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Fifty-Second Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 38: 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, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Fifty-first Legislative Day of the 2008 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Tassoni, 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, welcomes to the Chamber Mary Kinnane, her children Sean, Andrew, Evan, Eileen and Patricia Kinnane along with Sheri Ponte and her children Hillary and Meredith Ponte.

Upon suggestion of Senator Jabour and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Meredith Devine, a close friend of Senator Sheehan's.

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

May 27, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 20-8-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission:

Everett A. Petronio, Jr. of Cranston

for a term expiring January 1, 2011.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

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

Senate Bill No. 2849 SUB A as amended

BY Senators Montalbano J, Moura, Algiere, Sosnowski, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (create long-term contracting standards for the development of renewable energy) {LC1688/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 29, 2008.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2850 as amended

BY Senators Montalbano J, Sosnowski, Walaska, Bates, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - PUBLIC BUILDINGS (require public buildings owned by the state to purchase or generate a sixteen percent (16%) of their electricity from renewable energy resources by January 1, 2020) {LC2464/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 29, 2008.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2851 SUB A

BY Senators Montalbano J, Miller, Algieri, Sosnowski, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (establish net metering to measure the difference between electricity delivered by an electrical distribution company and electricity generated by a solar or wind net metering facility) {LC2465/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 29, 2008.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2852 SUB A as amended

BY Senators Montalbano J, Algieri, Walaska, Levesque C, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (develop an organizational structure to provide Rhode Island with the full benefits of cost-effective renewable energy development) {LC2466/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 29, 2008.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

Senator Sosnowski, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2631 SUB A

BY Senators Sosnowski, Miller, Revens, Breene, Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - ELECTRONIC WASTE PREVENTION, REUSE, AND RECYCLING ACT (expand the provisions governing the disposal of electronic products in Rhode Island. The system would place a greater responsibility for and funding for such disposal on equipment manufacturers) {LC2035/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2771 SUB A

BY Senators Paiva-Weed, Sosnowski, Gibbs, Bates, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PLASTIC BOTTLE AND CONTAINER LABELING ACT {LC2167/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2797

BY Senators Sosnowski, Paiva-Weed, Gibbs, Maselli, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY {LC2168/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2798 SUB A as amended

BY Senators Sosnowski, Lenihan, Felag, Fogarty P, Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION {LC2029/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2853 SUB A as amended

BY Senators Sosnowski, Paiva-Weed, McCaffrey, Gibbs, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (require RI Resources Recovery Corporation to recycle yard waste materials at the highest and best use. It would also ban the disposal of yard waste at the central landfill on January 1, 2009) {LC1861/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 7487

BY DeSimone, Petrarca

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (add public members to the agricultural lands preservation commission) {LC1233/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

Senate Bill No. 2839 SUB A (OHIC)

BY Senator Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - HEALTH CARE REGULATORY RESOURCES (allow the health insurance commissioner to assess health insurers for the cost necessary for travel, equipment, education and training for personnel performing the required functions of the office of health insurance commissioner) {LC1969/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 7281

BY Naughton, Coderre E, McNamara, San Bento, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE QUALITY PROGRAM -- MONITORING THE OCCURRENCE OF PRESSURE ULCERS IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (add the occurrence of pressure ulcers to the list of subjects on which the health care quality steering committee shall advise)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 7724 (Business Regulations)

BY Story

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE (would limit benefits for long term care insurance to benefits specified in this chapter only) {LC1884/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

House Bill No. 7734 (Health)

BY Story, Long

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (would clarify the statute to bring into compliance with accepted standards of practice of forensic medicine as defined by the national association of medical examiners) {LC1894/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2484 SUB A (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Pichardo, Jabour, Gallo, Perry, Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY - HEALTHY RHODE ISLAND REFORM ACT OF 2008 (would establish the healthy Rhode Island strategic plan and chronic care management program) {LC1841/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2673**BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (permit delivery of a compounded drug to a practitioner, for use in the practitioner's office) {LC1702/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2676 SUB A**BY** Senators Gallo, Fogarty P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PSYCHOLOGISTS {LC1292/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 3053**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Breene**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING CLYDE "PETE" FISH ON BEING NAMED "2008 GRANGER OF THE YEAR" BY THE RICHMOND GRANGE {LC2993/1}

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senator Breene and the entire Senate.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008:**

1 Nomination of Mary B. Shekarchi, Esquire (Attorney knowledgeable in land use regulation) (reappointment) of Warwick to the State Housing Appeals Board for a term expiring January 1, 2011.

2. 2008-H 8186

BY Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF DEVEREAUX ELECTRIC, INC.

Upon motion of Senator Paiva Weed, seconded by Senator Algieri, the measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, 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, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, 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 WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008:**

1. 2008-S 2950

BY Doyle

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

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

Senator Doyle moves passage, seconded by Senators McBurney, Issa, DaPonte and Tassoni.

The act is read and passed, 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, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Paiva Weed, Picard, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 1: Senator Revens

2. 2008-S 2022**BY Doyle****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Doyle moves passage, seconded by Senator Perry.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, 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, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

3. 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.

Upon suggestion of Senator Perry, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Wednesday, June 4, 2008.

4. 2008-S 2428**BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - REGIONAL
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by Senators Gibbs, Felag, Bates, Levesque, Algieri, Lenihan, Ruggerio, Metts, Picard and many others.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, 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, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

5. 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.

Senator Gibbs moves passage, seconded by Senators Blais, Sosnowski, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio and Levesque.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, 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, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

6. 2008-S 2953

BY Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Metts and Jabour.

Senators Gibbs and Pichardo discuss the act.

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

NAYS- 0:

7. 2008-S 2012

BY Tassoni

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

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Senator Tassoni moves passage, seconded by Senators Maselli, Doyle 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, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

8. 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.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senators Levesque, Fogarty, Perry, Picard and Metts.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, 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, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

9. 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.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senators Metts, Doyle, Fogarty, Levesque and others.

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

NAYS- 0:

10. 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.

Senator Tassoni moves passage, seconded by Senators Doyle, Miller and Ciccone.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 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, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

11. 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.

Senator Ciccone moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio and Levesque.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 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, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

12. 2008-S 2818

BY Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Sheehan, Jabour, Gibbs and Metts.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 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, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

13. 2008-S 2819

BY Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER REGISTRATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by Senator Gibbs.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 38: 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, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

14. 2008-S 2820

BY Ruggerio

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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by Senator Doyle.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 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, Miller, Moura, Paiva Weed, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Raptakis announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Sheehan announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Doyle 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.

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 Bates, the Senate adjourns at 4:38o'clock P.M. in memory of Casmir J. Kolaski of Barrington.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JOHN J. TASSONI, JR.

Almighty God, help us to so live, work, and legislate that all the citizens of our state may be equally free and aspire to have a high purpose in life. Amen.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2008:****1. 2008-S 2849 SUB A as amended****BY Montalbano J****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS**

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

2. 2008-S 2850 as amended**BY Montalbano J****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -
PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

3. 2008-S 2851 SUB A**BY Montalbano J****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS
-- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD**

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

4. 2008-S 2852 SUB A as amended**BY Montalbano J****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT
- RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

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

5. 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.

6. 2008-S 2519**BY Algieri****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. 2008-S 2774 SUB A**BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES
-- PERSONAL INCOME TAX -- EXEMPTIONS FOR WRITERS,
COMPOSERS AND ARTISTSCommittee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and
passage of Substitute A.**8. 2008-S 2905****BY Doyle****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

9. 2008-S 2906**BY Doyle****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET - TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

10. 2008-S 2923**BY Gallo****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- FOOD STAMP**EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM**

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

11. 2008-S 2924**BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

12. 2008-S 3001**BY Levesque C****ENTITLED,** AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL
LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF
\$350,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH TO
FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS

INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BONDS AND NOTES
ISSUED PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE
RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING
CORPORATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

13. 2008-S 3009

BY Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BRISTOL SENIOR
RESIDENT PROPERTY TAX SERVICE PROGRAM

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

14. 2008-S 2032

BY Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

15. 2008-S 2166

BY Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL
OFFENDER REGISTRATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

16. 2008-S 2231

BY McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE
-- CLAIMS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

17. 2008-S 2314 SUB A

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - BAIL AND
RECOGNIZANCE

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

18. 2008-S 2486

BY Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

19. 2008-S 2489**BY Jabour****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HISTORICAL ZONING

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

20. 2008-S 2517**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

21. 2008-S 2550**BY Connors****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

22. 2008-S 2709**BY Doyle****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

23. 2008-S 2823**BY Levesque C****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

24. 2008-S 2873**BY Felag****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PRIVATE DETECTIVE ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

25. 2008-S 2916 SUB A**BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT

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

26. 2008-H 8014 SUB B**BY Fox****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE**

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

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 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 2631 SUB A**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - ELECTRONIC WASTE PREVENTION, REUSE, AND RECYCLING ACT**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

3. 2008-S 2771 SUB A**BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PLASTIC BOTTLE AND CONTAINER LABELING ACT**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

4. 2008-S 2797**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

5. 2008-S 2798 SUB A as amended**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A as amended.

6. 2008-S 2853 SUB A as amended**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A as amended.

7. 2008-S 2484 SUB A**BY Pichardo****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY - HEALTHY RHODE ISLAND REFORM ACT OF 2008**

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

8. 2008-S 2673**BY Breene****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

9. 2008-S 2676 SUB A**BY Gallo****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PSYCHOLOGISTS**

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

10. 2008-S 2839 SUB A**BY Gibbs****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - HEALTH CARE REGULATORY RESOURCES**

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

11. 2008-H 7281**BY Naughton****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE QUALITY PROGRAM -- MONITORING THE OCCURRENCE OF PRESSURE ULCERS IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage in concurrence.

**12. 2008-H 7487
BY DeSimone**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage in concurrence.

**13. 2008-H 7724
BY Story**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LONG TERM CARE
INSURANCE

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage in concurrence.

**14. 2008-H 7734
BY Story**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF
STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008:

**1. 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.