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Forty-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 4:24 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, Connors, Cote, 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 DaPonte and Metts

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journals for the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Legislative Day's of the 2007 proceedings are read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Perry and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Malcom Farmer, President of Family Service and a former member of the Providence City Council.

Upon suggestion of Senators Doyle and McBurney and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber members of the Saint Raphael Academy Drama Club, winners of the 2007 State Drama Festival, David Audette, Haley Birt, Stephen Bourgeois, Katie Capuano, Andrew Cavanaugh, Colleen Farrell, Brandon Genest, Patrick Knight, Julia Leavitt, Zac Malo, Shawn Tremblay, Vanessa Vargas, Amanda Wilson, Shawn Tremblay, Kayla Quigley, Molly Sneesby, Kyle Fitzgerald, Nichole Asermely (Technical Supervisor), Jared Sneesby (Sound), Melissa Narvaez (Lights), Mrs. Joan Hepburn (Director/Costumes/Set) and Mr. Terrence Murray (Director/Set).

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

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

House Bill No. 5486 (Attorney General)

BY Serpa, Kilmartin, Melo, Moffitt, Sullivan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS (require second hand dealers buying or receiving, for the purpose of selling, gold, precious stones and precious metals to first obtain a license)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 5275 SUB A as amended

BY Ucci, Pacheco, Segal, Petrarca, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAIR DEALERSHIP ACT {LC463/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 5909 SUB A as amended

BY Handy, Pacheco, Slater, Kilmartin, Silva

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) {LC1544/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 5578 SUB A

BY Ginaitt, Walsh, Naughton, Sullivan

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) {LC2142/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

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

Senate Bill No. 259 SUB A as amended

BY Senators Tassoni, Maselli, Doyle, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS (designate specific parking spaces at public buildings for motorcycles only on a 3 to 100 basis) {LC963/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 1039

BY Senators Lenihan, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, REHABILITATION, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING OF A NEW SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER IN THE TOWN BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$4,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR {LC3100/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 1052

BY Senator Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXETER FIRE DISTRICT {LC3145/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 1053**BY** Senators Paiva-Weed, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC3137/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 6305**BY** Watson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE EAST GREENWICH FIRE DISTRICT (allow the board of fire commissioners to appoint a qualified agency or tax collector from another municipality as tax collector)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Senate Bill No. 409 SUB A as amended**BY** Senators Alves, Paiva-Weed, Levesque C, Goodwin, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (delay for 2 years the revaluation time for cities and town who were not revaluated in 2006 or earlier and would delete the 2nd update for cities and towns and due them in 2008 and after) {LC1909/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 6149 SUB A**BY** Brien, Baldelli-Hunt, Picard**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 {LC2600/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 5094**BY** Petrarca, Menard, McManus**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 1058****BY** Senator Montalbano J**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF ROCCO MARZILLI {LC3197/1}

Senator Ruggerio requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1 2007-S 1057**BY** Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF KATHMANDU, LTD.

Upon motion of Senator Paiva Weed, seconded by Senator Algieri, the measure on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, 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:

NOW PRESIDING

The Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, yields the rostrum to the Honorable John C. Revens, Jr., President Pro Tempore.

FROM THE DESK

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, the following act is removed from the desk and placed before the body.

Senate Bill No. 919

BY Senators Jabour, Ciccone, Perry, Pichardo, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- NOTICE AND HEARING ON LICENSES (would eliminate the requirement that an advertisement or notice be given when an applicant or license holder applies for a temporary seasonal expansion of their liquor license)

Senator Ruggerio requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by Senators Jabour and Pichardo.

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 and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS- 34: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

ABSTINED-1: Senator Miller

CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2007:****1 2007-S 710 SUB A**

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - DOMESTIC

VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, June 5, 2007.

2 2007-S 155 SUB A**BY Metts****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RENAMING THE
RHODE ISLAND JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

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

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 and 1 Senator abstaining as follows as follows:

YEAS- 34: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, 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, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

ABSTAINED-1: Senator Tassoni.

3 2007-S 862**BY Goodwin****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senator Ruggerio.

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: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS- 0:

4 2007-S 945**BY Perry****ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE
ISLAND EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
TO MAKE THE QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS FOR
MEDICAID AND RITE CARE A TOP PRIORITY AND TO
EXPEDITIOUSLY REMEDY STATE SYSTEMS AND POLICIES

THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ELIGIBLE PERSONS LOSING
THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

Senator Perry moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin and Miller.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a voice vote

5 2007-S 40

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Ciccone moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Tassoni, Pichardo 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 and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS- 34: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, 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:

ABSTAINED-1: Senator McBurney

6 2007-S 262

BY Algieri

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

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Algieri moves passage, seconded by Senators Tassoni, Breene, Blais, Gibbs 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: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, 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:

7 2007-S 266 SUB A**BY Levesque C****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING
ORDINANCES

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

Senator Levesque moves passage, seconded by Senator 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 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 33: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, 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:

8 2007-S 460**BY Gallo****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES
GENERALLY

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the desk.

9 2007-S 967**BY Issa****ENTITLED,** AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Issa moves passage, seconded by Senator Tassoni.

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: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, 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.

NAYS- 0:

10 2007-S 1002**BY Sosnowski**

ENTITLED, AN ACT PERMITTING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO
CREATE A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND
AWARD AN EXCLUSIVE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR
RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING COLLECTION AND
DISPOSAL SERVICES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Moura and Sheehan.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: Senators Algiere, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

11 2007-S 8**BY Raptakis**

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT
TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- PROCEDURE TO FILL
VACANCY IN OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE
SECRETARY OF STATE, ATTORNEY GENERAL OR GENERAL
TREASURER

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

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

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

YEAS- 29: Senators Alves, Badeau, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, 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 Algiere, Bates, Blais, Breene, Gibbs, Revens.

12 2007-S 526**BY Sosnowski**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT
JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS,
BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin and Jabour.

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: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, 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:

13 2007-S 920

BY Montalbano J

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - - RENAMING
THE NORTH WOODS RESIDENCE B

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Sosnowski and Jabour.

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: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, 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:

14 2007-S 922

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- RENAMING
THE WEST SIDE SUITES

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Sheehan and Jabour.

The act is read and passed, 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: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Connors, Cote, 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:

15 2007-S 1030

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators McBurney, Moura, Perry, Jabour, Badeau and Miller.

Senators Jabour, Sheehan and Goodwin discuss the act.

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

NAYS- 0:

16 2007-S 44 SUB A

BY Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - RESIDENTIAL
RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEM TAX CREDIT

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

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senators Blais, Alves, Jabour, Walaska, Miller, Ruggerios and several others.

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: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, 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:

17 2007-S 106 SUB A as amended**BY Doyle****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY**

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

Senator Doyle moves passage, seconded by Senators McBurney and Meselli.

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

YEAS- 33: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Connors, Cote, 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, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

18 2007-S 414**BY Gibbs****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
-- SALARIES AND TRAVELING EXPENSES**

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Gibbs moves passage, seconded by Senators Bates and Miller.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative and 4 Senators abstaining as follows:

YEAS- 31: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

ABSTAINED- 4: Senators Ciccone, Moura, Ruggerio, Tassoni

19 2007-H 5485 SUB A**BY McCauley****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND HOME
LOAN PROTECTION ACT**

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

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Moura, Jabour, Sheehan and Levesque.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence, 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: and Senators Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, 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:

ABSTAINED- 1: Senator Algieri

20 2007-H 5382

BY Naughton

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Perry moves passage, seconded by Senator Levesque.

The act is read and passed, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 1: Senator Blais

21 2007-H 6005 as amended

BY Slater

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 as amended in concurrence.

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

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote with 29 Senators voting in the affirmative and 5 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 29: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Ciccone, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 5: Senators Blais, Breene, Cote, Jabour, Raptakis.

22 2007-H 5265

BY Silva

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Issa moves passage, seconded by Senators McBurney and Doyle.

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: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, 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:

23 2007-H 5303 SUB B

BY Pacheco

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT

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

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

The bill marked Substitute "B" 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 as follows:

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

NAYS- 0:

24 2007-H 6170**BY Vaudreuil****ENTITLED,** AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, June 5, 2007.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all Senate 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 Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 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 Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Lenihan announces that the Committee on Government Oversight will meet on Monday June 4, 2007, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in the senate Lounge of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algiere, and upon suggestion of Senator Paiva Weed, the Senate adjourns at 4:59 o'clock P.M. in memory of Rocco Marzilli.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR MARYELLEN GOODWIN**

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

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2007:****1 2007-H 5086 as amended****BY Malik****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

2 2007-H 5092**BY Lewiss****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

3 2007-H 5142**BY Almeida****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE INVESTMENT COMMISSION -- INVESTMENTS IN SUDAN

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

4 2007-H 5217 as amended**BY Gallison****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 Finance recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

5 2007-H 5333 SUB A**BY Malik****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

6 2007-H 5335**BY Lewiss**

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES AND AMENDING THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CURRENT STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage in concurrence.

7 2007-H 5372**BY San Bento**

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

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

8 2007-H 5426**BY Kennedy**

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

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

9 2007-H 5434**BY Malik**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

10 2007-H 5564**BY Lewiss**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

11 2007-H 5674 as amended**BY Winfield**

ENTITLED, AN ACT BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

12 2007-H 5684**BY Carter****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS

Committee on Labor recommends passage in concurrence.

13 2007-H 5731 SUB A as amended**BY Ehrhardt****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - REGULATION OF BOATS

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A as amended in concurrence.

14 2007-H 5744**BY Watson****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER POLLUTION

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage in concurrence.

15 2007-H 5763 SUB A**BY Lewiss****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 in concurrence.

16 2007-H 5771**BY Watson****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- COURTS -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage in concurrence.

17 2007-H 5946**BY Story****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage in concurrence.

18 2007-H 6256**BY Fox****ENTITLED,** AN ACT TO INCORPORATE NATIONAL GRID GAS COMPANY

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

19 2007-H 6330

BY Williamson

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

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007:

1 2007-H 5275 SUB A as amended

BY Ucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- THE RHODE
ISLAND FAIR DEALERSHIP ACT

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

2 2007-H 5486

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PURCHASE AND SALE OF
PRECIOUS METALS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

3 2007-H 5909 SUB A as amended

BY Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

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

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2007:****1 2007-H 5200 SUB A as amended****BY Giannini****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ORTHOTIC AND PROSTHETIC SERVICES

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

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007:**1 2007-S 710 SUB A****BY Goodwin****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT

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

2 2007-S 708**BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3 2007-S 259 SUB A as amended**BY Tassoni****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS

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

4 2007-S 1039**BY Lenihan****ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, REHABILITATION, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING OF A NEW SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER IN THE TOWN BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$4,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

5 2007-S 1052

BY Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXETER FIRE DISTRICT

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

6 2007-S 1053

BY Paiva-Weed

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

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

7 2007-S 409 SUB A as amended

BY Alves

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

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

8 2007-H 5094

BY Petrarca

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

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

9 2007-H 5578 SUB A

BY Ginaitt

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - PUBLIC
DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES

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

10 2007-H 6149 SUB A

BY Brien

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 indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

11 2007-H 6170**BY Vaudreuil****ENTITLED,** AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

12 2007-H 6305**BY Watson****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO THE EAST GREENWICH FIRE DISTRICT

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.