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Twenty-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 4:15 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 Father George Economou of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Pawtucket to deliver the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-Seventh Legislative Day of the 2008 proceedings is read in part.

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

CELEBRATION OF THE 187TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, requests the clerk to read. (2008-S 2879), Senate Resolution Celebrating March 25, 2008 as The 187th Anniversary Of Greek Independence Day, that was passed by the Senate on March 19, 2008.

Upon suggestion of Senator Raptakis and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Consul General Constantinos Orphanides.

Consul General Constantinos addresses the members and their guests.

Upon suggestion of Senator Raptakis, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Frank Dicopoulos, daytime star of Guiding Light.

Frank Dicopoulos addresses the members and their guests.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Father Andrew George of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Cranston, Koula Roujas and Elanie Trikoulis.

Upon suggestion of Senator Jabour, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Harold Demopolous, Esq.

Upon suggestion of Senator Doyle, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Father George Economou of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Pawtucket.

Upon suggestion of Senator Paiva Weed, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Father Anthony Evangelatos of the St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Churches in Newport.

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Paul J. "Paulie" Degaitas, owner of John's N.Y. System Restaurant in Providence, along with his mother, Viola Degaitas.

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 24, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-13-1.3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to Rabies Control Board:

Lori Gibson

Representing the Department of Environmental Management

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

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

March 24, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-13-1.3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to Rabies Control Board:

Betsy A. Hanson of Portsmouth
Representing Animal Control Association

For a term expiring September 1, 2010.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

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

March 24, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 44-34-11 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Vehicle Value Commission:

**Elizabeth Fournier
Tax Assessor, Town of Richmond**

for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

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

March 24, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 46-23-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Coastal Resources Management Council:

**Michael M. Tikoian of Narragansett
(Public Member – Representing a Coastal Community)**

for a term expiring January 31, 2011.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE

March 24, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 24-15-10 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Scenic Highway Board:

Michael J. DeLuca of Narragansett

for a term expiring January 31, 2010.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND REGULATORY ISSUES

Senator Goodwin, from the Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Resolution No. 2787

BY Senators Levesque C, Goodwin, Paiva-Weed, Pichardo, Metts

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXPEDITE CITIZENSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR OUR COUNTRY'S VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES {LC2379/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2789

BY Senators Levesque C, Goodwin, Gallo, Paiva-Weed, Lanzi

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO RETHINK ITS 2006 DECISION NOT TO INCLUDE WOMEN SKI JUMPING IN THE 2010 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES IN VANCOUVER {LC2375/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2433

BY Senators Sosnowski, Moura, Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY STATE TRADES CLASSIFICATIONS {LC1707/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2614

BY Senators Sosnowski, Issa, Miller, Alves, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (rename Independence Hall at the University of Rhode Island to the "M. Beverly Swan Hall) {LC2227/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

Senate Resolution No. 2222 (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senators Tassoni, Perry, Paiva-Weed, Montalbano J

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A JOINT TASK FORCE TO STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF HEALTH CARE REFORM RELATING TO THE HEALTHY RHODE ISLAND REFORM ACT OF 2008 - PART VIII {LC1361/1}

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:

House Bill No. 7084

BY McManus

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow Charles Michael Blais to join Eric DiMario and Alana Cordeiro)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2717**BY** Senator Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow Kevin O'Regan to join Kelly Ann Lora and David Tharp in marriage on or about May 23, 2008 within the City of Newport, Rhode Island) {LC2327/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2739**BY** Senators Felag, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow Paul A. Jarvie to join Jennifer Ahern and John Mulhern in marriage) {LC2318/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2821**BY** Senators Montalbano J, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (joining Lindsay Powers and Jeffrey Stevens in marriage) {LC2355/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 7127**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Jeffrey Frye may join Jennifer M. Sanabria and Jeremy J. Fournier)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 7031**BY** Gallison**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow Edward Finn to join Peter Cohn and Amelia Gruber in marriage on or about July 19, 2008 within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 7086

BY Fox

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow the Honorable Byron Trefonides to join Jeslyn MacClary and Preston Miller)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 7136

BY Lally, Caprio D

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 7178

BY Rice, Jackson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow The Honorable James F. Howard, Jr. to join Sapana Y. Shah and Thomas H. Alberts)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2026

BY Senators Bates, Blais, Breene, Cote, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT (allow the Family Court to order child support if the child has a severe physical or mental impairment, beyond the child's emancipation event)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2317

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would empower administrative clerks of the district court to join persons in marriage.) {LC1128/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

TRANSFER OF BILLS

Senator Walaska, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Corporations to the Committee on Health and Human Services:

Senate Bill No. 2356

BY Senators Perry, Gallo, Pichardo, Miller, Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE TAX (prohibit licensing of a facility that maintains a health care facility and a pharmacy at the same location)

Read and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Rhode Island College Professor Dr. Robert Cvornyer and his students from the Rhode Island History Class.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2880**

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC2564/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2881

BY Senators Gibbs, Sosnowski, Breene, Lenihan, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES {LC2543/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2882

BY Senators Revens, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC CORPORATION DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT {LC2580/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2883**BY** Senators Jabour, Sosnowski, Revens**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC CORPORATION DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT {LC2578/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2884**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Revens**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC CORPORATION DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT {LC2579/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2885**BY** Senators Gallo, Connors, Fogarty P**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC CORPORATION DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT {LC2577/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2886**BY** Senators Pichardo, Tassoni, Perry, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING RESOURCES - NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM {LC2571/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2887**BY** Senators Paiva-Weed, Ruggerio, Blais, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FIREFIGHTER CANCER WELLNESS {LC2498/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2888**BY** Senators Levesque C, Sosnowski, Blais, Miller, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS {LC1970/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2889**BY** Senators Perry, Levesque C, Fogarty P, McCaffrey, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - OPTOMETRISTS {LC2526/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2890**BY** Senators Perry, Miller, Levesque C, Pichardo, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC2620/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2891**BY** Senators Algieri, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS {LC2574/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2892 (Secretary of State)**BY** Senators Sheehan, Cote, Lenihan, Perry, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - LOB
BYING {LC1720/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2893**BY** Senators Doyle, Tassoni, McBurney, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS
{LC2563/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2894**BY** Senators Levesque C, Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - SEARCH WARRANTS
{LC2166/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2895**BY** Senators Levesque C, Blais, Sosnowski, Miller, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE
PREVENTION ACT {LC2511/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2896 (Secretary of State)**BY** Senators Sheehan, Cote, Lenihan, Perry, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - LOBBYING {LC1718/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2897**BY** Senator Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC2606/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

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.

Senator Alves moves passage, seconded by Senator Paiva Weed.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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: 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, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Revens, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

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.

Senator Algieri moves passage, seconded by Senators Breene and Tassoni.

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: 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, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Revens, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

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.

Senator Algieri moves passage, seconded by Senator Paiva Weed.

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: 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, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Revens, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

4 2008-S 2078

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE KINGSTON WATER DISTRICT -
BONDS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Tassoni and Breene.

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: 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, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Revens, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

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.

Senator Tassoni moves passage, seconded by Senators Moura and Doyle.

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 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, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Revens, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

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.

Senator Tassoni moves passage, seconded by Senators Doyle, Maselli and Ruggerio.

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: 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, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Revens, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

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.

Senator Maselli moves passage, seconded by Senators Tassoni and Moura.

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: 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, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Revens, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

8 2008-S 2700

BY 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, ANROL D 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.

Senator Maselli moves passage, seconded by Senators Moura and Ciccone.

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: 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, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Revens, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

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.

Senator Lenihan moves passage, seconded by Senator Ciccone.

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: 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, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Revens, Ruggerio, 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 Bates announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Levesque announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 of the State House.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate stands at recess at 5:02 o'clock P.M in memory of Andriana Triantopoulos grandmother of former Senate Staff employee, Trent Hastings she will be greatly missed.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7313

BY Jackson, Murphy, Fox, Costantino, Rice

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (change the name of the Metropolitan Career and Technical Center, in Newport, Rhode Island, to the "Paul W. Crowley Metropolitan Career and Technical Center") {LC1069/1}

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

Also:

House Resolution No. 7510

BY Kennedy, Lewiss, Shanley, Church, Picard

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT OF 2007 {LC2158/1}

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

Also:

House Bill No. 7334 as amended

BY Senators Diaz, Almeida, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (create a Liberian cultural exchange commission) {LC1223/1}

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

Also:

House Bill No. 7852

BY Fox

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION {LC2190/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

House Bill No. 7295 SUB A

BY Senators Shanley, Walsh, Caprio D, Lally

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (South Kingstown to issue prorated bills to owners of new manufactured homes on leased land) {LC1034/1/A}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

Also:

House Bill No. 7199

BY Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE KINGSTON WATER DISTRICT - BONDS (increase the maximum amount of the Kingston Water District Bonding Authority from two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to four million dollars (\$4,000,000))

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

Also:

House Bill No. 7903**BY** Gallison**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow The Honorable Theresa H. Esposito to join Erin Herzog and Armando Bosceglia) {LC2358/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7367**BY** Lally, Shanley, Caprio D, Carter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow Brian Van Couyghen to join Barbara Jane Esposito and Gerald Anthony Carangia) {LC1199/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7502**BY** Lally**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE (allow James S. Lawrence to join Anna Isbell and Danilo Claros) {LC1674/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7838**BY** Murphy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow Judge Scotillo to join Lindsay Powers and Jeffrey Stevens in marriage on or about June 6, 2008 within the City of Newport, Rhode Island) {LC2239/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 8005**BY** Amaral**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow Paul A. Jarvie to join Jennifer Ahern and John Mulhern) {LC2319/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7801

BY Walsh, Lewiss, Scott

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CROSS'S MILLS'S VOL. FIRE DEPT. {LC2234/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:17 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2008:****1 2008-S 2433****BY Sosnowski**

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF
THE SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY STATE
TRADES CLASSIFICATIONS

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

2 2008-S 2787**BY Levesque C**

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE
UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXPEDITE CITIZENSHIP
APPLICATIONS FOR OUR COUNTRY'S VETERANS AND
MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

3 2008-S 2789**BY Levesque C**

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE
INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO RETHINK ITS
2006 DECISION NOT TO INCLUDE WOMEN SKI JUMPING IN
THE 2010 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES IN VANCOUVER

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

4 2008-S 2717**BY Bates**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

5 2008-S 2739**BY Felag**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

6 2008-S 2821**BY Montalbano J**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7 2008-H 7031

BY Gallison

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

8 2008-H 7084

BY McManus

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

9 2008-H 7086

BY Fox

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

10 2008-H 7127

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

11 2008-H 7136

BY Lally

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

12 2008-H 7178

BY Rice

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

13 2008-H 7801

BY Walsh

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF CROSS'S MILLS'S VOL. FIRE DEPT.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008:

1 2008-S 2614

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.

2 2008-S 2222

BY Tassoni

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A JOINT TASK FORCE TO
STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF HEALTH CARE REFORM RELATING TO
THE HEALTHY RHODE ISLAND REFORM ACT OF 2008 - PART
VIII

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

3 2008-S 2026

BY Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- CHILD
SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4 2008-S 2317

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS --
SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.