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Fiftieth Legislative Day

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

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, 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, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Doyle, Raptakis

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Jabour and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber The Honorable Justice Kathleen A. Voccola, the Honorable Justice Haiganush R. Bedrosian and Thomas Disegna.

Upon suggestion of Senator Moura and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Solomon A. Solomon.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

May 21, 2008

Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Montalbano:

I am writing to inform you that I will be absent from Legislative Session on Thursday, May 22, 2008. Please know I will be out of State.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Leonidas P. Raptakis
Senator – District 33

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

May 22, 2008

Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Montalbano:

Please accept this letter as notification that I will be unable to attend Senate Session today, Thursday, May 22, 2008, due to being away on business.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Doyle, II
Senator – District 8

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 8127

BY Coderre E, Kilmartin, O'Neill, Rose, Dennigan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(authorize the Pawtucket city council to issue full and limited Class B licenses which may not be transferred to another person, entity or another location but which would revert to the city of Pawtucket if not renewed by the holder) {LC2660/1}

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

Also:

House Bill No. 8132

BY Coderre E, Kilmartin, Dennigan, Rose, San Bento

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2009 AND 2010 {LC2536/1}

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

Also:

House Bill No. 8134

BY Coderre E, Kilmartin, Dennigan, Rose, San Bento

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SEWER AND SANITATION SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$300,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2009 AND 2010
{LC2534/1}

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

Also:

House Bill No. 8136

BY Coderre E, Kilmartin, Dennigan, Rose, San Bento

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2009 AND 2010 {LC2537/1}

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

Also:

House Bill No. 8133

BY Coderre E, Kilmartin, O'Neill, Rose, Dennigan

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$700,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2009 AND 2010 {LC2532/1}

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

Also:

House Bill No. 8120

BY Coderre E, Kilmartin, Dennigan, Rose, San Bento

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2009 AND 2010 {LC2535/1}

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

Also:

House Bill No. 8191

BY Coderre E, Kilmartin, San Bento, O'Neill

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENOVATION AND RECONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF,

INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$600,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2009 AND 2010

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

Also:

House Bill No. 7421 SUB A as amended

BY Ajello, Dennigan, Handy, Walsh, Rice

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION {LC1030/1/A}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

House Bill No. 8023

BY Ehrhardt, Lally, Carter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NORTH KINGSTOWN (permit the North Kingstown polls to open at 7:00 a.m. for all elections) {LC2409/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

House Bill No. 7979

BY Scott, Lewiss, Jackson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES - POWERS OF FIDUCIARIES (increase the maximum value of a trust which may be terminated from \$100,000 to \$200,000) {LC1306/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

House Bill No. 7747 SUB A (Administration)

BY Ehrhardt

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (would make several technical amendments in the RI Uniform Commercial Driver's License Act in order to ensure state compliance with applicable federal regulations) {LC1899/1/A}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

House Bill No. 8308**BY** Flaherty, Watson, Kilmartin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow Mary Larson Seney to join Megan Sue Horne and Jeffrey Alan McGuinness in marriage within the Town of Barrington, Rhode Island) {LC2978/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

House Bill No. 7771 (State Police)**BY** Moffitt, McManus**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - AGGRESSIVE DRIVING (add laned roadway to the definition of aggressive driving) {LC1885/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

House Bill No. 8036 SUB A Chapter 14**BY** Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- DEPRECIATION OF ASSETS (allow the bonus depreciation for purpose of depreciating assets and expensing in lieu of depreciation of assets by the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 to apply to any subsequent federal enactment of this act)

Senator Connors requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Connors moves passage, seconded by Senator Ruggerio.

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

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 Bill No. 2211 SUB A**BY** Senators Perry, Tassoni, Sosnowski, Connors, Alves**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (provide that the Rhode Island emergency management agency would institute and manage an animal emergency management plan) {LC976/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2428

BY Senators Paiva-Weed, Levesque C, Moura, Gibbs, Lenihan

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") {LC1475/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2904 SUB A

BY Senators Gibbs, Levesque C, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (would provide that a holder of a farm-winery license would not be prohibited from applying for a Class B license as well) {LC2516/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2953

BY Senators Pichardo, Metts, Miller, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT {LC2732/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Issa, from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2012

BY Senators Tassoni, Felag, McBurney, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2130 SUB A

BY Senators Gallo, Pichardo, Fogarty P, Issa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

(require schools to post a notice advising if there is a student in school that has an allergy to peanuts and

prohibit the sale of peanuts and peanut based products in the cafeteria if an enrolled student has a peanut allergy) {LC680/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2395 SUB A

BY Senators Gallo, Fogarty P, Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- LOAN OF TEXTBOOKS (provide that the department of elementary and secondary education would furnish textbooks to students, as opposed to the school committee in each community) {LC1647/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2426 SUB A

BY Senators Tassoni, Doyle, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SPECIAL LICENSE FOR MOTORCYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS AND OTHER MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLES (would affect the current motorcycle driver education program at the Community College of Rhode Island and would create a motorcycle rider education program) {LC1845/2/A}

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:

Senate Bill No. 2113 SUB A

BY Senators Ciccone, Badeau, Felag, Ruggerio, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESTRICTING RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICES {LC827/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2818 (Secretary of State)

BY Senators Pichardo, Gibbs, Connors, Sheehan, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS {LC1697/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2819 (Secretary of State)**BY** Senators Pichardo, Gibbs, Connors, Sheehan, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER REGISTRATION {LC1698/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2820 (Secretary of State)**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Ciccone, DaPonte, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION - VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES {LC1693/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 3031****BY** Senators Gibbs, Bates, Lenihan, Cote**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING ITS OPPOSITION TO FEDERAL PROPOSALS TO AUTHORIZE INCREASES IN THE SIZE OR WEIGHT OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES {LC2961/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3032**BY** Senators Levesque C, Felag, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC2937/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3033**BY** Senator Moura**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES {LC2896/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3034**BY** Senators Jabour, Metts, Pichardo, Paiva-Weed, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS {LC2916/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3035**BY** Senators Fogarty P, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- DAM MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS {LC2920/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3036**BY** Senators Perry, Jabour, Ciccone, Pichardo, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES AND FINANCIAL REFORM {LC2917/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3037**BY** Senators Cote, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE {LC2974/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3038**BY** Senator Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INJURED AND DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS {LC1444/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3039**BY** Senator Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS {LC2914/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3040**BY** Senators Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC2929/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3041**BY** Senator Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC2922/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3042**BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC2962/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3043 (by request)**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RECORDING OF INSTRUMENTS {LC2915/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3044**BY** Senator Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC2923/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 3045

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

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING DCYF TO UNDERTAKE SEVERAL REFORMS AND TO REPORT QUARTERLY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC2973/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 3046

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE GROWING GRAFFITI PROBLEM IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2872/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3047

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC2986/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 3048

BY Senators Montalbano J, Paiva-Weed, Alves, Algiere, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF JAMES MADIGAN {LC2983/1}

Senator Blais requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 3049**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Breene**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING GREG BREENE ON BEING NAMED THE "2008 TEACHER OF THE YEAR" BY THE RICHMOND GRANGE {LC2985/1}

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 3051**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ETHAN CAFFERKY ON ATTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT {LC2966/1}

Senator Blais requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 3052**BY** Senator Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING HAROLD AND SANDRA SMITH ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY {LC2984/1}

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008:****3. 2008-S 2152****BY Connors****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
LICENSES

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

Senator Connors moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Picard and Issa.

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: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Bates, 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, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

11. 2008-H 7316**BY Vaudreuil****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
LICENSES

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Connors moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Picard and Issa.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, 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, Picard, Pichardo, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, the remainder of the Calendar is deferred to Tuesday, May 27, 2008.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Senator McCaffrey, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation that advice and consent be given to the following:

Nomination of Pamela Karen Woodcock Pfeiffer of Bristol VICE Associate Judge John M. McLoughlin as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island District Court.

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey seconded by Senators Levesque, Connors, Jabour, Felag, Perry, Paiva Weed, Algieri, Breene, Maselli, Blais, Metts, Gibbs and many others moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, 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, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Levesque and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Pamela Woodcock Pfeiffer of Bristol, newly confirmed Associate Justice of the Rhode Island District Court, along with her husband, the Honorable Justice Mark Pfeiffer, of the Rhode Island Superior Court.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Senator McCaffrey, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation that advice and consent be given to the following:

Nomination of Debra E. DiSegna (appointment) of Narragansett VICE Associate Justice Pamela M. Macktaz as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court..

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Paiva Weed seconded by Senators McCaffrey, McBurney, Perry, Goodwin, Felag, Sheehan, Revens, Algieri, Breene, Bates, Gibbs, Ciccone and many others moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, 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, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Paiva Weed and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Debra E. DiSegna of Narragansett newly, confirmed Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court, along with her husband Frank Pescosolido, her stepson Matthew Pescosolido, her sister Catherine DiSegna and her nephew's David and Steven DiSegna.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator McCaffrey, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation that advice and consent be given to the following:

Nomination of Bennet R. Gallo (appointment) of West Greenwich VICE Associate Justice Stephen J. Fortunato, Jr. as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court..

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey seconded by Senators Breene, Algieri, Paiva Weed, Blais, Revens, Connors, Gallo, Maselli, Levesque, Jabour, Felag, McBurney, Perry and many others moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

Senator Blais discusses the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, 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, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Breene and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Bennet R. Gallo of West Greenwich newly, confirmed Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court, along with his wife Kathleen Gallo, his son's Jonathan Gallo an Ben Gallo Jr. and his mother-in-law Angie Lynch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Blais, the Senate adjourns at 4:54 o'clock P.M. in memory of James Madigan of Coventry, son of Kevin Madigan, a member of the Senate Fiscal Staff, who lost his life in a tragic accident. He will be greatly missed.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR JAMES C. SHEEHAN**

Dear Lord, as we reflect on the lives of all who have died in service to our country, give us, your servants, their strength and fortitude to act with integrity and fidelity as we remember them this Memorial Day weekend. Amen.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 27, 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 2096 SUB A**BY Tassoni****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
-- DOGS**

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

3. 2008-S 2950**BY Doyle****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
LICENSES**

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

4. 2008-S 2954 SUB A**BY Goodwin****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.

5. 2008-S 2189 SUB A as amended**BY Perry****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT**

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

6. 2008-S 2283 SUB A as amended**BY Perry****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -**

BREASTFEEDING - PROMOTES THE INTERESTS OF
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

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

7. **2008-S 2912**

BY Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ESTATES IN REAL
PROPERTY

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

8. **2008-S 2961**

BY Issa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE 10A VALIDATION AND
RATIFICATION OF THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF
CENTRAL FALLS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

9. **2008-S 3011**

BY Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL
POWERS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

10. **2008-S 2855 SUB A**

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -
SEPARATION OF POWERS - COASTAL RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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

11. **2008-S 2940 SUB A as amended**

BY Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --
ACQUISITION OF LAND

Committee on Government Oversight recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A as amended.

12. **2008-S 2941 SUB A**

BY Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

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

13. **2008-S 2942 SUB A**

BY Lenihan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -
STATE PURCHASES

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

14. **2008-S 2948 SUB A as amended**

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --
STATE PURCHASES

Committee on Government Oversight recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A as amended.

15. **2008-S 2022**

BY Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

16. **2008-S 2029**

BY Issa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - LOCAL REFERENDA AND
BOARDS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

17. **2008-S 2081**

BY Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF
VOTERS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

18. **2008-S 2112**

BY Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

19. 2008-S 2141 SUB A**BY Issa****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION

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

20. 2008-S 2421**BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

21. 2008-S 2519**BY Algieri****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

22. 2008-S 2913**BY Tassoni****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CITIES AND TOWNS -- GENERAL
POWERS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008:**1. 2008-S 2211 SUB A****BY Perry****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
-- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

2. 2008-S 2428**BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - REGIONAL
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

3. 2008-S 2904 SUB A**BY Gibbs****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES --

MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES

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

4. **2008-S 2953**

BY Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

5. **2008-S 2012**

BY Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

6. **2008-S 2130 SUB A**

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

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

7. **2008-S 2395 SUB A**

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- LOAN OF TEXTBOOKS

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

8. **2008-S 2426 SUB A**

BY Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SPECIAL LICENSE FOR MOTORCYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS AND OTHER MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLES

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

9. **2008-S 2113 SUB A**

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESTRICTING RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICES

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and

passage of Substitute A.

10. **2008-S 2818**

BY Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

11. **2008-S 2819**

BY Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER REGISTRATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

12. **2008-S 2820**

BY Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION
- VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.