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Tuesday, May 13, 2008 &
Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Forty-sixth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable John C. Revens, Jr., President Pro Tempore, of the Senate, at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 36: 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, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Montalbano

INVOCATION

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator DaPonte, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator McBurney and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Harold Miller, former State Senator from the City of Pawtucket.

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Carlos Avilia Sandoval, Consul General of Guatemala.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 3022

BY Senators Levesque C, Gibbs

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS L. WILKEY {LC2910/1}

Senator Levesque requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Levesque moves passage, seconded by Senators Gibbs, Felag and Paiva Weed.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 3023

BY Senators Sosnowski, Paiva-Weed, Miller, Gallo, Lenihan

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING M. BEVERLY SWAN ON THE RENAMING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND'S INDEPENDENCE HALL TO "SWAN HALL" IN HER HONOR {LC2858/1}

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senator Algieri.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. **2008-S 2952**

BY Perry

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN 2010

2. **2008-S 2970**

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ADOPT AN EMERGENCY

APPROPRIATION FOR PROJECT-BASED SECTION 8 HOUSING

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS- 0:

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008:

2. 2008-S 2448

BY Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --
MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF STATE PROPERTY

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator Levesque moves passage, seconded by Senators Fogarty, Walaska and Cote.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS- 0:

3. 2008-S 2599 SUB A

BY Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRODUCER LICENSING
ACT

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Blais, seconded by Senator Algieri, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

4. 2008-S 2601 SUB A**BY Pichardo****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES**

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

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by Senator Walaska.

Senator Pichardo, seconded by Senators Walaska, Metts, Jabour, Levesque, Sheehan and Miller, offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2008 -- S 2601 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2008 -- S 2601 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES", as follows:

On page 2, line 30, after the language "deferred deposit" by deleting the letter "a".

Respectfully submitted,
SENATOR PICHARDO

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: Senators Algieri, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Senator Pichardo moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators Walaska, Metts, Jabour, Levesque, Sheehan and Miller.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS- 0:

5. 2008-S 2951

BY Raptakis

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE AIRLINE PASSENGERS RIGHTS
LEGISLATION

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

Senator Raptakis moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Jabour, Levesque and Sheehan.

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

1. 2008-S 2693 SUB A

BY Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND
THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT

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

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

Senator Blais, seconded by Senator Breene, offers an oral motion to amend.

The motion to accept an oral amendment is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 27 Senators voting the affirmative and 7 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 27: Senators Algieri, Blais, Breene, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Maselli, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 7: Senators Alves, Ciccone, Connors, Levesque, Metts, Pichardo, Tassoni.

Senators Raptakis, Perry, Jabour, Felag, Algieri, Levesque, Breene, Miller, Pichardo, Ciccone and Sheehan discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 18 Senators voting in the affirmative and 16 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 18: Senators Algieri, Blais, Breene, Cote, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gibbs, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Maselli, Miller, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Sheehan, Walaska.

NAYS- 16: Senators Alves, Ciccone, Connors, Doyle, Gallo, Goodwin, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni

Upon suggestion of Senator Perry, and without objection, seconded by Senators Paiva Weed, Goodwin and Alves, ordered to be recommitted to the committee on Health and Human Services. Upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 2 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 33: Senators Algieri, Alves, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 2: Senators Blais, Gibbs

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 tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 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 Ciccone announces that the Committee on Labor will meet tomorrow, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Levesque, the Senate stands at recess at 5:08 o'clock P.M. in memory of the Honorable Douglas L. Wilkey.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable John C. Revens Jr., President Pro Tempore of the Senate, on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Picard, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Forty-fifth Legislative Day of the 2008 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Gibbs and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Malcom Farmer, former City Council man from the City of Providence and Board President of Family Service of Rhode Island.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President Pro Tempore 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 PLANTATION
STATE HOUSE**

May 13, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 35-8.1-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Refunding Bond Authority:

Robert Cusack of East Providence
(new seat)

for a term expiring September 1, 2010.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 8068

BY McCauley

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CANNON & BROWN, INC. {LC2481/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 8097

BY Naughton

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF KATHMANDU, LTD. {LC2615/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

House Resolution No. 8007 Resolution 88

BY Fox, Watson

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2426/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 7961 SUB A

BY Handy, Pacheco, Dennigan, Ajello, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - NURSES (allow certified nurse practitioners to prescribe medicine in accordance with state formulary of registered nurse practitioners) {LC1680/1/A}

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

Also:

House Bill No. 7914 SUB A**BY** Pacheco, Segal, Gablinske, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT (allow small employer carriers to use employer group size as a rating factor) {LC1974/2/A}

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

Also:

House Bill No. 7803 SUB A as amended**BY** San Bento, Kilmartin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION-AUTOMOBILE WRECKING AND SALVAGE YARDS (would require that wrecking and salvage yards display their license number on all business communications, advertising, estimates, signs, business cards and all other written documentation relating to the business) {LC2047/1/A}

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

Also:

House Bill No. 8213**BY** Kilmartin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow Donald Blackwell to join Caitlin Brooke Edwards and Dustin Medeiros) {LC2800/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 8201**BY** Fox**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (join Grace Li and Michael Sherback in marriage) {LC2793/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7897 (Attorney General)**BY** Palumbo, Ucci, DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (expand the list of offenses requiring a defendant to register as a sexual offender, and impose new reporting requirements when a registered sex offender moves his or her residence)

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 8169

BY Jackson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow Franco D'Alessandro to join Caroline Malloy and Vincent Flynn) {LC2635/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7495

BY Segal, Ajello, O'Neill, Williams, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - - SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (require the termination of imprisonment relative to a probationary period suspended sentence/info has not been filed or the defendant found not guilty on charge/specifically alleged/constituted violation of probationary period or suspended sentence) {LC1400/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7221

BY Mattiello, Brien, Gallison, Ferri, Rice

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING (create the misdemeanor criminal offense of "defrauding the administration of a drug or alcohol test.")

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7940 (by request)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS (repeal section 17-1-19 relating to at-large elections in North Providence) {LC2125/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7973

BY Lewiss, Jackson, Scott

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE - PROBATE COURT (require the names and addresses of named beneficiaries who are not heirs at law to be included in petitions for the allowance of a will) {LC1272/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7765

BY Lally

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MECHANICS' LIENS (provide notice of a mechanics' lien effective as to any retainage earned but not paid, for work furnished pursuant to section 34-28-1 et. seq {LC2242/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 8202

BY McManus

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (join Laurie Kiely and Rick Silverstein in marriage) {LC2779/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7983

BY Jackson, Lewiss, Scott

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- CLAIMS (establish past and future child support obligations as a debt of the estate of a decedent due preferentially after the payment of taxes) {LC1302/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 8025

BY Almeida, Williams, Diaz, Ajello, Ferri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (reduce the minimum sentences for crimes involving controlled substances) {LC2459/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7424 (Attorney General)

BY Kilmartin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ENTICEMENT OF CHILDREN (increase the penalties for the enticement of children from a misdemeanor to a felony)

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7982 SUB A

BY Jackson, Lewiss, Scott

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE - CLAIMS AGAINST DECEDENT'S ESTATES {LC1792/1/A}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7984 SUB A

BY Jackson, Lewiss, Scott

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE (amend the rules governing intestate succession) {LC2298/1/A}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7760 (Corrections)

BY McManus

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - JAILS AND PRISONS (criminalize transfer of "unauthorized articles" to prisoners while in state custody at the A.C.I. as well as other state institutions {LC1910/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7764

BY Lally

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE (make technical changes concerning the municipal courts as a result of the recent creation of the position of chief magistrate of the traffic tribunal) {LC1244/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7833 as amended

BY Dennigan, Slater, Ferri, Naughton, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS (allow high school juniors and seniors to be appointed as election officials) {LC2336/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7824 (by request)**BY** Mattiello, Melo, Ferri, Fellela, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (remove the duty of the state board to furnish the several cities and towns with any special professional assistance that may be necessary to assure the proper installation and servicing of equipment) {LC2155/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7580 SUB A**BY** Gallison, Rice, Silva, Moffitt, Carter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - ARREST (would add reserve police officers of any municipal police department to the definition of peace officer) {LC1436/2/A}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator Tassoni, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Committee on Finance.

House Bill No. 7295 SUB A**BY** 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)

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 3024****BY** Senators Blais, Levesque C, Alves, Walaska, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE "INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF ADVOCACY AND SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2008" {LC2918/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

RECONSIDERATION

Senator Goodwin moves reconsideration of (S-08 2693), seconded by Senator Paiva Weed.

The motion for reconsideration is passed upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Senate Bill No. 2693 SUB A as amended

BY Senators Perry, Tassoni, Moura, Pichardo, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (make various changes to the medical marijuana act, including the creation and regulation of compassion centers to aid qualifying patients and their registered primary caregivers with respect to this act) {LC1455/2/A}

The act is properly before the body.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and without objection, read and ordered to be placed on tomorrow's Calendar.

CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008:****1. 2008-S 2599 SUB A**

BY Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRODUCER LICENSING ACT

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

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

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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: Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

2. 2008-S 2010

BY Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senator Blais

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

NAYS- 0:

3. 2008-S 2450 SUB A

BY Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

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

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by Senators Sheehan, Moura and Walaska.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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: Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

4. 2008-S 2050

BY Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - VETERANS' BENEFITS - WESTERLY

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

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

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

NAYS- 0:

5. 2008-S 2939

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Gibbs, Moura, Blais and Perry.

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: Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

6. 2008-H 7683

BY Shanley

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 in concurrence.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin and Sheehan

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

YEAS- 31: Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

7. 2008-H 7852**BY Fox****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HEALTH AND
EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Moura, Blais and Gibbs.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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NAYS- 0:

TRANSMITTAL

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Senator Sheehan announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will not meet today.

Senator Tassoni announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 310 of the State House.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri the Senate adjourns at 4:25 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DANIEL DAPONTE

Dear Lord, enable us to share our own good fortune with those of us who are less fortunate. Amen.

SENATOR ROGER A. PICARD

Gracious God, you are the source of all authority and the power that trumps all others. Guide, protect, enlighten and inspire these thirty-eight men and women with all the resources they will need to sit well in these very special seats. Amen

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008:

1. 2008-H 8068

BY McCauley

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF
THE CHARTER OF CANNON & BROWN, INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

2. 2008-H 8097

BY Naughton

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF
THE CHARTER OF KATHMANDU, LTD.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

3. 2008-H 8107

BY Lally

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF
THE CHARTER OF TAU OMEGA CHAPTER OF TAU EPSILON PHI
FRATERNITY, INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

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Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008:****1. 2008-S 2160 SUB A as amended****BY Blais****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- UMBILICAL
CORD BLOOD BANK ACT

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

2. 2008-S 2481 SUB A as amended**BY Levesque C****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH
CARE QUALITY PROGRAM

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

3. 2008-S 2665**BY Goodwin****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

4. 2008-S 2693 SUB A as amended**BY Perry****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND
THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT

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

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate