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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 34: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Mettsr4, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 3: Senators DaPonte, Miller, Revens.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal's of the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Legislative Day's of the 2008 proceedings are read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Tassoni and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Mike Gray, V.P. Sodexo Food Service, Solange Morrisette, Sodexo General Manager Pawtucket Lunch Program, David Suvall, President and C.E.O of Rhode Island Credit Union, Gina DiPalo, V.P. of Marketing for Rhode Island Credit Union and Liz Wilson Director of Marketing and Advertising for HOT 106.

Upon suggestion of Senator Alves and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Robert Rainville and the Honorable Peter Calci, Councilman from the Town of West Warwick.

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Emma Boucher and her father Tom Boucher.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Robert Mancini.

Upon suggestion of Senator Issa and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Anna Cano-Morales, her father Pedro Cano and her husband William Morales.

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**

March 17, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-19-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation:

The Honorable John F. Ward of Woonsocket
(Municipal Official)

VICE
The Honorable Scott Avedisian
(resigned)

for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

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

March 17, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-19-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment of the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation:

Michael P. Quinn of Warwick

for a term expiring July 1, 2010.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

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

March 17, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-19-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment of the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation:

Sue P. Sheppard of Lincoln

VICE
Michael Salvatore, Jr.

for a term expiring July 1, 2010.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

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

March 17, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-19-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment of the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation:

Douglas C. Jeffrey, Sr. of Johnston
(Johnston Resident Representative)

for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

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

March 17, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-19-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment of the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation:

Bradford Gorham of Foster

VICE
Austin Ferland

for a term expiring July 1, 2010.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

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

March 17, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-19-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment of the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation:

Carole O. Bell of Cranston

VICE
John St. Sauveur
(resigned)

for a term expiring July 1, 2010.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

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

March 18, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Director of the Department of Transportation:

Michael P. Lewis

VICE
Jerome Williams

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

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

March 18, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as the Director of Administration:

Jerome Williams

VICE
Beverly Najarian

To this appointment, 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**

March 19, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Director of the Department of Labor and Training:

Sandra Powell

VICE
Adelita Orefice

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
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. 2054

BY Senator Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE HOLDINGS OF THE WATCH HILL CHAPEL SOCIETY (would increase the limit on the amount of property that may be held by the Watch Hill Chapel Society from \$1,500,000 to \$10,000,000)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2055

BY Senator Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ENABLING WESTERLY TO ENACT ORDINANCES (would enable the town of Westerly to adopt ordinances which penalize property owners who would fail to complete construction of buildings on their property within a reasonable time as set by the town council)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2078

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE KINGSTON WATER DISTRICT - BONDS (increase the maximum amount of the Kingston Water District Bonding Authority)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2292

BY Senator Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD TO ESTABLISH BY ORDINANCE A TAX EXEMPTION FOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE GRODEN CENTER, INC., LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD {LC1387/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2399

BY Senator Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD TO ISSUE BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,500,000 TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, BUILDING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A LIBRARY {LC1405/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2695

BY Senator Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO FINANCE THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LIBRARY ON THE NORTHWEST QUADRANT OF THE LAND PARCEL IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR'S PLAT 53/3 LOT 34 LOCATED ON MEMORIAL AVENUE AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR (provide for the financing by the Town of Johnston to finance the design and construction of a new library on the Northwest quadrant of the land parcel) {LC2329/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2700**BY** Senator Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO FINANCE THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS FOR THE MEMORIAL PLAT SEWER PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES ALL OR A PORTION OF MILLS DRIVE, POCOTTE DRIVE, ANROLD DRIVE, MONGONE DRIVE, RICHARDSON DRIVE, HARRINGTON DRIVE, CORRINE DRIVE, PINWOOD AVENUE AND CENTRAL AVENUE; AND FOR THE CHERRY HILL SEWER PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES ALL OR A PORTION OF CHERRY HILL ROAD, OLD CHERRY HILL ROAD, CHRYSANTHY COURT, SETIAN CIRCLE, KERN ACRE DRIVE, CAVALCADE BOULVDARD, BALSAM COURT, HEMLOCK COURT, WOODCREST DRIVE, CYNTHIA DRIVE, WORCESTER AVENUE, PRESCOTT AVENUE, HOLLAND AVENUE, ROWENA DRIVE, BIRCHWOOD DRIVE AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$7,100,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR (provide for the financing by the Town of Johnston to authorize the town of Johnston to finance the design and construction of sanitary sewers for the Memorial Plat Sewer Project) {LC2330/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2701**BY** Senators Lenihan, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH TO FINANCE THE CONVERSION OF THE SWIFT GYMNASIUM INTO A SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE CONVERSION OF THE FORMER POLICE STATION INTO OFFICES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, ALTERATION, DEMOLITION, IMPROVEMENT, REHABILITATION, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND LANDSCAPING OF SUCH FACILITES IN THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL COSTS AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$4,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR (authorizes the town of East Greenwich to issue not more than \$4,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the conversion of the swift gymnasium into a senior and community center) {LC2314/1}

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 measure:

Senate Bill No. 2844 SUB A**BY** Senator Alves

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION {LC2478/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2878**BY** Senators Metts, Pichardo, Miller, Moura, Levesque C**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE GOVERNMENTS OF KUWAIT, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO FORM A STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND AND KUWAIT {LC2515/1}

Senator Metts requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Metts moves passage, seconded by Senator Pichardo.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2879**BY** Senators Raptakis, McBurney, Gallo, Paiva-Weed, Montalbano J**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH 25, 2008 AS THE 187TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY {LC2539/1}

Senator Raptakis requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Raptakis moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, item 11 is removed from the Consent Calendar, and placed on today's Calendar.

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

- 1 Nomination of Edward A. Garcia, Jr. (Representing the Economically Disadvantaged) (appointment) of Cranston VICE Christina Amedeo to the Library Board of Rhode Island for a term expiring December 31, 2008.**
- 2 Nomination of Brenda Dann-Messier, Ed.D. (reappointment) of East Greenwich to the Board of Governors for Higher Education for a term expiring January 31, 2011.**

- 3 Nomination of Pierre L. LaPerriere (reappointment) of Exeter to the Board of Governors for Higher Education for a term expiring January 31, 2010.**
- 4 Nomination of Daniel J. Ryan (reappointment) of Barrington to the Board of Governors for Higher Education for a term expiring January 31, 2011.**
- 5 Nomination of Anthony Santoro, Esquire (reappointment) to the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority for a term expiring July 1, 2012.**
- 6 Nomination of Bart Hollingsworth (General Public/Library User) (appointment) VICE Alice Barrows to the Library Board of Rhode Island for a term expiring December 31, 2009.**
- 7 Nomination of Phyllis A. Humphrey (Representing Librarian/School Libraries)(reappointment) of Saunderstown to the Library Board of Rhode Island for a term expiring December 31, 2010.**
- 8 Nomination of Mary Ann Slocomb (Librarian/Corporate-Special Libraries) (appointment) of Cranston VICE Tovah Reis to the Library Board of Rhode Island for a term expiring December 31, 2010.**
- 9 Nomination of Thomas W. Viall (General Public/Library User) (appointment) VICE Jay Litman to the Library Board of Rhode Island for a term expiring December 31, 2009.**
- 10 Nomination of Anna Cano-Morales (appointment) of North Providence VICE Gary Grove to the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education for a term expiring January 31, 2011.**
- 12 Nomination of Emanuel E. Barrows (appointment) of East Providence to the Public Finance Management Board for a term expiring March 1, 2011.**

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008:

- 6. Nomination of Robert A. Mancini (appointment) of Providence to the Public Finance Management Board for a term expiring March 1, 2010.**

Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senators Alves, McBurney, Goodwin, Algieri, Ciccone and many others, moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, 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, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan,

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

NAYS- 0:

1 Nomination of Brandon F. Brown (appointment) (Student Representative) of Kingston VICE Sarah D. Courtemanch to the Board of Governors for Higher Education for a term expiring January 31, 2010.

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

Senator Issa seconded by Senators Gallo, Doyle Sosnowski, Maselli, Metts, Jabour and Felag, moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, 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, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Brandon F. Brown of Kingston, newly confirmed member of the Board of Governors for Higher Education.

CALENDAR

2 2008-S 2414 as amended

BY Alves

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH INSURANCE
-- COPAYMENTS**

Committee on Finance recommends passage as amended.

Senator Alves moves passage, seconded by Senators Doyle, Pichardo, Sosnowski, Paiva Weed and Ruggerio.

Senators Lenihan, Alves and Blais discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 25 Senators voting in the affirmative and 9 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 25: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Doyle, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Lanzi, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 9: Senators Bates, Blais, Cote, Felag, Issa, Jabour, Lenihan, Raptakis, Sheehan.

3 2008-S 2265 as amended

BY Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL
REGULATORY PROVISIONS - INTEREST AND USURY

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

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

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

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

NAYS- 1: Senator Issa.

ABSTAINED- 1: Senator Algieri

4 2008-S 2793 as amended

BY Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE PUBLICATIONS
CLEARING HOUSE

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

Senator Cote moves passage, seconded by Senator Metts.

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, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

NOW PRESIDING

The Honorable President, Joseph A. Montalbano yields the rostrum to the Honorable Deputy President Pro Tempore, Daniel P. Connors at 4:44 o'clock P.M.

CALENDAR**5 2008-H 7007 SUB A****BY Williamson****ENTITLED, AN ACT AMENDING THE DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION ACT**

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

Senator Alves moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio.

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 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 30: Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

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 Sosnowski announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 310 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 Paiva Weed announces that the Senate will not meet tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:47 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR PAUL V. JABOUR**

Dear God, we beseech you to fit us for today's work and for the work in days ahead. May we profit by this moment by being still and knowing that You alone are sufficient for all our needs. Amen.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008:****1. 2008-S 2844 SUB A****BY Alves****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

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

2. 2008-S 2054**BY Algieri****ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE HOLDINGS OF THE WATCH HILL CHAPEL SOCIETY

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

3. 2008-S 2055**BY Algieri****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ENABLING WESTERLY TO ENACT ORDINANCES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

4. 2008-S 2078**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO THE KINGSTON WATER DISTRICT - BONDS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

5. 2008-S 2292**BY Tassoni****ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD TO ESTABLISH BY ORDINANCE A TAX EXEMPTION FOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE GRODEN CENTER, INC., LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

6. 2008-S 2399**BY Tassoni****ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD TO ISSUE BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,500,000 TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, BUILDING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A LIBRARY

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

7. 2008-S 2695**BY Maselli**

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO FINANCE THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LIBRARY ON THE NORTHWEST QUADRANT OF THE LAND PARCEL IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR'S PLAT 53/3 LOT 34 LOCATED ON MEMORIAL AVENUE AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

8. 2008-S 2700**BY Maselli**

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO FINANCE THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SANTIARY SEWERS FOR THE MEMORIAL PLAT SEWER PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES ALL OR A PORTION OF MILLS DRIVE, POCOTTE DRIVE, ANROLD DRIVE, MONGONE DRIVE, RICHARDSON DRIVE, HARRINGTON DRIVE, CORRINE DRIVE, PINWOOD AVENUE AND CENTRAL AVENUE; AND FOR THE CHERRY HILL SEWER PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES ALL OR A PORTION OF CHERRY HILL ROAD, OLD CHERRY HILL ROAD, CHRYSANTHY COURT, SETIAN CIRCLE, KERN ACRE DRIVE, CAVALCADE BOULVDARD, BALSAM COURT, HEMLOCK COURT, WOODCREST DRIVE, CYNTHIA DRIVE, WORCESTER AVENUE, PRESCOTT AVENUE, HOLLAND AVENUE, ROWENA DRIVE, BIRCHWOOD DRIVE AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$7,100,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

9. 2008-S 2701**BY Lenihan**

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH TO FINANCE THE CONVERSION OF THE SWIFT GYMNASIUM INTO A SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE CONVERSION OF THE FORMER POLICE STATION INTO OFFICES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, ALTERATION, DEMOLITION, IMPROVEMENT, REHABILITATION, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND LANDSCAPING OF SUCH FACILITES IN THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL COSTS AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$4,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate