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Thirty-eighth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:17 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Connors and Metts

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Thirty-seventh Legislative Day of the 2007 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Felag and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Nancy and Richard Silva.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

Senator Walaska, from the Committee on Corporations, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 840

BY Senators McCaffrey, Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - REPOSSESSION ACT (regulate the practice of repossessing of motor vehicles, and would provide a redemption provision for those who cure their default) {LC2514/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 835 (Secretary of State)

BY Senator Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT, AND RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY ACT {LC2404/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 834 (Secretary of State)

BY Senator Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - REGISTRATION AND PROTECTION OF TRADEMARKS (expand the types of business entities that must provide certain information when applying for a registration of a trademark) {LC2402/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 832 (Secretary of State)

BY Senator Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS - THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT {LC2403/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 831 (Secretary of State)

BY Senator Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS {LC2406/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 830 (Secretary of State)

BY Senator Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT {LC2408/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 829 (Secretary of State)

BY Senator Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- BUSINESS CORPORATIONS {LC2409/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 384 SUB A

BY Senators Miller, Pichardo, Levesque C, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (amend the Comprehensive Energy Conservation, Efficiency and Affordability Act with respect to customers eligible for the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) {LC1543/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 376 SUB A (Health)

BY Senator Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES (require cross-connection control devices to be installed on multiple user water systems according to a specific schedule) {LC1460/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 371**BY** Senators Pichardo, Walaska, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND HOME LOAN PROTECTION ACT (limit a borrowers recovery against a purchaser of assignee of a high cost home loan to the amount necessary to extinguish the borrowers liability under the loan plus cost, including reasonable attorneys' fees) {LC2077/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 124 SUB A**BY** Senators Sheehan, Lenihan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION {LC744/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 540 SUB A**BY** Senators Maselli, Tassoni, Issa, Doyle, Moura**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAIR DEALERSHIP ACT (provide protection for dealership owners within this state from the superior economic power of dealership grantors) {LC2096/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 787 SUB A**BY** Senator Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY (technical changes to the public accountancy act) {LC2354/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 382 SUB A**BY** Senators Badeau, McBurney, Cote, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (would not limit food and beverage rebates to one per household) {LC1778/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 122 SUB A**BY** Senators Blais, Maselli, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - INTEREST AND USURY (exempt certain loans to or by a commercial entity from the usuary laws) {LC593/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 553 SUB A**BY** Senator Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ACCESSIBLE TAXICABS {LC1338/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 301 SUB A**BY** Senators Walaska, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY (authorize the board of accountancy to issue and renew permits for certified public accountants and practice units for a 3 year period to coincide with the present 3 year reporting of continuing education and peer review) {LC1340/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 231 SUB A as amended**BY** Senators Miller, Walaska, McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND ENERGY RESOURCES ACT {LC1487/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 551 SUB A (By Request)**BY** Senator Algiere**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - ENGINEERS (make several technical changes in the registration requirements of the state board of registration for professional engineers) {LC2143/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 232 SUB A**BY** Senators Maselli, Moura, Issa, Walaska, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (affordable gas for public housing authorities) {LC1383/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 828 (Secretary of State)**BY** Senator Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS -- CONVERSIONS {LC2407/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 366 (Attorney General)**BY** Senator Alves**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS (second hand dealers buying or receiving, for the purpose of selling, gold, precious stones and precious metals to first obtain a license/holding period for precious metals would be increased from 7 to 14 days) {LC1607/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 364**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - COMMUNITY OBLIGATIONS AND BANKING OFFENSES (require that all regulated institutions would monitor and install security cameras if they provide a deposit box for deposits made after the institutions normal business hours in order to provide security to depositors) {LC1905/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 54 SUB A**BY** Senators Bates, Lenihan, Walaska, Blais, Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES (clarify and expand the criteria for the issuance of bonds for cities and towns) {LC481/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 103**BY** Senators Walaska, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE INSOLVENCY FUND
(remove the December 31, 2007 termination date of the Rhode Island Insurers' Insolvency Fund's ability to shift money into underfunded accounts)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 233 (Business Regulation)**BY** Senator Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (licensing of advisory organizations)
{LC1119/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 228**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (rental car agreement coverage) {LC1124/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 234 (Business Regulation)**BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT (repeal certain sections applicable to insolvencies occurring before January 1, 1996) {LC1125/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 235 (Business Regulation)**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- AGENTS, BROKERS AND SOLICITORS
(clarify the necessity for a surplus line broker to hold an insurance producer license, and would amend the date of filing of the tax certification to allow biennial renewals of surplus line broker licenses)
{LC1122/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 299 (Business Regulation)**BY** Senators Bates, Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - RHODE ISLAND INSURERS' INSOLVENCY FUND (increase the covered claim amount under the RI Insurers' Insolvency Fund from \$300,000 to \$500,000) {LC1504/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 302**BY** Senator Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSURANCE (require when an insurance carrier cancels or terminates a certified policy, notice of cancellation or termination of the insurance so certified would be filed with the division of motor vehicles) {LC1599/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 386 SUB A (Business Regulation)**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INSURANCE PRODUCERS - PRODUCER LICENSING ACT (eliminate the requirement that a business entity obtain a separate insurance producers license in addition to the license obtained by the individual insurance producer) {LC1116/2/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

Senate Bill No. 144 SUB A**BY** Senators Bates, Breene, Blais, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PROPERTY

BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION (allow one who has been in open notorious, hostile possession of land for fifteen successive years and who has paid all taxes assessed on such land to be the legal owner of such land) {LC888/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 209 SUB A**BY** Senators Bates, Cote, Fogarty P, Walaska, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY (establish that duly authorized land trusts for preservation of open spaces for public use are not subject to adverse possession) {LC1032/2/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Senator Connors, from the Committee on Rules, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Resolution No. 958**BY** Senator Connors**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE {LC2907/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 3, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 974****BY** Senator Alves**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS {LC2979/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 975**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY {LC3009/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 976**BY** Senator Issa**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2, 2007 AS "RHODE ISLAND CHARTER SCHOOLS DAY" {LC2997/1}

Senator Issa requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Issa moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 6216

BY Ginaitt

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (join Mary Elizabeth Sayles and Allen Richard Sayles) {LC2682/1}

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senator Walaska.

The act is read and passed, in concurrence, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 33: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

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, are read and passed, upon a voice vote with Senator Blais abstaining on item 5 as follows:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2007:

- 1 Nomination of Charles P. Roberts (appointment) of Wakefield to the Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority for a term expiring January 31, 2010.**
- 2 Nomination of Karen M. Shuster (reappointment) of Lincoln to the Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority for a term expiring January 31, 2010.**

- 3 Nomination of Peter C. Wells (appointment) of North Providence VICE Sheldon Sollosy to the Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority for a term expiring January 31, 2009.**
- 4 Nomination of Douglas Bennett (appointment) of North Smithfield VICE Azim Mazagonwalla to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2009.**
- 5 Nomination of Beverly A. Blais (appointment) of Coventry VICE Stuart B. Giannini to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2010.**
- 6 Nomination of William A. Brackett (appointment) of Coventry to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2008.**
- 7 Nomination of Nancy Chapman (reappointment) of Saunderstown to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2010.**
- 8 Nomination of Regina A. Partridge (reappointment) of Providence to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2010.**
- 9 Nomination of Andrea Valentini (reappointment) of Cranston to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2009.**
- 10 Nomination of Carrie Zaslow (reappointment) of Providence to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2008.**
- 11 Nomination of M. Paul Sams (reappointment) of North Kingstown to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term to expire January 1, 2009.**
- 12 Nomination of Everett C. A. Stuart (reappointment) of North Kingstown to the Agricultural Lands Preservation Commission for a term expiring January 1, 2011.**

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2007:

- 1 Nomination of A. Michael Marques (reappointment) of Coventry as Director of the Department of Business Regulation..**

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

Senator Walaska seconded by Senators Algieri, Blais, Bates, Cote, Perry, Sheehan and many others, moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

Senator Blais discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Walaska and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber A. Michael Marques of Coventry, as Director of the Department of Business Regulation, along with his wife Wanda Marques.

CALENDAR

2 Nomination of Dr. W. Michael Sullivan (reappointment) of Richmond as Director of the Department of Environmental Management.

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

Senator Sosnowski seconded by Senators Algieri, Blais, Moura, Gibbs, Lenihan, Pichardo, Paiva Weed, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Alves, Perry, Ruggerio, Doyle, Tassoni, Sheehan, Raptakis and many others, moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

Senator Blais discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 1: Senator Gallo

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Algieri and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Dr. W. Michael Sullivan, Director of the Department of Environment Management.

CALENDAR**3 Nomination of Corinne Calise Russo (reappointment) of North Providence as Director of the Department of Elderly Affairs.**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 10, 2007.

4 Nomination of Patricia Martinez (reappointment) of Pawtucket as Director of the Department of Children Youth and Families.

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 3, 2007.

5 2007-S 134 SUB A**BY Cote****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES**

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

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

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

6 2007-S 181**BY Issa****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Issa moves passage, seconded by Senators Doyle, Tassoni and Sheehan.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

7 2007-S 260

BY Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A WIND TURBINE AT PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL AND/OR A WIND TURBINE AT PORTSMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Levesque, and without objection, ordered to be recommitted to the committee on Finance.

8 2007-S 20

BY Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Raptakis moves passage, seconded by Senators Ciccone, Cote and Issa.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

9 2007-S 121

BY McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PARTY COMMITTEES AND CONVENTIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator McBurney moves passage, seconded by Senators Doyle, Maselli and many others.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

10 2007-S 189

BY Felag

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - LOCAL CANVASSING
AUTHORITY**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senator Levesque

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

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

11 2007-S 196

BY Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Bates, Algieri and Walaska

Senator Blais, seconded by Senator Bates, offers the following written motion to amend.

F L O O R A M E N D M E N T

2007 -- S 196

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2007 -- S 196, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 29, by deleting the word "Any" after the numeral "(6)" and by inserting in place thereof the following language: "Except for rules adopted pursuant to subsection 42-35-3(b), any".

2. On page 3, line 3, by deleting the word "Any" after the numeral "(1)" and by inserting in place thereof the following language: "Except for rules adopted pursuant to subsection 42-35-3(b), any".

3. On page 3, line 18, by deleting the word "Any" after the period "." and by inserting in place thereof the following language: "Except for rules adopted pursuant to subsection 42-35-3(b), any".

4. On page 5, line 20, by deleting the word "Any" after the letter "(e)" and by inserting in place thereof the following language: "Except for rules adopted pursuant to subsection 42-35-3(b), any".

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR BLAIS

Senators Levesque and Blais discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Senator Blais moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators Bates, Algieri and McCaffrey.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, as amended, 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, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

12 2007-S 725**BY Ruggerio****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES
REPORTING

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Moura and Ciccone.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative and 4 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 31: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Alves, Badeau, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 4: Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Gibbs.

13 2007-S 740 SUB A**BY Raptakis****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTIONS

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

Senator Raptakis moves passage, seconded by Senators Sheehan and Pichardo.

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT

2007 -- S 740 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2007 -- S 740 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTIONS", as follows:

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

"SECTION 1. Sections 17-12.1-1, 17-12.1-3, 17-12.1-4, 17-12.1-5 and 17-12.1-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-12.1 entitled "Primaries for Election of Delegates to National Conventions and for Presidential Preference" are hereby

amended to read as follows:

17-12.1-1. Date of primaries for election of delegates to national conventions. -- A primary election for the election of delegates to the national convention for each political party shall be held in the manner provided in this chapter on the first Tuesday in ~~March 1996~~ February 2008, and every fourth year thereafter.

17-12.1-3. ~~Declaration of candidacy~~ Declaration of candidacy -- Delegates. -- During the period between ~~January 2 and January 12, both dates inclusive (Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excluded), the sixty-second (62nd) day through and including the sixty-fourth (64th) day~~ preceding a primary for election of delegates to a national convention, each voter desiring to be a delegate at the forthcoming convention shall, on the form that shall be provided by the secretary of state, sign his or her name as it appears on the voting list and file, not later than four (4:00) p.m. of the date of filing with the secretary of state, a declaration of candidacy which shall include the following information:

(1) His or her name and address as they appear on the voting list, party designation, place and date of birth, and length of residence in the state and in the town or city where he or she resides.

(2) A statement that, if elected, he or she would comply with all party rules of the national committee of the party designated in subdivision (1) of this section relating to delegates to national conventions and conducting of national conventions.

(3) If any candidate for delegate does not thereafter wish his or her name to appear on the ballot, the candidate shall, at least thirty three (33) days prior to the date for the primary, file an affidavit with the secretary of state stating his or her name may not be placed on the ballot and the secretary of state shall not place that candidate's name on the ballot.

17-12.1-4. Presidential candidates. -- (a) Any person seeking the endorsement of a national political party for which a primary is being held shall, ~~between November 15 and November 30, by four o'clock (4:00) p.m. (Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded), in the year prior to the year in which the~~ during the period between the sixty-ninth (69th) day through and including the seventy-first (71st) day preceding the presidential preference primary ~~is being held~~, provide written notification to the secretary of state of his or her intention to run in the presidential preference primary. The notification shall include the candidate's name and address and a statement affirming their eligibility, under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to serve, if elected, in the office of President of the United States.

(b) (1) Upon receipt of the notification referred to in subsection (a) of this section, the secretary of state shall, ~~within three (3) days (Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excluded), by four o'clock (4:00) p.m. on the next business day,~~ prepare petition papers for candidates who are eligible to serve in the office of President of the United States, clearly marked with the candidate's name, party designation, and the office the candidate seeks.

(2) The petition papers of a candidate for president shall be signed, in the aggregate, by at least one thousand (1,000) eligible voters and shall be submitted on or before four o'clock (4:00) p.m. in the afternoon of the ~~seventy-fourth (74th)~~ fifty-third (53rd) day before the presidential preference primary to the local board of the city or town where the signers appear to be voters, and the petition papers shall be checked, processed, and certified to the secretary of state by the local boards before four o'clock (4:00) p.m. in the afternoon of the ~~sixty-eighth (68th)~~ forty-seventh (47th) day before the presidential preference primary. When nomination papers have been duly certified by the appropriate local board of canvassers, they shall be conclusively presumed to be valid, unless written objections to them are made as to the eligibility of the candidate or the sufficiency of the nomination papers or the signatures on them. All objections shall be filed with the state board of elections by four o'clock (4:00) p.m. on the next business day after the last day fixed for local boards to file nomination papers with the secretary of state. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the secretary of state from disqualifying a candidate based on the determination of the secretary of state that the nomination papers or the signatures on them are invalid or insufficient.

(c) The decision of the state board shall be rendered not later than four o'clock (4:00 p.m. on the thirty-fourth (34th) day before the presidential preference primary and shall immediately be certified by the state board to the secretary of state.

~~(e)~~ (d) If any candidate whose name has been announced as a presidential nominee does not thereafter wish his or her name to appear on the ballot, the candidate shall, at least ~~thirty (30)~~ thirty-three (33) days prior to the date for the primary, file an affidavit with the secretary of state stating his or her name may not be placed on the ballot and the secretary of state shall not place that candidate's name on the ballot. Names of delegates committed to the withdrawn candidate, who are otherwise qualified, shall appear on the ballot as uncommitted.

17-12.1-5. Preparation of nomination papers **Preparation of nomination papers -- Delegates. --** Upon receipt of the declaration referred to in section 17-12.1-3, the secretary of state shall prepare nomination papers for each candidate who has qualified, clearly marked with the candidate's name and the office the candidate seeks, and shall, ~~within ten (10) days after the final date for filing declarations of candidacy~~ by four o'clock (4:00) p.m. on the next business day after receipt of declaration, deliver the nomination papers to the proper candidate or to those persons that the candidate, in writing, designates to receive them.

17-12.1-7. Checking and certification of nomination papers. -- (a) Each nomination paper of a candidate for delegate shall be submitted on or before four o'clock (4:00) p.m. in the afternoon of the ~~thirty-fifth (35th)~~ fifty-third (53rd) day before the presidential preference primary to the local board of the city or town where the signers appear to be voters, and the nomination papers shall be checked, processed, and certified to the secretary of state by the local boards before four o'clock

(4:00) p.m. in the afternoon of the ~~thirtieth (30th)~~ forty-seventh (47th) day before the presidential preference primary. In addition, each candidate for delegate to a national convention may, on or before four o'clock (4:00) p.m. in the afternoon of the ~~thirtieth (30th)~~ thirty-third (33rd) day before the presidential primary, submit to the secretary of state documentation from a candidate, as set forth in section 17-12.1-4, that he or she has the approval of the candidate for presidential nominee or approval from the steering/screening committee to name the candidates' delegates to be identified with him or her.

(b) When nomination papers have been duly certified by the appropriate local board of canvassers, they shall be conclusively presumed to be valid, unless written objections to them are made as to the eligibility of the candidate or the sufficiency of the nomination papers or the signatures on them. All objections shall be filed with the state board of elections by four o'clock (4:00) p.m. on the next business day after the last day fixed for local boards to file nomination papers with the secretary of state. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the secretary of state from disqualifying a candidate based on the determination of the secretary of state that the nomination papers or the signatures on them are invalid or insufficient.

(c) The decision of the state board shall be rendered not later than four o'clock (4:00) p.m. on the thirty-fourth (34th) day before the presidential preference primary and shall immediately be certified by the state board to the secretary of state.

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

Respectfully submitted,
SENATOR RAPTAKIS

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

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

Senators Raptakis, Blais and Breene discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 29 Senators voting in the affirmative and 6 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 29: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Alves, Badeau, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney,

McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 6: Senators Algieri, Bates Blais, Felag, Gibbs, Revens.

14 2007-S 760

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF
PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator McCaffrey, and without objection, ordered to be recommitted to the committee on Judiciary.

15 2007-S 506

BY Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
MEDIATION

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Senator Badeau moves passage, seconded by Senators Ciccone and Jabour.

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

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

16 2007-S 507

BY Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- HOISTING ENGINEERS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Senator Badeau moves passage, seconded by Senators Ciccone 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:

YEAS- 34: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi,

Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

17 2007-S 869

BY Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AND SITE PREPARATION, AND THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF TWO NEW MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND RELATED SCHOOL FACILITIES AND THE REHABILITATION OF APPURTENANT HISTORIC BUILDINGS, IF ANY, IN THE CITY AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$80,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY BONDS OR NOTES ISSUED PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Alves, and without objection, ordered to be recommitted to the committee on Finance.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Senator Raptakis announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Sheehan announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate stands at recess at 5:05 o'clock P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 4:11 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Blais, seconded by Senator Paiva Weed, the Senate adjourns at 4:12 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JOHN J. TASSONI, JR.

Almighty God, help those in need, give strength to the weak and comfort the sorrowful. May all who seek your help experience your unfailing protection. Amen.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007:****1 Nomination of Patricia Martinez (reappointment) of Pawtucket as Director of the Department of Children Youth and Families.**

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

2. 2007-S 81 SUB A**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS**

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

3. 2007-S 157 SUB A**BY Raptakis****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COVENTRY**

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

4. 2007-S 390**BY Bates****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES - OFFICE OF STATE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES**

Committee on Education recommends passage.

5. 2007-S 392**BY Gallo****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION**

Committee on Education recommends passage.

6. 2007-S 394**BY Issa****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS**

Committee on Education recommends passage.

7. 2007-S 923**BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION**

Committee on Education recommends passage.

8. 2007-S 173 SUB A**BY Gallo****ENTITLED, AN ACT BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SPEECH
PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**

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

9. 2007-S 256**BY Perry****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

10. 2007-S 326**BY Gibbs****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

11. 2007-S 442 SUB A**BY Gibbs****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
ELDERLY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

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

12. 2007-S 446 SUB A as amended**BY Walaska****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PHARMACIES**

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

13. 2007-S 448 SUB A**BY Perry****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ESTABLISHING A
HEALTH INSURANCE TAX INCENTIVE

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

14. 2007-S 451 SUB A**BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT
-- THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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

15. 2007-S 453 SUB A**BY Walaska****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

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

16. 2007-S 455 SUB A**BY Perry****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - HEALTH CARE FOR
FAMILIES

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

17. 2007-S 633 SUB A**BY Levesque C****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - INSURANCE -
HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY COVERAGE

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

18. 2007-S 640 SUB A**BY Goodwin****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS - NURSES

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

19. 2007-S 644**BY Levesque C****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR FAMILIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

20. 2007-S 654**BY Jabour****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH PROFESSIONS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

21. 2007-S 657 SUB A**BY Jabour****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

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

22. 2007-S 791**BY Perry****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

23. 2007-S 820**BY Gibbs****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- COURTS -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

24. 2007-S 958**BY Connors****ENTITLED,** SENATE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE

Committee on Rules recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007:**1. 2007-S 54 SUB A****BY Bates****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES

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

2. 2007-S 103**BY Walaska****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE
INSOLVENCY FUND

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

3. 2007-S 122 SUB A**BY Blais****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL
REGULATORY PROVISIONS - INTEREST AND USURY

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

4. 2007-S 124 SUB A**BY Sheehan****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT
-- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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

5. 2007-S 228**BY Blais****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

6. 2007-S 231 SUB A as amended**BY Miller****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
RHODE ISLAND ENERGY RESOURCES ACT

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

7. 2007-S 232 SUB A**BY Maselli****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS**

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

8. 2007-S 233**BY Bates****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

9. 2007-S 234**BY Breene****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE RHODE ISLAND
LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

10. 2007-S 235**BY Blais****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- AGENTS, BROKERS AND
SOLICITORS**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

11. 2007-S 299**BY Bates****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - RHODE ISLAND
INSURERS' INSOLVENCY FUND**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

12. 2007-S 301 SUB A**BY Walaska****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**

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

13. 2007-S 302**BY Walaska****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
INSURANCE**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

14. 2007-S 364**BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -
COMMUNITY OBLIGATIONS AND BANKING OFFENSES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

15. 2007-S 366**BY Alves****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PURCHASE AND SALE OF
PRECIOUS METALS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

16. 2007-S 371**BY Pichardo****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND HOME LOAN
PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

17. 2007-S 376 SUB A**BY Breene****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - PUBLIC
DRINKING WATER SUPPLIESCommittee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill
and passage of Substitute A.**18. 2007-S 382 SUB A****BY Badeau****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL
REGULATORY PROVISIONS - UNFAIR SALES PRACTICESCommittee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill
and passage of Substitute A.**19. 2007-S 384 SUB A****BY Miller****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERSCommittee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill
and passage of Substitute A.

20. 2007-S 386 SUB A**BY Blais****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INSURANCE PRODUCERS
- PRODUCER LICENSING ACT

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

21. 2007-S 540 SUB A**BY Maselli****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAIR
DEALERSHIP ACT

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

22. 2007-S 551 SUB A**BY Algieri****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -
ENGINEERS

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

23. 2007-S 553 SUB A**BY Walaska****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
ACCESSIBLE TAXICABS

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

24. 2007-S 787 SUB A**BY Connors****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

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

25. 2007-S 828**BY Walaska****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS,
PARTNERSHIPS -- CONVERSIONS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

26. 2007-S 829**BY Walaska****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- BUSINESS CORPORATIONS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

27. 2007-S 830**BY Walaska****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

28. 2007-S 831**BY Walaska****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

29. 2007-S 832**BY Walaska****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS - THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

30. 2007-S 834**BY Walaska****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - REGISTRATION AND PROTECTION OF TRADEMARKS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

31. 2007-S 835**BY Walaska****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT, AND RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

32. 2007-S 840**BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - REPOSSESSION
ACT**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

33. 2007-S 577 as amended**BY Fogarty P****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -
STATE PURCHASES**

Committee on Finance recommends passage as amended.

34. 2007-S 905**BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT
-- NEWPORT COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU**

Committee on Government Oversight recommends passage.

35. 2007-S 144 SUB A**BY Bates****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PROPERTY BY
POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION**

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

36. 2007-S 209 SUB A**BY Bates****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY**

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

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2007:**1 Nomination of Corinne Calise Russo (reappointment) of North Providence as
Director of the Department of Elderly Affairs.**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its
Advice and Consent to this nomination.