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Fortieth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:22 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 Maselli, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Paiva Weed, Issa, Perry, Tassoni and Pichardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber women veterans, Lt. Col. Jeannine Vachon, Rhode Island National Guard, Charlotte Kwasha, US Army, Chief Lori Ashness, Chief Elaina Soini, Chief Arlene Chilson, Capt. Michele Diamond, Col. Susan Luz, Dr. Arlene Chilson and members of the Waves National Unit 118, President Rosetta Desrosiers, State Director Ginny Hanson, Secretary Tina McNiel, Nellie Rollins, Rita Trenn, Esther Villeneuve, Evelyn Cohen, Jean Yarnall and Pat Steinbeck.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Alan V. Sokolow and Windell Hannaford.

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**

April 28, 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:

Utpala Bandyopadhyay, MD, MPH
Representing the Department of Health

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**

April 29, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-128-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission:

Mark VanNoppen of Providence
(Representative of the Rhode Island Builders Association)

for a term expiring January 31, 2009

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

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

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2990

BY Senators Moura, Connors, Algieri, Felag, Maselli

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM A. BOWEN {LC2777/1}

Senator Moura requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Moura moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

FROM THE DESK

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded, by Senator Algieri, and without objection, the following appointment is removed from the desk and ordered to be placed on today's Consent Calendar.

Appointment of David X. Dias, Jr. of East Greenwich (Fire Protection Industry Representatives) VICE Richard A. O'Connell to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals for a term expiring July 1, 2012.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

Upon motion of Senator Paiva Weed, seconded by Senator Algieri, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

1 2008-S 2257

BY Walaska

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

2 2008-S 2259**BY Walaska****ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A TAIWAN-UNITED STATES
FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (TUFTA)

**Appointment of David X. Dias, Jr. of East Greenwich (Fire Protection Industry Representatives)
VICE Richard A. O'Connell to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals for a term expiring July 1,
2012.**

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

NAYS- 0:

CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008:****2. 2008-S 2223 SUB A as amended****BY Perry****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE - LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE
REFORM

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

Senator Perry moves passage, seconded by Senators Connors, Pichardo, Miller, Sheehan, Levesque and many others.

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

F L O O R A M E N D M E N T**TO****2008 -- S 2223 SUBSTITUTE A, AS AMENDED****AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND
FINANCE REFORM**

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2008 -- S 2223 SUBSTITUTE A, AS AMENDED, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO

HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 30, by deleting the language "on or before July 1, 2012", by capitalizing the letter "T" in the word "the" before the word "department", and by omitting the word "reach" and replacing it with the word "target".
2. On page 2, line 31, by adding the word "to" between the words "funding" and "be utilized".
3. On page 2, line 33, after the word "Island" by adding the following language "on or before July 1, 2013. The department's annual reports required pursuant to section 40-8.9-6 shall include information on actions needed and progress toward this targeted fifty-fifty (50-50) goal."
4. On page 3, line 1, by changing the word "office" to the word "department".

Respectfully submitted,
SENATOR PERRY
LC00830/2

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

NAYS- 0:

Senator Perry moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators Levesque, Jabour, Connors, Sheehan, Pichardo and Gibbs.

Senators Blais, Revens, Levesque, Lenihan and Perry discuss the act.

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, 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, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

3. 2008-S 2118**BY Connors****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CHECK CASHING

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator Connors moves passage, seconded by Senators Levesque and Walaska.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, 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.

NAYS- 0:

4. 2008-S 2597**BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- COMMUNITY OBLIGATIONS AND BANKING OFFENSES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Sosnowski, Miller, Ruggerio, Pichardo and several others.

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 and 2 Senators abstaining as follows:

YEAS- 33: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Bates, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, 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.

NAYS- 0:

ABSTAINED- 2: Senators Algieri, Blais

5. 2008-S 2184 SUB A**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

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

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

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, 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.

NAYS- 0:

6. 2008-S 2665

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Wednesday, May 7, 2008.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Goodwin announces that the Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues will meet tomorrow, 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 tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

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

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 tomorrow, 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.

Senator Connors announces that the Committee on Labor will meet tomorrow, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 212 of the State House.

AT EASE

The Senate stands at ease at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable John C. Revens, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, on Tuesday, April 29, 2007, at 5:15 o'clock P.M.

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008:

1. 2008-S 2009 SUB A

BY Moura

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

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

Senator Moura moves passage, seconded by Senators Bates, Goodwin, Tassoni, Ruggerio, Pichardo and several others.

Senators Metts, Lenihan, Moura, Felag, Raptakis, Gibbs, Goodwin, Pichardo, Sheehan, Cote and Montalbano discuss the act.

Senator Montalbano, seconded by Senators Moura, Maselli, Bates, Ruggerio, Goodwin and many others, offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2008 -- S 2009 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2008 -- S 2009 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT", as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 1, by deleting the word "and" after the number "42-61.2-1" and inserting a comma "," in place thereof.

(2) On page 1, line 1, by inserting the language and number "and 42-61.2-7" after the number "42-61.2-6".

(3) On page 2, line 16 by striking the word "and" after the words federal" and inserting in place thereof the word

"or".

(4) On page 2, line 21 by striking the word "and" after the words federal" and inserting in place thereof the word "or".

(5) On page 2, between lines 27 and 28 by inserting the following language:

"42-61.2-7. Division of revenue. -- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 42-61-15, the allocation of net terminal income derived from video lottery games is as follows:

(1) For deposit in the general fund and to the state lottery division fund for administrative purposes: Net terminal income not otherwise disbursed in accordance with subdivisions (a)(2) -- (a)(~~6~~)(7) herein;

(i) Except for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, nineteen one hundredths of one percent (0.19%) up to a maximum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be equally allocated to the distressed communities as defined in section 45-13-12 provided that no eligible community shall receive more than twenty-five percent (25%) of that community's currently enacted municipal budget as its share under this specific subsection. Distributions made under this specific subsection are supplemental to all other distributions made under any portion of general laws section 45-13-12. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 distributions by community shall be identical to the distributions made in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 and shall be made from general appropriations.

(ii) Five one hundredths of one percent (0.05%) up to a maximum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be appropriated to property tax relief to fully fund the provisions of section 44-33-2.1. The maximum credit defined in subdivision 44-33-9(2) shall increase to the maximum amount to the nearest five dollar (\$5.00) increment within the allocation until a maximum credit of five hundred dollars (\$500) is obtained. In no event shall the exemption in any fiscal year be less than the prior fiscal year.

(iii) One and twenty-two one hundredths of one percent (1.22%) to fund section 44-34.1-1, entitled "Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax Elimination Act of 1998", to the maximum amount to the nearest two hundred fifty dollar (\$250) increment within the allocation. In no event shall the exemption in any fiscal year be less than the prior fiscal year.

(iv) Except for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, ten one hundredths of one percent (0.10%) to a maximum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) for supplemental distribution to communities not included in paragraph (a)(1)(i) above distributed proportionately on the basis of general revenue sharing distributed for that fiscal year. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 distributions by community shall be identical to the distributions made in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 and shall be made from general appropriations.

(2) To the licensed video lottery retailer:

(a) (i) Prior to the effective date of the NGJA Master Contract, Newport Jai Ali twenty-six percent (26%) minus three hundred eighty four thousand nine hundred ninety-six dollars (\$384,996);

(ii) On and after the effective date of the NGJA Master Contract, to the licensed video lottery retailer who is a party to the NGJA Master Contract, all sums due and payable under said Master Contract minus three hundred eighty four thousand nine hundred ninety-six dollars (\$384,996).

(b) (i) Prior to the effective date of the UTGR Master Contract, to the present licensed video lottery retailer at Lincoln Park which is not a party to the UTGR Master Contract, twenty-eight and eighty-five one hundredths percent (28.85%) minus seven hundred sixty-seven thousand six hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$767,687);

(ii) On and after the effective date of the UTGR Master Contract, to the licensed video lottery retailer who is a party to the UTGR Master Contract, all sums due and payable under said Master Contract minus seven hundred sixty-seven thousand six hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$767,687).

(3) (i) To the technology providers who are not a party to the GTECH Master Contract as set forth and referenced in Public Law 2003, Chapter 32, seven percent (7%) of the net terminal income of the provider's terminals;

(ii) To contractors who are a party to the Master Contract as set forth and referenced in Public Law 2003, Chapter 32, all sums due and payable under said Master Contract;

(iii) Notwithstanding paragraphs (i) and (ii) above, there shall be subtracted proportionately from the payments to technology providers the sum of six hundred twenty-eight thousand seven hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$628,737);

(4) To the city of Newport one and one hundredth percent (1.01%) of net terminal income of authorized machines at Newport Grand except that upon passage the allocation shall be one and two tenths percent (1.2%) of net terminal income of authorized machines at Newport Grand for each week the facility operates video lottery games on a twenty-four (24) hour basis for all eligible hours authorized in section 42-61.2-6(b) and to the town of Lincoln one and twenty-six hundredths (1.26%) of net terminal income of authorized machines at Lincoln Park; ~~and~~ except that upon passage the allocation shall be one and forty-five hundredths percent (1.45%) of net terminal income of authorized machines at Lincoln Park for each week the facility operates video lottery games on a twenty-four (24) hour basis for all eligible hours authorized in section 42-61.2-6(b);

(5) To the Narragansett Indian Tribe, seventeen hundredths of one percent (0.17%) of net terminal income of authorized machines at Lincoln Park up to a maximum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) per year, which shall be paid to the Narragansett Indian Tribe for the account of a Tribal Development Fund to be used for the purpose of encouraging and promoting: home ownership and improvement, elderly housing, adult vocational training; health and social services;

childcare; natural resource protection; and economic development consistent with state law. Provided, however, such distribution shall terminate upon the opening of any gaming facility in which the Narragansett Indians are entitled to any payments or other incentives; and provided further, any monies distributed hereunder shall not be used for, or spent on previously contracted debts; and

(6) To the permanent school fund established in chapter 16-4 the additional revenue accruing to the state as the direct result of the additional hours authorized by this act net of the additional revenue to the city of Newport and the Town of Lincoln resulting directly from the additional hours authorized under this act, not to exceed fourteen million one hundred thousand dollars (\$14,100,000) by June 30, 2009, to be allocated as aid to local education authorities as determined by the general assembly for fiscal year 2009, notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 16-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

~~(6)~~ (7) Unclaimed prizes and credits shall remit to the general fund of the state;

~~(7)~~ (8) Payments into the state's general fund specified in subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)~~(6)~~(7) shall be made on an estimated monthly basis. Payment shall be made on the tenth day following the close of the month except for the last month when payment shall be on the last business day.

(4) On page 2, line 28 after the word "passage" by inserting the following language: "and shall expire on June 30, 2009."

Respectfully submitted,
PRESIDENT MONTALBANO
LC00096/5

Senators Moura and Levesque discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS- 1: Senator Metts

Senator Moura moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senator Montalbano.

The act is read and passed, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 28 Senators voting in the affirmative and 6 Senators voting in the negative and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS- 28: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Perry, Pichardo, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 6: Senators Connors, Cote, Gibbs, Lenihan, Metts, Raptakis

ABSTAINED- 1: Senator Paiva Weed.

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.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Moura, the Senate stands at recess at 5:47 o'clock P.M. in memory of the Honorable William A. Bowen, former State Senator from the City of East Providence.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, on Wednesday April 30, 2008, at 4:22 o'clock P.M.

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 measures:

Senate Bill No. 2887 SUB A

BY Senators Paiva-Weed, Ruggerio, Blais, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FIREFIGHTER CANCER

WELLNESS (would create a program directed by the department of health to test for, collect data on, and to educate firefighters in awareness of bladder cancer {LC2498/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2286 SUB A (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senators Sheehan, Perry, Sosnowski, Paiva-Weed, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET

EXPANSION (establish a regional health insurance market between Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut) {LC1673/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

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

Senate Bill No. 2067 (Business Regulation)

BY Senators Ciccone, Jabour, Tassoni, McCaffrey, Moura

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- TRAVEL AGENCIES (repeal the licensing of travel agencies)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2262 SUB A

BY Senator Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - MOTOR VEHICLES - DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC1472/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2263 (by request)

BY Senators Bates, Cote, McCaffrey, Walaska, Algiere

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (authorize the tax administrator to require paid tax return preparers that prepare large numbers of Rhode Island tax returns for their clients to file such returns electronically with the division of taxation)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2442 SUB A

BY Senators McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RHODE ISLAND AUTOMOBILE REPOSSESSION ACT (permit notice of default on an automobile lease or loan to be via first class mail/ would permit the time when notice is deemed to be given to the defaulter upon actual delivery of the notice or 3 business days) {LC1646/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2444 (Business Regulation)**BY** Senators Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (increase optional insurance on rental of motor vehicles to 60 days, and would increase total cost of examination of rating organization licensed in the state to 150% of the total salaries paid to the examining personnel) {LC1760/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2445 SUB A**BY** Senators Walaska, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIP - RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT (amend the definition of "branch office" under the Rhode Island Uniform Securities Act) {LC2033/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2446 SUB A**BY** Senators Walaska, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (would create the Market Conduct Surveillance Act in order to establish a framework for insurance market conduct actions) {LC1829/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2447 (Business Regulation)**BY** Senators Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION (combine the banking division and insurance division into a new "banking and insurance" division) {LC1949/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2410 SUB A as amended**BY** Senators Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS (would clarify the rights of tenants in multiple housing and mobile home parks to receive cable television service) {LC1381/2/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2598 SUB A**BY** Senators Bates, Walaska, Breene, Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY-- REVERSE MORTGAGES (create new requirements and guidelines in the application process for mortgagors offering reverse loan mortgages/guidelines for legal action in the event of a default on the reverse loan mortgage) {LC2030/2/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2602 (Business Regulation)**BY** Senators Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (require the filing of an annual actuarial opinion by all domestic property and casualty insurers) {LC1780/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2604 SUB A**BY** Senators Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT (allow nonprofit corporations to file incorporation papers electronically with the secretary of state's office) {LC1638/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 8002**BY** Malik**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF T.M. ENT. INC. {LC2398/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algiere, the Senate adjourns at 4:23 o'clock P.M.

GABRIEL REI
Deputy Clerk of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER B. MASELLI

Dear Lord, keep our vision clear and our purpose pure as we take part in trying to help all of our people live in decency, dignity, and honor. Amen.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008:****1 2008-S 2702****BY Goodwin****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

2 2008-S 2006**BY Felag****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS -- DOGS

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

3 2008-S 2095 SUB A**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES

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

4 2008-S 2256**BY Tassoni****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

5 2008-S 2792**BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

6 2008-S 2027 as amended**BY Bates****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended.

7 2008-S 2232**BY Metts****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

8 2008-S 2306**BY Blais****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE
AND EXECUTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

9 2008-S 2420**BY Maselli****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY
AND BREAKING AND ENTERING

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

10 2008-S 2758 SUB A**BY Levesque C****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCECommittee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and
passage of Substitute A.**11 2008-S 2892****BY Sheehan****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - LOBBYING

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008:**1. 2008-S 2665****BY Goodwin****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

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