOR UNINSURED {LC2031/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 570

BY Senators Sosnowski, Breene, Revens, Gallo, Lenihan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES {LC1478/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 571

BY Senators Perry, Tassoni, Pichardo, Miller, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS {LC1289/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 572

BY Senators Pichardo, Jabour, Moura, Miller, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING RESOURCES - NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM {LC2195/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 573 (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senators Gibbs, Paiva-Weed, Goodwin, Levesque C, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - NURSING LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM {LC2257/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 574**BY** Senator Moura**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS {LC2266/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 575 (Secretary of State)**BY** Senator Issa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE ARCHIVES {LC2286/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 576**BY** Senators Revens, McCaffrey, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC2190/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 577**BY** Senators Fogarty P, Goodwin, Gallo, Perry, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES {LC2078/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 578**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Moura, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES {LC1475/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 579**BY** Senators Perry, Pichardo, Miller, Levesque C, Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ADULT EDUCATION {LC2037/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 580

BY Senators Levesque C, Felag, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION {LC2111/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 581

BY Senators Sosnowski, Breene, Lenihan, Gallo, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES {LC1477/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 582

BY Senators Levesque C, Perry, Miller, Gallo, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ACT {LC1893/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 583

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX {LC1855/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 584

BY Senator Moura

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - PAY AND ALLOWANCES {LC2254/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 585

BY Senators Doyle, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TIPPING FEES AT THE LANDFILL {LC1677/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 586

BY Senators Levesque C, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 587

BY Senators Jabour, Moura, Miller, Connors, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES {LC1782/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 588 (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senator Alves

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- LONG-TERM HOME HEALTH CARE {LC2262/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 589

BY Senator Alves

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT {LC2155/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 590

BY Senators Doyle, Tassoni, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION {LC1674/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 591

BY Senator Moura

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWN AND CITIES - RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES {LC2263/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 592

BY Senators Sosnowski, Jabour, Revens, Lenihan, Algiere

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- THE STATE BUDGET {LC1472/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 593

BY Senators Moura, Perry, Paiva-Weed, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - THE RHODE ISLAND BEST RX PROGRAM {LC2106/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 594

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC2318/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 595

BY Senator Alves

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - HEALTH INSURANCE - - COPAYMENTS {LC2169/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 596

BY Senators Sosnowski, Revens, Lenihan, Breene, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT {LC1914/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 597

BY Senators Sosnowski, Moura, Revens, Perry, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 598

BY Senators Jabour, Moura

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY {LC1975/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 599

BY Senators Paiva-Weed, Maselli, McCaffrey, Breene, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION {LC2206/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 600 (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senators Miller, Paiva-Weed, Ruggerio, Walaska, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- WORKSITE WELLNESS {LC2260/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 601

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 602

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 603

BY Senators Gallo, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES {LC1837/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 604

BY Senators Gallo, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT {LC1991/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 605

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
{LC2135/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 606

BY Senators Ruggerio, Ciccone, Gallo, Lanzi, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 607

BY Senators Sosnowski, Perry, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - CIGARETTE TAXES {LC1568/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 608

BY Senators Ruggerio, Ciccone, Goodwin, Gallo, Walaska

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. 609

BY Senators Ruggerio, Perry, Jabour, Ciccone, Goodwin

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

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 610

BY Senators Ruggerio, Ciccone, Goodwin, Moura, McCaffrey

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. 611

BY Senators Ruggerio, Doyle, Maselli, Moura, Tassoni

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

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 612

BY Senators Ruggerio, Alves, Goodwin, Ciccone, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC STRUCTURES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 613

BY Senators Ruggerio, McBurney, Perry, Ciccone, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS {LC1217/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 614

BY Senators Ruggerio, Badeau, Ciccone, Connors, Moura

ENTITLED, AN ACT PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM - ADMINISTRATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 615

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Connors, Moura, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LITTER CONTROL

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 616

BY Senators Ruggerio, Ciccone, Goodwin, McCaffrey, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 617

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 618

BY Senators Sosnowski, Tassoni, Breene, Gibbs, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- FARM STRUCTURES {LC1454/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 619

BY Senators Connors, Montalbano J, Paiva-Weed, Perry, Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - PENSIONS AND BENEFITS -- DOMESTIC PARTNERS {LC2036/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 620

BY Senators Doyle, Tassoni, Ruggerio, Montalbano J

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- EXEMPTING FOR ARTISTIC COMMUNITIES {LC2229/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 621

BY Senators Sosnowski, Sheehan, Paiva-Weed, Revens, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1474/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 622

BY Senators Jabour, Moura, Connors, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES {LC1926/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 623

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 624

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES {LC1011/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 625

BY Senators Miller, Connors, Fogarty P, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MICROLOAN PROGRAM FOR MICROENTERPRISES {LC2268/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 626

BY Senators Jabour, Pichardo, Miller, Perry, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- GROSS REVENUE TAX -- MOVIE PRODUCTION {LC1783/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 627

BY Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Also:

Senate Bill No. 628**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES {LC2194/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Also:

Senate Bill No. 629**BY** Senators Levesque C, Perry, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY {LC1735/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 630**BY** Senators Tassoni, Jabour, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE {LC1911/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 631**BY** Senators Pichardo, Levesque C, Jabour, Perry, Moura**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - FAIR SHARE HEALTH CARE FUND CONTRIBUTION {LC2016/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 632**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 633**BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - INSURANCE - HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY COVERAGE {LC1759/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 634

BY Senators Blais, Gibbs, Goodwin, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD BANK ACT

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 635

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- TRAFFICKING IN DEXTROMETHORPHAN

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 636

BY Senator McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS - OPTOMETRISTS {LC2123/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 637

BY Senators Sosnowski, Raptakis, Walaska, McCaffrey, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE {LC2014/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 638

BY Senators Walaska, McCaffrey, Bates, Paiva-Weed, Goodwin, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE {LC1773/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 639 (OHIC)

BY Senators Tassoni, Bates, Walaska, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE
COVERAGE {LC1456/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 640

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS - NURSES {LC1898/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 642

BY Senators Pichardo, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH, RETARDATION AND HOSPITALS
{LC1001/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 643 (OHIC)

BY Senators Levesque C, Story, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE
ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 {LC1127/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 644

BY Senators Levesque C, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR FAMILIES

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 645

BY Senators Perry, Gibbs, Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS {LC1507/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 646

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC2101/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 647 (OHIC)

BY Senators Miller, Levesque C, Walaska, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT {LC1455/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 648

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND COORDINATED HEALTH PLANNING ACT OF 2006 {LC1528/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 649

BY Senators Moura, Sosnowski, Miller, Jabour, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY {LC2049/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 650

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 651 (OHIC)

BY Senators Bates, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE {LC1481/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 652

BY Senators Tassoni, Jabour, Felag, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE {LC1861/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 653

BY Senators Pichardo, Levesque C, Perry, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PRESCRIPTION PRIVACY ACT {LC1521/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 654

BY Senators Jabour, Moura, Miller, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH PROFESSIONS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM {LC1943/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 655

BY Senator Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- EVIDENCE {LC1551/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 656**BY** Senator Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT {LC2285/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 657**BY** Senators Jabour, Moura, Miller, Perry, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICAL THERAPISTS {LC1974/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 658**BY** Senators Jabour, Pichardo, Miller, Perry, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS {LC1938/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 659**BY** Senators Jabour, Badeau**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT {LC1904/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 660**BY** Senators Jabour, Moura, Miller, Perry, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS {LC1940/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 661**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Paiva-Weed, McCaffrey, Miller, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - - CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 662 (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Pichardo, McCaffrey, Alves, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC1841/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 663**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE {LC2199/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 664**BY** Senators Blais, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

Also:

Senate Bill No. 665**BY** Senator Badeau**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FIRE SAFETY CODE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC2134/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

Also:

Senate Bill No. 666**BY** Senator Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATION OF THE DUNN'S CORNERS FIRE DISTRICT {LC2121/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

Also:

Senate Bill No. 667

BY Senators Doyle, Tassoni, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES {LC2297/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

Also:

Senate Bill No. 668

BY Senators Tassoni, Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES {LC2093/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

Also:

Senate Bill No. 669

BY Senators Tassoni, Jabour, Moura, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT {LC2085/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

Also:

Senate Bill No. 670 (Health)

BY Senator Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES {LC1103/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

Also:

Senate Bill No. 671

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ACT {LC2138/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

Also:

Senate Bill No. 672

BY Senator Moura

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - POLICE AND FIRE FIGHTERS
OPTIONAL RETIREMENT {LC2249/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 673 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Tassoni, Jabour, Connors, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS'
REGISTRATION {LC1256/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 674

BY Senator Moura

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- DISPLACED
WORKER ACT {LC2248/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 675

BY Senator Moura

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEES ARBITRATION {LC2273/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 676

BY Senators Connors, Gallo, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- STATE
CONTRACTORS WITH PRIVATE EMPLOYERS PROVIDING SERVICE PERSONNEL
{LC1467/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 677**BY** Senator Maselli**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- EMPLOYEE STATUS VERIFICATION ACT {LC2080/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 678**BY** Senators Perry, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Paiva-Weed, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT {LC1584/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 679**BY** Senators Gallo, Levesque C, Jabour, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION {LC2170/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 680**BY** Senator Moura**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION {LC2259/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 681**BY** Senators Levesque C, Ciccone, Moura**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 682**BY** Senators Paiva-Weed, Lenihan, Felag, Walaska, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS {LC2293/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 683

BY Senator Moura

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- UNFAIR PRACTICES {LC2246/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 684

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- REPRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEES {LC1287/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 685

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - LABOR RELATIONS ACT {LC1286/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 686

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE {LC2210/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 687

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. 688**BY** Senators Blais, McBurney, Goodwin, Alves**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- PROHIBITING THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR ABORTIONS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 689**BY** Senators Blais, Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND POLICY AND ITS DIVERSE CULTURES {LC2193/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 690**BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS {LC2208/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 691**BY** Senators Paiva-Weed, Perry, Lenihan, McCaffrey, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - CODE OF ETHICS {LC1724/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 692 (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Perry, Pichardo, Paiva-Weed, Miller, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS AND INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE {LC1566/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 693**BY** Senators Tassoni, Miller, Paiva-Weed, Jabour, Moura**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT {LC1641/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 694

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- CONTRIBUTION AMONG JOINT TORTFEASORS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 695

BY Senators Pichardo, Metts, Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - ELECTION OFFENSES {LC1520/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 696 (Secretary of State)

BY Senators Gallo, Levesque C, Fogarty P, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE PUBLICATIONS CLEARING HOUSE {LC1591/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 697

BY Senators Jabour, Connors, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- POWERS OF FIDUCIARIES -- TRUSTS {LC1937/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 698

BY Senators Levesque C, Perry, Miller, Moura, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INFORMED CONSENT FOR ABORTION {LC1656/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 699**BY** Senators Moura, Perry, Levesque C, Miller, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND ABORTIONS {LC1655/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 700**BY** Senators Perry, Levesque C, Miller, Moura, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SAFE ACCESS TO MEDICAL AND RELIGIOUS FACILITIES ACT {LC1654/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 701**BY** Senators Metts, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Jabour, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- WARRANTS FOR ARREST {LC2089/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 702 (by request)**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS {LC1965/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 703**BY** Senators Jabour, Moura, Connors, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN {LC1534/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 704 (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Paiva-Weed, Goodwin, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROCEDURE ACT {LC1757/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 705 (Attorney General)

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT {LC1263/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 706 (Attorney General)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES --ENTICEMENT OF CHILDREN {LC1280/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 707 (Attorney General)

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC1277/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 708 (by request)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS {LC1959/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 709

BY Senators Goodwin, McCaffrey, Perry, Paiva-Weed, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS {LC1492/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 710 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Goodwin, Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT {LC1758/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 711 (Attorney General)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION {LC1565/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 712

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 713 (Attorney General)

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC1258/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 714 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Walaska, Sosnowski, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES {LC1267/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 715 (by request)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS {LC1948/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 716 (by request)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING {LC1942/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 717

BY Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS {LC1963/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 718 (by request)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS {LC1946/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 719 (by request)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS {LC1949/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 720 (by request)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTION MATERIAL AUTHORSHIP {LC1960/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 721 (by request)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
{LC1939/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 722 (by request)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION/VOTING
EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES {LC1968/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 723 (by request)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS {LC1935/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 724 (Secretary of State)

BY Senators Pichardo, Goodwin, Gallo, Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT
OF STATE {LC2276/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 725

BY Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Tassoni, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN
CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 726

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
PREVENTION ACT {LC1000/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 727 (Attorney General)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Levesque C, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC1253/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 728

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH, RETARDATION, AND HOSPITALS - INCOMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL AND PERSONS ADJUDGED NOT GUILTY BY REASONS OF INSANITY

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 729

BY Senators Miller, Algieri, Connors, Perry, Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFT ACT {LC1996/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 730 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Gallo, Fogarty P, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DISPOSITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES {LC1257/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 731

BY Senators Maselli, Paiva-Weed, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT {LC1594/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 732**BY** Senators Jabour, Connors, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE {LC1978/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 733**BY** Senators Raptakis, Blais, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS {LC1685/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 734**BY** Senators Blais, McBurney, Goodwin, Alves**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - ABORTION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 735**BY** Senators Pichardo, Levesque C, Miller, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE IN CRIME FIGHTING {LC1522/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 736**BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY {LC1902/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 737**BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS {LC1886/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 738

BY Senators Levesque C, Goodwin, DaPonte

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

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 739 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Doyle, Tassoni, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT
{LC1272/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 740

BY Senators Raptakis, Paiva-Weed, Bates, McCaffrey, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTIONS {LC2278/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 741

BY Senators Levesque C, Miller, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - SENTENCE AND EXECUTION
{LC1514/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 742

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
PREVENTION ACT

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 743 (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Goodwin, Perry, Pichardo, Connors, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ELDERLY VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT {LC1254/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 744**BY** Senators Gibbs, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - ELECTION/VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES -- PARTY LEVERS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 745**BY** Senators Perry, Gallo, Sosnowski, Goodwin, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS {LC1896/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 746 (Attorney General)**BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC1260/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 747**BY** Senators Moura, Metts, Miller, Tassoni, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION/VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES {LC1359/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 748**BY** Senators Jabour, Connors, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- QUALIFIED DISPOSITIONS IN TRUST {LC1934/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 749**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Algieri, Perry, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES {LC1387/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 750 (by request)**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS {LC1953/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 751 (by request)**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis, Maselli**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS {LC1956/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 752 (Attorney General)**BY** Senator Maselli**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATIN TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION {LC1261/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 753 (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Metts, Raptakis, Jabour, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC1275/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 754 (by request)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - TABULATION AND CERTIFICATION OF RETURNS BY STATE BOARD {LC1955/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 755 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Walaska, Sosnowski, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS {LC1271/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 756

BY Senators Jabour, Moura, Miller, Perry, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HISTORICAL ZONING {LC1881/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 757 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Metts, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Pichardo, Moura

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - SENTENCE AND EXECUTION {LC1249/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 758

BY Senator Moura

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS {LC2261/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 759**BY** Senators Goodwin, Paiva-Weed, Gallo, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT PROTECTIVE ORDERS {LC1598/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 760 (Secretary of State)**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES {LC1593/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 761 (Attorney General)**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, Maselli**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT {LC1279/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 762 (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Metts, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Pichardo, Moura**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS -- POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY MINORS {LC1270/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 763 (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Metts, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Pichardo, Moura**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC1273/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 764**BY** Senators Jabour, Connors, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- JUDICIAL REVIEW {LC1980/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 765 (Secretary of State)

BY Senators Raptakis, Paiva-Weed, Gallo, Sheehan, Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE {LC1767/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 766 (Corrections)

BY Senators Metts, Pichardo, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT {LC1107/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 767

BY Senators DaPonte, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- THE I-195 REDEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2002 {LC2100/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 768 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Pichardo, DaPonte, Connors, Perry, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- ACQUISITION OF LAND {LC1274/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 769 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Sosnowski, Felag, McCaffrey, Algieri, Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS {LC1266/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 770**BY** Senators Tassoni, Jabour, Moura, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC2038/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 771**BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY {LC2163/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 772 (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Perry, Sosnowski, Maselli, Bates, Lenihan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC1276/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 773**BY** Senators Levesque C, Perry, Miller, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- RESTRICTION ON POLITICAL SURVEILLANCE {LC1219/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 774**BY** Senators Jabour, Moura, Miller, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- CAUSES OF ACTION {LC1973/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 775**BY** Senators Tassoni, Moura, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT HEALTH AND SAFETY {LC1392/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 776

BY Senators Doyle, Tassoni, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS {LC1552/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 777

BY Senators Levesque C, Perry, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - WITNESSES {LC1530/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 778 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Connors, Tassoni, Gallo, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - GOVERNMENTAL TORT LIABILITY {LC1269/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 779

BY Senators Connors, Gallo, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LIABILITY OF THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY FOR DAMAGES IN CIVIL LAWSUITS {LC2012/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 780

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE FOR THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF VIEIRA MARINE CONSTRUCTION, INC. {LC1244/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 781

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MERCURY REDUCTION AND EDUCATION {LC1910/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

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 measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a voice vote:

1 2007-S 95

BY Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

2 2007-S 203

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

3 2007-H 5011

BY Rose

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF M.T.J., INC.

4 2007-H 5012 SUB A

BY Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF WAKEFIELD BUILDING & INVESTMENT CORP.

5 2007-H 5035 as amended

BY Long

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE FOR THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF NEWPORT MASONIC FOUNDATION

6 2007-H 5036

BY Long

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

CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2007:****1 2007-S 9****BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION**

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Paiva Weed, seconded by Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate stands at recess at 4:35 o'clock P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at 4:22 o'clock P.M.

RECONSIDERATION

Upon suggestion of Senator Sheehan, and without objection, 2007-S 265 is reconsidered by unanimous Consent:

Senate Bill No. 265 as amended**BY Senators Sheehan, Lenihan****ENTITLED, AN ACT CONCERNING TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY CITIZENS OF NORTH KINGSTOWN**

Senator Sheehan, moves passage, seconded by Senator Lenihan.

Senator Sheehan, seconded by Senator Lenihan, offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

2007 -- S 265

AN ACT CONCERNING TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY CITIZENS OF NORTH KINGSTOWN

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2007 -- S 265, entitled "AN ACT CONCERNING TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY CITIZENS OF NORTH KINGSTOWN", as follows:

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

"SECTION 1. Sections 1 and 6 of Chapter 26 of the Public Laws of 1964, entitled "An Act Enabling The Town Council of the Town of North Kingstown to exempt certain property from taxation," as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The town council of North Kingstown may, by ordinance grant to every person, a citizen and resident of the town of North Kingstown of the age of sixty-five (65) or more years and residing in the town of North Kingstown in a dwelling house owned by him which is a constituent part of his real property, on proper claim being made therefor a tax exemption. The town council of North Kingstown may, from time to time, by ordinance, make such rules and regulations as they deem necessary and appropriate to promote the purposes of this act and, in addition, may, from time to time, by ordinance, reduce the amounts of all or some of the exemptions herein after provided in subsection (a) hereof when they determine that such a reduction is in the financial best interests of the town.

(a) The schedule of exemptions provided, from time to time, shall be as follows:

Taxpayers having an annual income of up two hundred percent (200%) of the appropriate one (1) or two (2) person poverty income level determined and published by the United States Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Poverty Branch shall have an exemption of one hundred ~~twenty~~ seventy five thousand dollars (~~\$125,000.00~~) (\$175,000.00) of the assessed valuation.

(2) Taxpayers having an annual income of up to two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the appropriate one (1) or two (2) person poverty income level determined and published by the United States Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Poverty Branch shall have an exemption of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (~~\$100,000.00~~) (\$150,000.00) of the assessed valuation.

(3) Taxpayers having an annual income of up to three hundred percent (300%) of the appropriate one (1) or two (2) person poverty income level determined and published by the United States Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Poverty Branch shall have an exemption of ~~seventy five~~ one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (~~\$75,000.00~~) (\$125,000.00) of the assessed valuation.

(4) The exemptions so provided shall be in addition to any other exemption or exemptions to which the persons shall be entitled. However, except as provided for in subsection (a)(5) below, in no case shall the total tax excused (or saved) as a consequence of this act exceed a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) adjusted for each tax year subsequent to ~~1999~~ 2007 to reflect changes in the cost of living. Starting with the ~~1999~~ 2007 social security administration cost of living allowance (COLA) data, the compound percentage amount of COLA change in the social security retirement benefit shall be used for calculating these annual adjustments. The intent of this provision is to stabilize the maximum benefits available under this act at five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) in constant ~~1999~~ 2007 dollars.

(5) An additional ten (10) percent reduction in the total tax bill will be given to each qualified taxpayer seventy-five (75) years of age or older.

(6) ~~The provisions of this act shall not reduce the dollar value of property tax savings, which tax resulted from claims for tax exempt status of real estate owned and occupied by persons of sixty five (65) years of age and over approved by the tax assessor tax year 1983. This~~ These exception exemptions shall expire:

(i) If the taxpayer(s) fail to meet the full requirements set forth in the Rules and Regulations for Exemption from Property Taxes to Persons 65 or More Years of Age;

(ii) Upon death of the current eligible taxpayer, except in the event the spouse of the current taxpayer survives and is not remarried;

(iii) Upon abandonment of domicile;

(iv) Upon transfer of ownership of the property through sale or other disposition.

The provisions of this clause shall cease to be effective for each claimant in the tax year during which the dollar value of the exemption defined in the Rules and Regulations for Exemptions from Property Taxes to Persons sixty five (65) or More Years of Age, below, equals or exceeds the property tax abatement granted.

(b) For the purposes of this act the income of a taxpayer shall be deemed to include the total income of his or her spouse and all other individuals residing in the taxpayer's dwelling for more than fifty percent (50%) of the calendar year and only one such exemption shall be allowed to co-tenants, joint tenants, and tenants by the entirety even though all or more than one of them are sixty five (65) or more years of age. In addition to the requirement of domicile within the town of North Kingstown at the time of making application, the ordinance may require that an applicant for this exemption must have been a resident of said town for a period up to but not in excess of twenty (20) years ending with the date of assessment for the year for which exemption is claimed; and further, the ordinance may require that an applicant for this exemption must have owned and had title to his or her dwelling house during any period of residency required by the ordinance; provided, however, that such

exemption shall not be allowed in favor of any person unless he or she shall have presented to the assessor a true and exact account of his or her ratable estate as provided for in title 45, chapter 5, sections 15 and 16 of the general laws of 1956, as amended, for the year for which exemption is claimed, together with due evidence that he or she is so entitled to such exemption.

Sec. 6. The question of the acceptance or rejection of this act shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said town entitled to vote upon a proposition to impose a tax or for the expenditure of money at any special or regular election to be held after the passage of this act, and no other action shall be taken under the authority of this act unless a majority of said electors voting on said question vote to accept this act.

The town clerk of the town of North Kingstown shall forthwith after said election certify to the secretary of state, the result of this vote upon the question submitted.

Following the approval of this question in ~~1999~~ 2007 or any subsequent year, any ordinance passed by the by the town council of North Kingstown to provide tax relief for the elderly citizens of North Kingstown, in accordance with this act, shall become effective upon passage.

SECTION 2. This section shall take effect upon passage and section 1 shall take effect if and when the electors of the town of North Kingstown qualified to vote upon a proposition to impose a tax or for the expenditure of money vote to accept this act."

Respectfully submitted,
SENATOR SHEEHAN
LC887/2

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 29 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 29: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Jabour, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS- 0:

Senator Sheehan, moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senator Lenihan.

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

YEAS- 29: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Jabour, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS- 0:

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:25 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR HAROLD M. METTS**

“Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and ye break every yoke?” Our Heavenly Father, we praise, glorify and magnify your holy name. We humbly ask your blessings on our celebration here this afternoon. We invite your Holy Spirit! Please be with the speaker of the hour, those that will be singing, and we thank you for the staff that helped organize this event. As we reflect on the history, trials, tribulations, and contributions of African Americans to our country and state, we thank you for loosing the bands of the wickedness of slavery, we thank you for undoing the heavy burden of discrimination, we thank you for letting the oppressed go free in the pursuit of happiness, and we ask for your continued intervention to help us continue to break the yokes, as we endeavor for justice and equality for all. In Jesus Name I pray. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007:

1 2007-S 780

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE FOR THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION
OF THE CHARTER OF VIEIRA MARINE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007:

1 2007-S 9

BY Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

2 2007-S 16

BY Ciccone

**ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PAY
CERTAIN CLAIMS**

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

3 2007-H 5143 SUB A

BY Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

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

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