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Nineteenth 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 37 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

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

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Seventeenth Legislative Day of the 2008 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Tassoni and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Megan Gonsalves, Carol Gonsalves and Emily Gonsalves.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Deirdre McCaffrey, daughter of Senator McCaffrey.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

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

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

February 28, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 35-10-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the State Investment Commission:

Robert R. Gaudreau, Jr. of Cranston

for a term expiring March 1, 2011.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

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

February 26, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64.10-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Quonset Development Corporation:

Robert H. Breslin, Jr. of Saunderstown

VICE

Thomas Hazelhurst

for a term to expire January 1, 2009.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2779

BY Senators Levesque C, Paiva-Weed, Gibbs

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF
EILEEN V. SHANLEY {LC2145/1}

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2780

BY Senators DaPonte, Ruggerio, Connors, Ciccone, Lanzi

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
RHODE ISLAND WORK/LIFE COMMITTEE {LC2106/1}

Senator DaPonte requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DaPonte moves passage, seconded by Senator Connors and many others.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators DaPonte and Perry and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Laura Bonvais, Shannon Campbell, Barb Silver, Helen Modover, Roxann Gomos, Laura Gostin Jessica Sherwood, Dorothy Donnelly and Matt Bodoh.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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

1 2008-S 2778**BY Ruggerio****ENTITLED,** AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF
THE CHARTER OF INTERCITY AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008:****1 2008-S 2093****BY Felag****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senators Connors, Gallo, Fogarty, Perry, Sosnowski, Goodwin, Tassoni, Jabour, Ruggerio, Moura, Paiva Weed, Algieri, Breene and many others.

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

YEAS- 31: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS- 0:

2 2008-S 2253**BY Blais****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE -- COVENTRY -- POLICE

CHIEF EMERITUS

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

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

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

YEAS- 29: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Levesque, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS- 0:

3 2008-H 7060**BY Carter****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES**

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senators Issa, Connors, Sosnowski, Jabour, Levesque and Algieri.

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

YEAS- 31: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni.

NAYS- 0:

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, some 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 Levesque announces that the Committee on Judiciary will not meet today.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Levesque, the Senate stands at recess at 4:40 o'clock P.M. in memory of Eileen V. Shanley.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 4:13 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:14 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR RHODA E. PERRY**

Let us try this day to live a simple, sincere and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity, and self seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, generosity in giving, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust, and a child like faith in God.