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Forty-third Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

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

ABSENT – 3: Senators DaPonte, Lanzi and Metts.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Forty-first and Forty-second Legislative Day's of the 2007 proceedings are read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Breene and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journals are dispensed with and the Journals approved as recorded.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

Senate Bill No. 869 SUB A

BY Senators Cote, Badeau

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 \$74,000,000 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 {LC2507/2/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 6124

BY Coderre E, O'Neill, San Bento, Dennigan, Melo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (allow the Pawtucket City Council to increase the amount of exemptions with respect to assessed value from local taxation on the taxable property of certain persons) {LC2526/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

Senate Bill No. 636 SUB A as amended

BY Senator McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS - OPTOMETRISTS (would make certain changes to licensing of optometrists requiring successful completion of all sections of the national board of examiners in optometry and the ocular disease (TMOD) examination) {LC2123/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 254 SUB A**BY** Senators Gallo, Fogarty P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH MAINTENANCE

ORGANIZATIONS (would require HMOs to reimburse providers for services rendered during the period of conditional credentials) {LC1395/3/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. 463 SUB A**BY** Senators Perry, Sosnowski, Miller, Tassoni, Alves**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS (permit the district court or the family court, in instances where domestic violence is alleged, to include in any orders provisions for the care, custody and control of any companion animal) {LC1925/2/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 469 SUB A**BY** Senators McCaffrey, McBurney, Jabour, Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL TENURE AND DISCIPLINE (would change the composition of the commission on judicial tenure and discipline) {LC297/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 708 (by request)**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS (amend the section of law relative to the use, storage, and certification of registration cards used at polling places and would repeal the situation permitting temporary registration certificates) {LC1959/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 717 (by request)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis, Maselli

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

(clarify two conflicting sections on telephones at polling places/Every polling place would have a telephone available for use by officials for official functions) {LC1963/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 718 (by request)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS (repeal section 17-1-19 relating to at-large elections in North Providence) {LC1946/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 1025

BY Senators Montalbano J, Paiva-Weed, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Perry

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING CARL PARMENTER {LC3085/1}

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

The Honorable President and Senators Paiva Weed, Algieri, Ruggerio, Tassoni, Gallo and Pichardo pay tribute to Carl Parmenter.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Tassoni and Maselli and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Carl Parmenter, his father Brain Parmenter, his sister Cassandra Parmenter, his grandmother, Hanna Mottola, and family friend Frank Abbate.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 1026****BY** Senators McBurney, Montalbano J**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING HERCI MARSDEN ON THE OCCASION OF THE 47TH SEASON ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE BALLET OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3092/1}

Senator McBurney requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McBurney moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 1027**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF ROBERT E. EVANS {LC3103/1}

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 1028**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JONATHAN R. HANSON ON ATTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT {LC3118/1}

Senator Blais requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 1029

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOLARSHIP ALLIANCE {LC3095/1}

Senator Paiva Weed requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 1030

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COUNCIL ON THE ARTS {LC3082/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 1031

BY Senators Sosnowski, Revens

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION THANKING AND HONORING THE MEMBERS OF THE BLOCK ISLAND ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR VALOROUS SERVICE TO OUR NATION DURING WORLD WAR II, THE KOREAN WAR, AND IN PEACETIME DUTIES {LC3079/1}

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 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.

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

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

The motion to amend prevails 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, Connors, Cote, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Senator Bates moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senator Paiva Weed

Senators Felag, Bates and Alves discuss the act.

Upon suggestion of Senator Bates and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, May 22, 2007.

2 2007-S 299**BY Bates****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - RHODE ISLAND
INSURERS' INSOLVENCY FUND

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senator Blais.

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, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lenihan,

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

NAYS- 0:

NOW PRESIDING

The Honorable President yields the Floor to the Honorable President Pro Tempore at 4:40 o'clock P.M.

CALENDAR

3 2007-S 368 SUB A as amended

BY Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- DOMESTIC INSURANCE
CARRIERS

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

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senators Blais and Walaska.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS- 33: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

ABSTAINED-1: Senator Montalbano

NOW PRESIDING

The Honorable President Pro Tempore yields the Floor to the Honorable President at 4:42 o'clock P.M.

CALENDAR

4 2007-S 646

BY Levesque C

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

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Levesque moves passage, seconded by Senators Paiva Weed, Perry, Blais and Miller.

Senator Levesque, seconded by Senator Perry, offers the following written motion to amend.

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

2007 -- S 646

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2007 -- S 646, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS", as follows:

(1) On page 2, line 15 by deleting the phrase "coordinated by the school nurse and".

(2) On page 2, by deleting line 16 in its entirety.

(3) On page 2, line 17 by deleting the phrase "treatment of diabetes, and the" and inserting in place thereof the following language: "provided by a licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practiced registered nurse, or registered nurse, however in no case shall school nurse teachers be required to provide the training; and the".

(4) On page 2, line 17 by deleting the word "seek" and inserting in place thereof the word "allow".

Respectfully submitted,
SENATOR LEVESQUE

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Senator Levesque moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senator Paiva Weed.

Senators Sheehan, Gibbs, Blais and Perry discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 31: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lenihan, Levesque,

Maselli, McBurney, Miller, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 1: Senator Ruggerio.

5 2007-S 34 SUB A

BY Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - RHODE ISLAND FAIR
DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICE ACT

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

Senator Walaska moves passage, seconded by Senator Bates.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

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

NAYS- 0:

ABSTAINED-1: Senator Algieri.

6 2007-S 104 SUB A as amended

BY Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED
ACTIVITIES

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 17, 2007.

7 2007-S 236 SUB A

BY Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
WARRANTIES

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

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

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

8 2007-S 833

BY Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT -- FEES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator Walaska moves passage, seconded by Senator Bates.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 4 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 30: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 4: Senators Felag, Jabour, McCaffrey and Raptakis.

9 2007-S 176

BY Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTRACTABLE PAIN TREATMENT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

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

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, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

10 2007-S 253 SUB A

BY Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - LONG-TERM CARE
SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM

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

Senator Perry moves passage, seconded by Senators Levesque, Gibbs, Miller and Sheehan.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by
unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators
voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS- 0:

11 2007-S 647 SUB A

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

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

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by Senators Perry, Levesque and Pichardo.

Senator Miller, seconded by Senator Levesque, offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

2007 -- S 647 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2007 -- S 647 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS
AND GOVERNMENT", as follows:

(1) On page 4, line 34, by deleting the word "evaluating".

(2) On page 5, by deleting all of the language on line 1.

(3) On page 5, line 2, by deleting the words "and availability of health insurance coverage, as well as".

Respectfully submitted,
SENATOR MILLER

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

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

NAYS- 0:

Senator Miller moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senator Pichardo.

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

NAYS- 0:

12 2007-H 6304

BY Watson

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE
'TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN EAST
GREENWICH'" PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION 1958

Ordered on the Calendar

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, May 22, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Gallo announces that the Committee on Education will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 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 the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algiere, and upon suggestion of Senator McCaffrey, the Senate adjourns at 5:05 o'clock P.M. in memory of Robert E. Evans.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR KEVIN A. BREENE**

Almighty God, touch our minds with light, create in us a clearer insight, a just and true spirit that may lead to sound conclusions. Grant us mutual trust and good will. Amen.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007:****1 2007-S 104 SUB A as amended****BY Walaska****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES**

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

2 2007-S 228**BY Blais****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

3 2007-S 648 SUB A**BY Levesque C****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND COORDINATED HEALTH PLANNING ACT OF 2006**

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

4 2007-S 872 SUB A**BY Badeau****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS**

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

5 2007-S 876**BY Issa****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - CHILD CARE - STATE SUBSIDIES**

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 22, 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 869 SUB A**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 \$74,000,000 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 indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

3 2007-S 254 SUB A**BY Gallo**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS

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

4 2007-S 636 SUB A as amended**BY McBurney**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS - OPTOMETRISTS

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

5 2007-S 463 SUB A**BY Perry**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS

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

6 2007-S 467 SUB A**BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
COURTS

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

7 2007-S 469 SUB A**BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL TENURE AND DISCIPLINE

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

8 2007-S 708**BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS CANVASSING THE LISTS
OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

9 2007-S 717**BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND
OFFICIALS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

10 2007-S 718**BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

11 2007-H 6124**BY Coderre E****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

12 2007-H 6304**BY Watson****ENTITLED,** AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE
'TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN EAST
GREENWICH'" PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION 1958

Ordered on the Calendar