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Fifth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, Madam President of the Senate, at 4:18 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 Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Fourth Legislative Day of the 2010 proceedings is read in part.

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

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7006

BY Costantino, Fox, Murphy, Carter, Almeida

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- RENAMING THE RHODE ISLAND TRAINING SCHOOL (rename the Rhode Island Training School as "The Thomas C. Slater Training School.")

Senator Pichardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Perry, Lynch, Metts, Sosnowski and Levesque.

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 Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2010**

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF YOLANDA F. ICART

Senator Levesque requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Levesque moves passage, seconded by the Senators Ruggerio, Fogarty and Algieri.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2012**BY** Senators Raptakis, Pinga, Blais, Doyle, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL

SUPPORT (would provide that in determining local school aid, the state would annually provide each community no less than an amount equal to the aid given in the preceding fiscal year)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2013**BY** Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE

(would increase from two (2) to four (4) years the amount of time that state police members can purchase for their time on active duty in the armed services for purposes of retirement)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2014**BY** Senator Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(would change the deadline for applying for a veteran's tax exemption to five (5) days prior to the certification of the tax rolls)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2015**BY** Senators Maselli, Connors, Fogarty P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (would allow Northern Rhode Island Education Collaborative and do not have its own vocational technical program to send students to William E. Davies Vocational High School)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2016**BY** Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(would give cities and towns the option of entirely exempting the homestead of a disabled veteran or his or her surviving spouse from taxation)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2017

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - THE MILITARY RESERVE -- RESERVIST EDUCATION BENEFITS (would provide educational benefits for military reservists)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2018

BY Senators Bates, DaPonte, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION--SALES AND USE TAXES -- ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (would exempt commercial farmers from the requirement that sales tax returns be filed electronically)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2019

BY Senators Raptakis, Maher, Maselli, Connors, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ALLOCATION FOR ART FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES ACT (change the allocation for art formula that state agencies or departments expend for construction, remodeling, or renovation of any state facility)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2020

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE (would allow the Rhode Island National Guard to participate in the forfeiture of money and assets seized through counterdrug operations in which members of the Guard support federal, state or municipal efforts)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2021

BY Senators DiPalma, Tassoni, Lynch, Pinga, DeVall

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES (would require the state purchasing officer to select in-state, or joint venture vendors with an in-state place of business when all other aspects of a purchase are identical)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2022

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - DOGS

(guidelines and penalties for any person that keeps a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise confined without adequate shelter and would add definitions of "proper food", "proper water" and "proper veterinary care")

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2023

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY (would expand the scope of the provisions against unnecessary cruelty to animals)

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2024

BY Senators Raptakis, Felag, Crowley, Cote, Maher

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A MORATORIUM ON ALL UNFUNDED MANDATES

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2025

BY Senator Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON TO ISSUE CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSES (would authorize the town of Barrington to issue Class A alcoholic beverage licenses if approved by the electors) {LC4/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2026

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- REGULATION OF VICIOUS DOGS (would add the director of the defenders of animals or his or her designee to the hearing panel which decides whether a dog should be declared vicious)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2027

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- IMPORTATION OF WILD ANIMALS (would prohibit the ownership of alligators, crocodiles, pythons and boa constrictors. Ownership shall be punishable by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars)

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2028

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO LIFT THE FEDERAL BAN ON SPORTS WAGERING

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2029

BY Senators Cote, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - DIRECT WINE SHIPPING (would permit the direct shipping of wine to consumers under the direction of the department of business regulations) {LC8/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2030

BY Senators Bates, DaPonte, Walaska, Cote, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (would require a landlord to pay a departing tenant the value of fuel oil left in the tank upon the tenant vacating the premises)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2031

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS (would require public buildings to provide designated parking spaces for motorcycles at the rate of one space per total of thirty (30) spaces)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2032

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES (would authorize the school committee of any city, town or regional school district to sell advertising space on school buses)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2033

BY Senators Raptakis, Cote, Doyle, Pinga, Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (would prohibit litigation under the Caruolo Act for the period from January 1, 2010 to January 1, 2015)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2034

BY Senators Felag, Levesque C, Bates, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (would require school districts to work with the Rhode Island interscholastic league to develop guidelines for educating coaches and players in youth sports about the risks associated with concussions)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2035

BY Senators Maselli, Gallo, Ruggerio, Lynch, DeVall

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS BOARD (would change the status of the policy advisory board on teacher and administrator certification to the policy board on teacher and administrator certification)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2036

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORK--SHARING BENEFITS (would modify the definition of "eligible employer" for the purpose of unemployment security benefits by deleting the word "private")

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2037

BY Senators Ciccone, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Lanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- OVERTIME CALCULATION (would require employers pay their delivery drivers or sales merchandisers an overtime rate of compensation for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in any one week)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2038

BY Senators Raptakis, Cote, Maher, Maselli, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (would adjust the minimum wage annually using the consumer price index and require the department of labor and training to notify all Rhode Island employers at least forty-five (45) days before its effective date)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2039

BY Senators Walaska, McBurney, Bates, McCaffrey, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ENERGY INDEPENDENCE (would create the Rhode Island energy independence and climate solutions act which would attempt to reduce greenhouse gases and thus retard global warming)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2040

BY Senators O'Neill E, Cote, Bates, Jabour, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (would repeal the adequate minimum budget provision relating to a local community's share of education funding)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2041

BY Senators Raptakis, Cote, Maher, O'Neill E, Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (would establish the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency for purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2042

BY Senators Sheehan, DeVall, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (the Honorable John J. Cullerton to join Kiran C. Mehta and Richard L. Madison in marriage)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2043

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (would increase the statute of limitations for second degree sexual assault to ten (10) years)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2044

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GRAVES AND CORPSES (would increase the fines to \$5,000 for the defacing or any injury to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, any public statue or monument or any grave site/cemetery)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2045

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (would make it a misdemeanor to make telephone calls and certain other anonymous communications that knowingly annoy or alarm the recipient of the telephone call)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2046**BY** Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS (would permit parents of a deceased child who are divorced, separated, living apart or never married to file a motion requesting the judge to apportion fairly any amount awarded in a wrongful death action)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2047 (by request)**BY** Senator Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY (would reduce the statutory interest in civil actions from twelve percent (12%) to six percent (6%) {LC6/1})

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2048 (by request)**BY** Senator Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY (would limit liability of a tortfeasor to only several damages if it is found that the defendant is no more than twenty-five percent (25%) liable)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2049**BY** Senators Tassoni, Fogarty P, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (would authorize the town council of the town of North Smithfield to establish a municipal court in the town)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2050**BY** Senators Raptakis, Maher, Cote, Maselli, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS (would change the parole guidelines for persons who commit first and second degree murder)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2051

BY Senators Ciccone, Maselli, Ruggerio, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- CODE OF ETHICS (would expand the definition of "business associate")

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2052

BY Senators Ciccone, Maselli, Connors, Jabour, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- SERVICE OF PROCESS (would add penalties to the provisions of Rhode Island general law 9-5-35 regarding interference with service of process in the workplace)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2053

BY Senators Walaska, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS (would provide for the mandatory minimum two year revocation of an operator's license when convicted of leaving the scene of an accident resulting in serious bodily injury)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2054

BY Senators Picard, Felag, Tassoni, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION - CHILD SUPPORT (provides that if a party is activated for military service and deployment out of state that fact shall not by itself be sufficient to justify a modification of a custody or visitation order)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2055

BY Senators Miller, Perry, Connors, Sosnowski, Lynch

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE (would make the definitions of disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression the same as set forth in Rhode Island general laws section)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2056

BY Senators Ciccone, McCaffrey, Jabour, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (would add state constables to those state officers given the protections against obstruction of performance of their duties afforded by section 11-32-1)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2057

BY Senators Raptakis, Sosnowski, Maselli, DiPalma, Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR OR DRUGS (would mandate penalties for persons convicted of driving under the influence within ten ears of a first conviction)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2058

BY Senators Raptakis, Sosnowski, Maselli, DiPalma, Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (would increase the penalties for those convicted of driving under the influence, resulting in death and driving under the influence, resulting in serious bodily injury)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2059

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE GENERALLY (would provide that coverage under an insurance policy may only be voided to an insured who committed a fraud or policy violation and not be denied to an innocent spouse or estate of an innocent spouse)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2060

BY Senators Raptakis, Cote, Crowley, Pinga

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (would allow non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries without becoming an affiliated party voter)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2061

BY Senators Levesque C, Paiva-Weed, DiPalma, Felag, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow the Honorable Louis P. Cirillo to join Julie Ann Bisbano and James Joseph Gillis in marriage within the City of Newport, Rhode Island, on or about October 23, 2010)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2062

BY Senators Raptakis, Sosnowski, Maselli, DiPalma, Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES (would make it a felony by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years and by fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for any person operating vehicle in the state while under the influence of any controlled substance)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2063

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- COSTS (would require any person who enters a plea or is found guilty after trial to pay, as part of his or her sentence, the investigating agencies' actual costs in investigating and prosecuting the individual)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2064

BY Senators Tassoni, McBurney, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FAILURE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT (would decrease the amount of child support arrearage constituting a felony)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2065

BY Senators Raptakis, Sosnowski, Maselli, DiPalma, Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (would require the use of an ignition interlock system, and would be applicable to individuals convicted of various driving offenses involving drugs or alcohol)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2066

BY Senators Sosnowski, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN (would increase the age prohibition of sales of tobacco products from eighteen (18) to twenty one (21) years of age)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2067

BY Senators Raptakis, Cote, Blais, Crowley, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (would reduce the waiting period required for disaffiliation with a political party from 90 days to 29 days)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2068

BY Senators Raptakis, Sosnowski, Maselli, DiPalma, Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES (would require the license plates of a vehicle be confiscated if the owner was arrested for driving while their license was suspended, revoked or cancelled for refusing to submit to a chemical test)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2069

BY Senators Picard, Cote, Connors

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION TO RETAIN THE SIMON CHEVROLET/GENERAL MOTORS FRANCHISE IN WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2070**BY** Senator McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE PAWTUCKET TEACHERS ALLIANCE

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2071**BY** Senators Doyle, McBurney**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CHRISTOPHER R. GAUTHIER

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 7002**BY** Watson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Jonathan R. Wheeler to join Amie N. Sirois and Bradley C. Moore in marriage)

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2010-S 2007**BY** Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF BENEFIT SQUARE CORPORATION**2. 2010-S 2008****BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BREEZE PUBLICATIONS OWNERS THOMAS V. WARD AND JAMES QUINN ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH SMITHFIELD AND WOONSOCKET VALLEY BREEZE**3. 2010-S 2009****BY** Walaska**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DR. DAVID ULISS ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 27 YEARS OF DEDICATED

SERVICE TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Upon motion of Senator Connors, 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: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet tomorrow, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Maselli announces that the Committee on Rules will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senate Majority Leader Connors announces that there will be no session tomorrow, Thursday, January 14th, and will return Tuesday January 19th.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet on Tuesday, January 19th, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 of the State House.

AT EASE

The Senate stands at ease at 4:31 P.M. until the call of the chair.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at 4:42 o'clock P.M.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2011****BY** Senators Felag, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE TIVERTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM ON WINNING THE DIVISION III STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Senator Felag requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senator McCaffrey.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Connors, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Felag and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Tiverton High School Girls Soccer Team on Winning the Division III State Championship, Anna Stankiewicz, Victoria Fryzel, Rachel Lynch, Mary-Ann Sousa, Maggie Masse, Sarah Mauricio, Megan Raposa, Chelsie Ramos, Lauren Benevides, Victoria Pierce, Katie O'Hara, Amanda McDermott, Faith Noberga, Erin Goulart, Jenna Pare, Lauren Hill, Erin Rodrigues, Danielle Caravio, Kellie Simmons, Samantha Rogers, Erica Faria, Melanie William, Ashlyn Cleary, Emily Sando, Samantha William, Kacey Fernandes, Katie Tolan and Coaches Christine Messenger and Kristy Messenger

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Doyle seconded by Senator Algieri and Connors and upon suggestion of Senator Levesque the Senate adjourns at 4:50 o'clock P.M. in memory Yolanda F. Icart.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 4:13 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator **Connors**, seconded by Senator **Algiere** the Senate adjourns at 4:14 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR MARYELLEN GOODWIN

Dear Lord, As we remember those effected by the tragedy in Haiti, We thank you for those who try to make others well and care for those in suffering and pain. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010:

1. 2010-S 2069

BY Picard

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION TO RETAIN THE SIMON CHEVROLET/GENERAL MOTORS FRANCHISE IN WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

2. 2010-S 2070

BY McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE PAWTUCKET TEACHERS ALLIANCE

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

3. 2010-S 2071

BY Doyle

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CHRISTOPHER R. GAUTHIER

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Joseph R. Brady
Secretary of the Senate

Wednesday, January 13, 2010