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Tuesday, February 23, 2010,
Wednesday, February, 24, 2010,
Thursday, February 25, 2010

Thirteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:20 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 37: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Lenihan.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator McBurney and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Robert Coderre and Hannah Coderre.

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Jonathan Stone, Executive Director of Save the Bay, Teresa Stokes and Keith Stokes.

NOW PRESIDING

The Honorable President yields the rostrum to the Honorable John F. McBurney, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, at 9:22 o'clock P.M.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Senator DaPonte, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

The appointment of Keith W. Stokes VICE Saul Kaplan to the RI Economic Development Corporation.

Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senators Paiva Weed, Algieri, Bates, Blais, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DeVall, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni and Walaska, moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given to this appointment.

Senators Sheehan, Miller, Metts, Levesque and Connors discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given to this appointment, 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, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Paiva Weed and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Keith W. Stokes new Executive Director of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Senator DaPonte, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The appointment of J.L. "Lynn" Singleton to the RI Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 2/1/2013.

Also:

The appointment of Karl Wadensten to the RI Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 2/1/2014.

Also:

The appointment of Stephen Lane VICE Alexander Biliouris to the RI Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 2/1/2014.

Also:

The appointment of Alfred J. Verrecchia to the RI Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 2/1/2014.

Also:

The appointment of Cheryl W. Snead to the RI Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 2/1/2013.

Also:

The appointment of Dr. David Dooley to the RI Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 2/1/2013.

Also:

The appointment of George Nee VICE Frank Montanaro to the RI Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 2/1/2012.

Also:

The appointment of Dan Sullivan VICE Keith Stokes to the RI Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 2/1/2012.

Also:

The appointment of Timothy Babineau, MD VICE Alma Felix Green to the RI Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 2/1/2012.

Also:

The appointment of Paul J. Choquette, Jr. VICE Cheryl Merchant to the RI Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 2/1/2011.

Also:

The appointment of Donna Cupelo VICE Kimball Hall to the RI Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 2/1/2011.

Also:

The appointment of Shivan S. Subramaniam VICE George W. Shu to the RI Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring 2/1/2011.

Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senators Felag, Connors and Sosnowski, moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given to these appointments.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given to these appointments, 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, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Algieri and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber, Donna Cupelo, the newest member of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation.

NOW PRESIDING

The Honorable President Pro Tempore yields the rostrum to the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed President of the Senate at 4:41 o'clock P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2238**BY** Senator Pichardo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING "NATIONAL 2-1-1 DAY" ON FEBRUARY 11TH, 2010 {LC1697/1}

Senator Pichardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2239**BY** Senators DiPalma, Tassoni, Lanzi, Bates, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC1292/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2240**BY** Senators Tassoni, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - DOGS (would make it unlawful for any animal broker to sell, give away, or adopt any dog without providing the new owner a form indicating that state inoculation & license requirements have been complied with.) {LC1649/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2241**BY** Senators Miller, Levesque C, Connors**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO CO-SPONSOR, SUPPORT, AND VOTE IN FAVOR OF DESIGNATED PENDING LEGISLATION {LC1553/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2242**BY** Senators Maher, Algieri, Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES - STAR OF LIFE LICENSE PLATES (would make available special "Star of Life" license plates for emergency medical personnel.) {LC1257/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2243**BY** Senators Lynch, Pinga, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY (would expand the scope of the provisions against unnecessary cruelty to animals.) {LC1244/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2244**BY** Senators Tassoni, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE {LC1655/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2245**BY** Senators Tassoni, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE (would add a definition of animal broker to the animal care chapter of the general laws.) {LC1651/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2246 (Dept. of Environmental Management)**BY** Senator Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (would repeal the exemption from the rabies vaccination requirement for dogs and cats only briefly in the state for exhibition or breeding purposes.) {LC1648/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2247**BY** Senators Miller, Tassoni, Goodwin, Perry, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - STUDY COMMISSION ON VEHICLE MILES TAX (would create a study commission to examine the desirability and feasibility of a vehicle miles traveled tax.) {LC1548/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2248**BY** Senators DiPalma, Connors, Jabour, Sosnowski, Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES {LC1684/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2249**BY** Senators DeVall, Crowley, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- SALE OR ADOPTION OF SPAYED OR NEUTERED CATS (would impose a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300) on any entity offering unspayed or non-neutered cats for sale or adoption.) {LC1316/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2250**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - AMERICAN AND ITALIAN CULTURAL EXCHANGE COMMISSION (would substitute the president of the senate in place of the lieutenant governor for appointment powers of 3 members of the American & Italian cultural exchange commission.)

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2251**BY** Senators O'Neill E, Jabour, Cote, Picard, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOKS AND THE USE OF TABLET COMPUTERS FOR TEXTBOOKS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS {LC1271/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2252

BY Senators Sosnowski, Felag

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC1551/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2253

BY Senators Tassoni, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY (would obligate animal control officers to impound roaming or feral cats & would obligate animal shelters to accept them for impoundment & dispose of them pursuant to section 4-19-12 of the general laws.) {LC1654/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2254

BY Senator Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (would allow firefighter motor vehicle registration plates to be issued to certain trucks.) {LC1369/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2255

BY Senators Fogarty P, Sosnowski, Maher, Blais, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS (would provide certain consumer protections to propane gas customers from propane gas suppliers/providers.) {LC1605/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2256

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RETAIL SALE OF GASOLINE (would mandate retailers of gasoline to maintain a compressed air pump at no cost to a consumer during business hours.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2257

BY Senators Sheehan, Goodwin, Levesque C, Pichardo, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- COMMUNITY OBLIGATIONS AND BANKING OFFENSES (would limit the amounts that financial institutions may charge for non-sufficient funds fees, overdraft fees, stop-payment fees and returned check fees.) {LC1631/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2258

BY Senators Sheehan, Crowley, Raptakis, Pichardo, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - INTEREST AND USURY (would repeal the provisions of the general laws which regulate credit card lending, & would subject credit card interest to a max.rate of interest of 21% alternating to 9% greater than the domestic prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal.) {LC1597/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2259

BY Senators Raptakis, Blais, Pinga

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - INTEREST AND USAGE (would reduce the maximum rate of interest from 21% to 12% & the variable rate from 9% to 4% over domestic prime rate. There is a 90 day period for excessive interest loans to be reduced to comply with the required reduction.) {LC1282/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2260

BY Senator Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (would limit the allowed rate of return on investment for PUC regulated businesses to two percent (2%).) {LC1107/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2261**BY** Senators Pichardo, Jabour, DiPalma, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - COLLEGE AND CAREER SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (would require the establishment of clear training guidelines for teachers who will teach advanced placement classes in Rhode Island public schools.) {LC1598/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2262**BY** Senators Pichardo, Jabour, Perry, Miller, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT EQUAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT (would identify those students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition at public universities, colleges or community colleges.) {LC1533/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2263**BY** Senators DeVall, Crowley, Maselli, Tassoni, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- KINDERGARTEN (would provide an increase in the hours per day kindergarten students would be required to attend class.) {LC1314/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2264**BY** Senators Gallo, Lanzi, Maselli, DiPalma, DeVall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PRIVATE SCHOOLS {LC1379/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2265**BY** Senators DiPalma, Tassoni, Maselli, DeVall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM (would require that the dept of elementary and secondary education develop a Lyme disease awareness & prevention course for public school students & all health education classes include instruction on Lyme disease prevention & treatment.) {LC1711/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2266**BY** Senators Felag, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS (would define the mission of the educational collaboratives in this state.) {LC1368/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2267**BY** Senators Pichardo, Jabour, Miller, Metts, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE TAX (would exclude a little cigar from the definition of a cigarette for tax purposes, and would define a little cigar as weighing not more than 4 pounds per thousand.) {LC1618/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2268**BY** Senators Sheehan, Cote, O'Neill E, Maher, Pinga**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 charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste & abuse, & mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.) {LC1596/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2269**BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2270**BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RI COORDINATES HEALTH PLANNING ACT OF 2006 (would allocate matching funds of \$250,000 to the continuation of the health planning & accountability advisory council from funds attached to the 2% annual tax on gross premiums on insurance contracts.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2271

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (would establish a gross receipts tax on small corporations.) {LC1053/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2272

BY Senators Levesque C, Perry, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COMBINED REPORTING (would address the factors required to be taken into account in determining the taxpayers share of the net business income or loss apportionable to the State of Rhode Island.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2273

BY Senators Felag, DiPalma, Lanzi, Ciccone, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (would modify federal adjusted gross income by reducing military retirement pensions from the regular armed forces, reserves, & national guard paid by the US or the State of RI to persons 65 years & older for the purposes of the RI income tax.) {LC1364/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2274

BY Senators Tassoni, Maselli, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- ORGANIZATION AND COMMAND OF MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES (would allow the office of adjutant general of RI to accept & administer monetary contributions from donors to charitable organizations for & on behalf of the RI National Guard that benefit state military programs & military families.) {LC1612/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2275**BY** Senators Levesque C, Perry, Miller, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (would limit the valuation of farmland & other real & tangible property associated with the agricultural operations on such farmlands to \$2,500,000 for purposes of imposition of taxes by the state upon transfer of the estates of decedent farmers.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2276**BY** Senators Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Picard, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (would permit the adoption of a homestead exemption program in the town of Narragansett.) {LC1351/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2277**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Bates, Maher**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (would provide for a state income tax credit of ten percent (10%) of the cost of installing a cistern on one's property located in the state.) {LC1330/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2278**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Maher, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX (would add to Rhode Island personal income tax return forms a refund deduction for a contribution to the Rhode Island Agricultural Lands Preservation Commission.) {LC1248/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2279**BY** Senators Tassoni, Maselli**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS (would give Rhode Island businesses bidders on municipal contracts a priority if their bid is within 3% of the lowest bidder as long as the contract is not funded by federal money.) {LC1366/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2280

BY Senators Sheehan, Jabour, Connors, Felag, O'Neill E

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- AUDITOR GENERAL (would establish a performance audit division within the auditor general's office.) {LC1599/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2281

BY Senators Miller, Connors, Metts, Goodwin, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (would allow students of RI's public colleges & universities with current valid school identification cards to purchase RIPTA transportation services at a discount of at least 50%.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2282

BY Senators Pichardo, Jabour, Levesque C, Metts, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS TAX CREDIT (would create a tax credit for businesses that provide English language classes for its non-English speaking employees.) {LC1590/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2283

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS (would increase the compensation for members of the board of elections and would grant the board sole authority to fix the salaries of the secretary and assistants.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2284

BY Senators Pichardo, Sheehan, Fogarty P, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (would amend the definition of commercial farming by eliminating from the definition the requirement of keeping or boarding 5 or more horses to be exempted from sales and use taxes.) {LC1583/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2285

BY Senators Walaska, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

(would allow the administration of immunizations by a pharmacy to adults and children over the age of nine (9) years.) {LC1338/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2286

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NEWBORN SCREENING

PROGRAM (would require attending physicians of newborns to screen for all conditions for which there is a medical benefit to the early detection and treatment thereof and also to perform an assessment for developmental risk.) {LC1408/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2287

BY Senators Walaska, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RIGHTS OF BLIND AND DEAF

PERSONS (would require movie theaters with ten or more screens to provide captioning on at least one screen for persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, and provide audio descriptions for persons who are blind or visually impaired.) {LC1018/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2288

BY Senators Crowley, Paiva-Weed, Goodwin, Perry, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- WOMEN'S

CARDIOVASCULAR SCREENING AND RISK REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM (would establish a women's cardiovascular screening and risk reduction pilot program.) {LC1406/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2289**BY** Senators Levesque C, Blais, Perry, Miller, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (would extend the moratorium on new initial nursing facility licensed beds and on increases to the licensed capacity of existing nursing facility licenses from 2010 to 2013 and allow for nursing facility culture change.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2290**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- CALORIE LABELING (would require all chain food service establishments to provide nutritional/calorie labeling for all standard menu items.) {LC1098/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2291**BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2292 (by request)**BY** Senator Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (would include naturally occurring rental units which fall within the low & moderate income housing levels in the definition of low and moderate income housing. It would also include units which utilize the H.U.D. section 8 program.) {LC1541/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2293**BY** Senator Maselli**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (would add a definition for land suitable for development which would mean the total land area of a lot including slopes and wetlands, considering the requirements of pertinent federal, state and local regulations.) {LC1569/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2294

BY Senators Tassoni, DiPalma, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- OUTDOOR ADVERTISING (would provide that the director of the department of transportation shall not regulate any on-premise or off-premise non-commercial protected speech contained within any authorized outdoor advertising display along state highways.) {LC1607/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2295

BY Senators Raptakis, Pinga, O'Neill E, Cote, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE FIRE SAFETY CODE (would reduce from 90 days to 15 days the time within which building plans must be approved or disapproved by the appropriate authority.) {LC1386/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2296

BY Senators Pichardo, Metts, Crowley, Raptakis, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE (would establish a "Foreclosure Registry" within the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation and in conjunction with the Housing Resource Commission.) {LC1587/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2297

BY Senator Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD {LC1289/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2298

BY Senators Miller, Connors, Tassoni, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION {LC1263/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2299

BY Senators McCaffrey, Lynch, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- KIDNAPPING (would amend the time frame constituting the abduction of a child prior to a court order from a period greater than fifteen (15) days to a protracted period of time.) {LC1412/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2300

BY Senator Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY (would exempt land held by nonprofit corporations for cemetery purposes from adverse possession or prescription.) {LC1359/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2301

BY Senators Connors, Miller, Levesque C, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - TRAFFIC TICKET QUOTAS (would prohibit state and municipal law enforcement agencies from either formally or informally advocating a traffic ticket quota system.) {LC1372/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2302

BY Senators Tassoni, Felag, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD (would eliminate the mandate that commissioned officers in the judge advocate general's department be a member of the Rhode Island bar, provided there is compliance with the Rhode Island Supreme Court Rules.) {LC1613/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2303

BY Senators Pichardo, Metts, Miller, Jabour, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - IDENTIFICATION CARDS - EXPANSION OF ISSUANCE (would permit the issuance of state identification cards to any person possessing certain qualifications.) {LC1588/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2304

BY Senators Pichardo, Jabour, Metts, Perry, Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE IN CRIME FIGHTING {LC1595/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2305

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY (would prohibit same sex marriages in the state and would prohibit the state from recognizing a relationship between persons of the same sex as a marriage.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2306

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2307 (Dept. of Corrections)

BY Senator Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (would permit chief inspectors, inspectors and correctional investigators to carry concealed weapons and would provide an exemption from licensing.) {LC1489/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2308

BY Senators Tassoni, Sosnowski, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SAFETY BELT USE (would make violations of the safety belt law a primary offense.) {LC1527/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2309 (State Police)**BY** Senator Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING (would add a new criminal charge for forgery or counterfeiting of registration plates.) {LC1457/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2310**BY** Senators Bates, Algieri, O'Neill E, Cote, Maher**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SECRETARY OF STATE {LC1129/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2311 (State Police)**BY** Senator Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING {LC1461/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2312 (State Police)**BY** Senator Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS (would make the statute of limitations for unlawful appropriation ten (10) years.) {LC1469/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2313 (State Police)**BY** Senator Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (would prohibit motorcycle "wheelies", and would add the same to the definitions of "aggressive driving".) {LC1465/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2314**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (would allow the results of a breath test to be given to a person at the time of the test.) {LC1409/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2315**BY** Senators Metts, Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2316**BY** Senators Metts, Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (would allow the issuance of a court ordered certificate of rehabilitation. This certificate would enable those who have successfully completed their court-imposed sentences to more easily gain reentry into society.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2317**BY** Senators Levesque C, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMUNITY OBLIGATIONS AND BANKING OFFENSES --THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATIONS (would amend the larceny and unlawful conversion provisions of the general laws pertaining to when a crime is to be treated as a felony, by increasing the threshold amount from \$500 to \$1,500.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2318**BY** Senators Blais, McCaffrey, Maselli, Jabour, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC1394/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2319

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATOR'S LICENSE -- PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND RESIDENCE (would create requirements for identification and residency documents used to obtain a driver's license wherein a person must provide a document with the applicant's signature and 2 documents providing proof of residency in RI.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2320

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION ENFORCEMENT (would provide that no permanent modification to custody would occur while a military parent is deployed and that upon said parent's return, the family court would review any temporary orders, custody and visitation.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2321

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY (would impose an immediate 180 day moratorium on foreclosures and actions for evictions of tenants of foreclosed property.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2322

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- GRAND JURIES (would require the prosecutor in any grand jury proceeding to notify the grand jury of any exculpatory evidence.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2323**BY** Senators Metts, Pichardo, Jabour, Perry, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - CRIMINAL PROCEDURE SENTENCE AND EXECUTION - HATE CRIMES (would include crimes against homeless persons within the definition of "hate crimes" for the purposes of reporting and monitoring by the state police.) {LC1321/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2324**BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - SENTENCE AND EXECUTION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2325**BY** Senators Levesque C, Miller, Perry, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- RESTRICTION ON POLITICAL SURVEILLANCE

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2326**BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (would eliminate the provision that prohibits classified employees or members of the personnel appeal board from seeking nomination or becoming a candidate for elective state office.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2327**BY** Senators Maselli, Ruggerio, Lynch, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (would include a campus police officer appointed by the board of governors for higher education in the definition of police officer for the purposes of the benefits available for the relief of injured firefighters and police officers.) {LC1264/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2328 (Board of Elections)**BY** Senators Crowley, DeVall, McCaffrey, Pinga, Lynch**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS (would make various changes to the state election laws.) {LC1422/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2329**BY** Senator Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow Deborah D. Hoover, Esq., to join Dr. Elizabeth C. Verna and Dr. Marcus Pereira in marriage on or about September 18, 2010, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.) {LC1687/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2330**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- PROHIBITING THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR ABORTIONS (would prohibit the use of public facilities, public employees and public funds for the purpose of performing, assisting or encouraging abortion.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2331**BY** Senators Pichardo, Levesque C, Metts, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (would protect an employer from an alleged unlawful employment practice suit by requiring an employee to provide documents required by a federal employment verification system law.) {LC1594/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2332 (Dept. of Corrections)**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (would allow the director under this section to access certain arrest, treatment or adjudication records of persons committed to the custody of the corrections department.) {LC1479/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2333

BY Senator Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS (would allow an employer or insurer to recover overpayments made for indemnity benefits by set-off against disfigurement payments.) {LC1354/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2334

BY Senators Maselli, Connors, Tassoni, Ruggerio, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - UNDERGROUND ECONOMY COMMISSION {LC1290/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2335

BY Senator Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (would provide that no petition shall be filed for no loss of time where the incapacity for work has not exceeded three (3) days.) {LC1357/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2336

BY Senators Sosnowski, Sheehan, Maher

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS KEITH MAINE AND MATTHEW MCDERMOTT {LC1217/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2337

BY Senators Sosnowski, Sheehan, Maher

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FRANCIS BURNS {LC1175/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2338**BY** Senators Tassoni, Cote, Fogarty P**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND HONORING THE ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, STAFF, AND STUDENTS OF NORTH SMITHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL {LC1754/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2339**BY** Senator Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING AND ATHLETICS -- BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (would repeal the commission on professional boxing, wrestling and kick boxing; would repeal the racing and athletics hearing board...) {LC1524/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2340**BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- IMMIGRANT STATUS (would prohibit inquiries into a person's immigration status concerning the enforcement of state labor, employment, civil rights and employee housing laws.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2341**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (would eliminate an inconsistency in the calculation of the time frame between the third foreclosure notice publication and the original sale date.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2342**BY** Senator Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS - AGENCY RELATIONSHIP - RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION (would exclude leases or rentals of less than one hundred (100) days where there is no lease renewal or extension thereof for the request of a licensee's providing a copy of the mandatory relationship disclosure.) {LC1091/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2343

BY Senators Jabour, Pichardo, Metts, Goodwin, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM ATTACHMENT, HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AND PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS (would add the cash surrender values and proceeds of life insurance policies on the lives of residents of the state and the proceeds of annuity contracts of residents of the state to the property exempt from attachment by creditors.) {LC1076/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2344

BY Senators Miller, Connors, Ruggerio, Levesque C, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (would prohibit any in-kind service or subsidized service to any person as consideration for the referral of a specimen derived from a human body.) {LC1337/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2345

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - CORRECTIONS (would set standards for the treatment of pregnant prisoners.) {LC1334/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2346

BY Senators Lanzi, DiPalma, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES (would require the department of children, youth, and families to undertake an accreditation process with the Council on Accreditation.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2347

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY (would reduce the time after which a recorded mortgage would be unenforceable against the real estate securing the mortgage.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2348

BY Senators Cote, Blais, Sheehan, Maselli, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (would establish the E-Verify compliance chapter. It would also require all non- governmental employers within the state with (3) or more employees to apply to participate in the E-Verify program and to participate if accepted.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2349 (Dept. of Administration)

BY Senator Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- GOVERNMENTAL TORT LIABILITY (provide that in any tort action against the employees/agents/departments of the state/political subdivision/of any city/town/fire district, any damages that are ordered to be paid shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars) {LC1439/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2350

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS - CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (would require a nonresident contractor to appoint a registered agent (who would not be required to be a lawful attorney) upon whom all processes in any action may be served.) {LC1295/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2351

BY Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Walaska, Lanzi, Felag

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

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2352

BY Senators Ruggerio, McBurney, Felag, Picard, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC1352/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2353

BY Senators Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Jabour, Felag, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - MERCURY REDUCTION AND EDUCATION ACT {LC1237/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2354

BY Senators Ruggerio, McBurney, Goodwin, Walaska

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

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2355

BY Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Levesque C, McCaffrey, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2356

BY Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, McBurney, Pichardo, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2357

BY Senators Ruggerio, Doyle, McBurney, DaPonte, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2358

BY Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Ciccone, Lanzi, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2359

BY Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Ciccone, Fogarty P, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2360

BY Senators Ruggerio, Jabour, Goodwin, McBurney, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- MEDICAL SERVICES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2361

BY Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Ciccone, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2362

BY Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Ciccone, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2363

BY Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS COMPENSATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2364

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Doyle, Gallo, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION - INSURANCE {LC1090/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2365

BY Senators Ruggerio, Doyle, Jabour, Goodwin, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2366

BY Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Doyle, Pichardo, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2367

BY Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Miller, Lanzi, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2368

BY Senators Ruggerio, Jabour, Goodwin, Lanzi, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC1011/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2369**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Doyle, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2370**BY** Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Jabour, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - HISTORIC STRUCTURES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2371**BY** Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Miller, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2372**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, McBurney, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2373**BY** Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Walaska, Jabour, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2374**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Doyle, Ciccone, Lanzi, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2375

BY Senators Ruggerio, Maselli, McBurney, Lynch, Lanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2376

BY Senators Ruggerio, Jabour, McBurney, Crowley, Lanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE PROTECTION ACT

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2377

BY Senators Ruggerio, Fogarty P, DaPonte, Maselli, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - CONSTRUCTION JOB-SITE - SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2378

BY Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Crowley

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

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2379

BY Senators Ruggerio, Maselli, Goodwin, Lynch

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2380**BY** Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, McBurney, Lanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2381**BY** Senators Ruggerio, McBurney, Maselli**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2382**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Jabour, Goodwin, Miller, Lanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - ELECTRICIANS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2383**BY** Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Doyle, Ciccone, Maselli**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2384**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Miller, DiPalma, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--ADMINISTRATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2385**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Metts, Jabour, Miller, Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BENEFITS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2386

BY Senators Ruggerio, McBurney, Doyle, Tassoni, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2387

BY Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Lynch, Fogarty P, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2388

BY Senators Ruggerio, Walaska, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS {LC1543/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2389

BY Senators Maselli, Bates, Ciccone

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE YEARS 2009-2010 {LC1864/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Rules.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2390

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

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GENERAL ASSEMBLY) (would provide for a referendum to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November, 2010 which would provide that representatives and senators would not serve for more than five (5) two (2) year terms) {LC1856/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2391

BY Senators Lenihan, Sheehan, O'Neill E, Algieri, Bates

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GENERAL ASSEMBLY)

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2392

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

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING QUESTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN 2010 "SHALL THERE BE A CONVENTION TO AMEND OR REVISE THE CONSTITUTION?" (would provide for the presentation of the following question at the next general election "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the Constitution) {LC1268/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2393

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - AUTOMOBILE WRECKING SALVAGE YARDS (would require licensed salvage yards to obtain dismantler plates and would be the only authorized entity to transport the salvage vehicle) {LC1622/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2394

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (EDUCATION) {LC1493/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2395**BY** Senator Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- RHODE ISLAND TITLE INSURERS (would regulate title insurance and title insurers licensed to write title insurance in Rhode Island) {LC1609/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2396**BY** Senators Metts, Jabour, Pichardo, Perry, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TERMINATION OF SERVICE (would amend the process of the termination of service to the elderly, disabled and seriously ill by simplifying the regulations and rules and institute rules for a person in arrears of payment and amend the chapter name) {LC1373/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2397**BY** Senators Miller, Bates, Gallo, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - STANDARDS AND DIRECTOR'S AUTHORITY FOR COMPANIES DEEMED TO BE IN HAZARDOUS FINANCIAL CONDITION (would update the standards upon which it can be determined whether an insurer is in hazardous financial condition and the remedies the director may make in accordance with the current NAIC Model Act) {LC1558/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2398**BY** Senator Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES (would amend the "Adopting the Federal Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Lending Act of 2009" by making technical corrections and by ensuring the act would apply to the chapter of the general laws regarding "Licensed Activities) {LC1565/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2399**BY** Senators Pichardo, Goodwin, Gallo, Perry, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - CREDIT UNIONS (would permit credit unions to conduct savings promotion raffles) {LC1777/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2400

BY Senators Miller, Bates, Jabour, Gallo, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (would amend the Insurance Holding Company Act to bring it into conformance with the current National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model Act) {LC1611/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2401

BY Senators Miller, Bates, Jabour, Picard, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION (would adopt portions of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model Insurance Fraud Prevention Act) {LC1560/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2402

BY Senators Miller, Crowley, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (would eliminate mandatory pre-licensing before a resident may obtain an insurance producer license, restore a provision of the life and health reinsurance act) {LC1562/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2403 (by request)

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (would authorize the division of public utilities and carriers to choose to provide public notice of its hearings exclusively through the use of its website) {LC1440/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2404

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (This act would require that all school contracts, including contracts of employment, must be ratified by the local taxing authority) {LC1855/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2405

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEXTBOOKS {LC1270/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2406

BY Senators DiPalma, Jabour, Picard, Maher, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS {LC1873/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2407

BY Senators Pinga, Cote, Raptakis, Maher

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (would allow the town of West Warwick to limit the interest rate on unpaid taxes to twelve percent (12%) per annum) {LC1621/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2408

BY Senators Pinga, Raptakis, Maher

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (would limit the interest rate on unpaid taxes to twelve percent (12%) per annum) {LC1785/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2409 (by request)

BY Senator Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (would allow any member, who retired from service under titles 16, 36, or 45 to be employed or reemployed by the board of elections) {LC1788/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2410

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAXATION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES (would modify the amount of state tax that health insurers are required to pay) {LC1333/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2411

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (would raise the tax credit to taxpayers providing adult or child day care services to its employees or provides real property for child day care services from thirty percent (30%) to seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount expended)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2412

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - STATE FUNDS (would make it a violation for any employee or officer to make an expenditure in excess of an appropriation, or to obligate the state to a contract or an expenditure, prior to an appropriation authorized by a legally constituted authority) {LC1267/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2413

BY Senator Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (would grant authority to the state tax administrator to prepare and publish a list of the 100 delinquent taxpayers who owe the largest amount of certain specific state taxes as provided pursuant to this act) {LC1802/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2414

BY Senator Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (would provide for five (5) year updates and ten (10) year revaluations of property for the purpose of assessment to municipal taxation after the current schedule of updates and revaluations end) {LC1751/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2415

BY Senators Ciccone, Tassoni, McCaffrey, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- OPTOMETRISTS

(would prohibit insurers from requiring optometrists to accept discounted fees for services which other providers participating in the same medical panel are not required to accept) {LC1539/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2416

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE

POLICIES (would make all unmarried children under the age of twenty-nine (29), who are living with their parents eligible for family health insurance coverage) {LC1617/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2417

BY Senators Picard, Tassoni, Connors, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DISTRESSED ESSENTIAL

COMMUNITY HOSPITALS (would allocate a quarter percent (.25%) of the taxes on the premiums of health insurers to assisting a distressed essential community hospital) {LC1525/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2418

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH, RETARDATION, AND HOSPITALS --

MENTAL HEALTH LAW (would remove "general specialized hospitals" from the definition of facility as it pertains to the department of mental health, retardation and hospitals) {LC1604/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2419

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE

FACILITIES (would require inspections of a nursing care facility on a quarterly basis instead of on a bimonthly basis for the next twelve (12) month period following a citation for substandard care)

{LC1875/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2420

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (would remove the allowance for "graduate practice" status for physician assistants, would grant immunity from liability for gratuitous emergency assistance to state-licensed and federally-credentialed physician assistants)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2421

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (would require the director of health, after appropriate notice and hearing, to promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of adopting a system for electronic data transmission of prescriptions for controlled substances in schedule II, III, IV, and {LC1738/1})

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2422

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT (would direct the departments of health and human services to prepare an accelerated intervention plan for dealing with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and would further provide that health insurance policies must cover ASD treatment) {LC1432/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2423

BY Senators Levesque C, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT (would create "The Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Act" which would exempt from liability any person who administers an opioid antagonist to another person to prevent a drug overdose)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2424**BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (would allow a qualifying individual and/or dependent children to purchase health insurance from an insurer contracting with the state for no more than eighteen consecutive months)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2425**BY** Senators Perry, Goodwin, Levesque C, Pichardo, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (would implement a moratorium on new initial licenses for hospice providers, home nursing care providers, and home care providers until July 1, 2012) {LC1808/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2426**BY** Senator Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH, RETARDATION AND HOSPITALS - COMMUNITY RESIDENCES (would waive reimbursement for funds for certain expenses provided to operators of non-profit community residences after a period of ten (10) years has elapsed since receipt of said funds by the operator) {LC1810/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2427**BY** Senators DiPalma, Cote, Levesque C, Lanzi, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT (would establish criteria when advanced dementia care licensure would be required for assisted living residences) {LC1874/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2428**BY** Senators Pichardo, Metts, Goodwin, Gallo, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - COMMISSION OF HEALTH ADVOCACY AND EQUITY (would create the commission of health advocacy and equity charged with identifying and eliminating health care disparities within the state) {LC1633/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2429

BY Senators DiPalma, Tassoni, Lanzi, Pichardo, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT {LC1819/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2430

BY Senators Gallo, Fogarty P, DeVall, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PSYCHOLOGISTS (act would allow the board of psychology the discretion to suspend or dismiss a complaint without a finding so that the psychologist against whom a complaint has been filed may participate in a colleague assistance program approved by the board) {LC1473/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2431

BY Senators Gallo, Fogarty P, DeVall, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PROMPT PROCESSING OF CLAIMS (would require that each health care entity, health plan, or third-party claims processor shall provide for notification to each health care provider who submits a complete claim of the health care provider's right to prompt processing of claims) {LC1474/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2432

BY Senator Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - UTILIZATION OF THE ORAL HEALTH/OVERALL HEALTH CONNECTION TO IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES AND REDUCE HEALTH COSTS (would require the office of health insurance commissioner working with the states health insurance company to investigate and prepare a report setting forth strategies and programs to utilize the oral/health overall health connection) {LC1693/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2433**BY** Senators Raptakis, Cote, O'Neill E, Pinga, Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - ELECTRONIC VOTING

(would require the joint committee on legislative services to make the record of the votes of the general assembly available to the public and the secretary of state electronically within thirty (30) minutes of the casting of said vote)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2434**BY** Senators DiPalma, Cote, Picard, Algieri, Lanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES (would require the joint committee on legislative services to publish on the general assembly website all roll-call committee votes)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2435**BY** Senators Raptakis, O'Neill E, Pinga, Fogarty P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES (would require the joint committee on legislative services to publish on the general assembly website all roll-call committee votes) {LC1123/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2436**BY** Senators O'Neill E, Bates, Cote, Raptakis, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (would repeal the provisions of the so-called "Caruolo Act.")

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2437 (by request)**BY** Senators Algieri, Maher, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HAZARDOUS WASTE

CLEANUP (would exempt from liability a person who in the normal course of government duties provides assistance or services in mitigating hazardous discharge, to further include local fire departments, districts and representatives of the Rhode Island DEM) {LC1695/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2438

BY Senators Blais, Maher, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRED HYDRONIC HEATERS (would regulate the sale and installation of outdoor wood-fired hydronic heaters) {LC1869/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2439

BY Senator Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CLIMATE RISK REDUCTION ACT (would provide for measures to protect and move the state to an active response to climate change impacts, by identifying some of the most critical issues that will have to be addressed) {LC1816/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2440

BY Senators Miller, Sosnowski, Maher, Ruggerio, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- THE DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION ACT (would add new provisions with respect to diesel emissions control in public projects, and would exempt diesel emissions control technology from the sales tax) {LC1494/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2441

BY Senators Tassoni, Sosnowski, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION {LC1518/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2442

BY Senators Ciccone, Lenihan, Sheehan, Pinga, Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (would amend certain provisions relative to the competitive sealed bidding process)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2443

BY Senators Lenihan, Sosnowski, O'Neill E, Pinga, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES
(would require that determinations made regarding state purchases be in detail and made available to the public)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2444

BY Senators Sheehan, Sosnowski, Levesque C, Blais, O'Neill E

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES
(would add certain definitions regarding "construction management at-risk" services to the state purchases chapter)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2445

BY Senators Sheehan, Lenihan, Levesque C, Sosnowski, O'Neill E

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

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2446

BY Senators Levesque C, Sheehan, Lenihan, Pinga, O'Neill E

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

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2447

BY Senators Ciccone, Metts, DiPalma, Goodwin, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE ACT {LC1733/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2448**BY** Senators Doyle, McBurney, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITY {LC1291/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2449**BY** Senators Ciccone, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS {LC1743/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2450**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC1766/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2451**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES {LC1708/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2452**BY** Senators Metts, Jabour, Pichardo, Goodwin, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - COMPOSITION OF SENATE - COMPOSITION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES {LC1398/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2453 (Secretary of State)**BY** Senators Lanzi, DiPalma, Miller, Gallo, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - REGISTRATION OF VOTERS {LC1769/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2454

BY Senators Perry, DiPalma, Miller, Doyle, DeVall

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CAMPAIGN FIDUCIARY {LC1806/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2455

BY Senators O'Neill E, Pinga, Sheehan, Raptakis, Maher

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES {LC1858/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2456

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS {LC1978/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2457

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC1424/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2458

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2459**BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAX SALES {LC1554/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2460**BY** Senators Tassoni, Maselli, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION {LC1471/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2461**BY** Senators Ciccone, Connors, Ruggerio, DaPonte, McBurney**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE YEAR 2010

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Rules.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2462**BY** Senators Ciccone, Connors, Ruggerio, DaPonte, McBurney**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Rules.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2463**BY** Senator Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RELIEF FROM UNFUNDED MANDATES FOR THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN {LC1757/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2464**BY** Senator Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DESIGN PROFESSIONALS {LC1415/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2465

BY Senators Metts, Pichardo, Jabour, Gallo, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES - SCHOOL BUS DRIVER ANNUAL TRAINING {LC1759/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2466

BY Senators Pinga, O'Neill E, Raptakis, Maher

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MANDATE RELIEF {LC1284/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2467

BY Senators Maher, Blais, Sosnowski, Pinga, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - RAW MILK {LC1981/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2468

BY Senators Metts, Levesque C, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2469

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT {LC1789/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2470

BY Senators Crowley, Metts, Lynch, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY {LC1753/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2471

BY Senators Lenihan, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Cote, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2472

BY Senator Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2473

BY Senators Fogarty P, Tassoni, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- EXCAVATION
NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES -- COSTS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2474 (by request)

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - DUTIES OF
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC1472/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2475

BY Senator McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - MOTOR FUEL
DISTRIBUTION AND SALES {LC1355/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2476**BY** Senators Pinga, Cote, O'Neill E, Lynch**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ARCHITECTS
{LC1538/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2477**BY** Senators Raptakis, Ruggerio, Blais, Pinga**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY
PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY {LC1085/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2478**BY** Senators O'Neill E, Bates, Cote, Maher, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2479**BY** Senators Jabour, Maselli, Miller, Pichardo, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE RHODE ISLAND INVESTMENT
INITIATIVE {LC1236/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2480**BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND
SUPERINTENDENTS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2481**BY** Senators Perry, Miller, Jabour, Metts, Lynch**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PROMOTION OF PAPER BAG USAGE {LC1492/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2482 (Dept. of Environmental Management)**BY** Senators Tassoni, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - PSITTACINE BIRDS {LC1652/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2483**BY** Senators Fogarty P, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2484**BY** Senators Pichardo, Levesque C, Perry, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN {LC1775/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2485**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT {LC1768/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2486**BY** Senators Pichardo, Jabour, Metts, Perry, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC1296/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2487**BY** Senators Maselli, Walaska, DaPonte, Jabour, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2488**BY** Senators Walaska, McCaffrey, Lynch, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2489**BY** Senators Walaska, McCaffrey, Lynch, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2490**BY** Senators Levesque C, Perry, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2491 (by request)**BY** Senator Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE {LC1445/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2492**BY** Senators Walaska, Bates, McBurney, McCaffrey, Lynch**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - IMPLANTABLE HEARING DEVICES
{LC1016/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2493**BY** Senators Paiva-Weed, Connors, Algieri, Perry, Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY {LC1567/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2494**BY** Senators Jabour, Metts, Pichardo, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MEDICAL EXAMINERS
{LC1786/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2495**BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT
{LC1556/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2496**BY** Senators Lanzi, Gallo, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - MAINTENANCE OF CITY AND TOWN
HIGHWAYS

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2497

BY Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Tassoni, Walaska, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATER AND NAVIGATION -- THE COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL {LC1755/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2498

BY Senator Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- MOTOR CARRIERS OF PROPERTY

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2499

BY Senators Pichardo, Ruggerio, Fogarty P, Pinga

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS {LC1608/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2500

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MENTAL HEALTH, RETARDATION AND HOSPITALS - INCOMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL {LC1529/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2501

BY Senators Jabour, DiPalma, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS {LC1024/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2508

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (would eliminate the overtime provisions for hours worked over eight hours in any

one day for Prevailing Wage work. It would preserve the "over 40 hour" work week overtime provisions) {LC1283/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2509

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES -- BOSTON RED SOX/JIMMY FUND LICENSE PLATES (would expand the requirement for all hoisting license applicants to submit a valid health card) {LC1293/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2510

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- AUTOMOBILE BODY REPAIR SHOPS (would provide that a customer of a body shop may designate a representative to authorize repairs to their vehicle) {LC1265/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2511

BY Senators Blais, Connors

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GENERAL ASSEMBLY) {LC1716/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2512 (by request)

BY Senators Cote, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (would require all state and local public employees to pay 25% premium costs of health care/dental benefits in any collective bargaining agreement executed with an effective date on/after April 1, 2010 or any extension effective after April 1, 2010) {LC1177/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2513**BY** Senators Tassoni, Maselli, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE (would require animal brokers, as well as animal shelters, to be registered) {LC1650/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2514**BY** Senators Miller, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- AUTOMOBILE AIRBAG FRAUD PREVENTION ACT (would establish penalties for fraudulent installation or reinstallation of an airbag in a motor vehicle)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2515**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES (would provide that no insurer would be required to set or pay an auto body labor rate based on a labor rate survey)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2516 (by request)**BY** Senator Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- AUTOMOBILE BODY REPAIR SHOPS (would authorize the department of business regulation to deny an application for an automobile repair shop license or suspend or revoke a license for paying valuable consideration to any person for referring or directing automobile repair business to it) {LC1561/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2517 (by request)**BY** Senator Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- AUTOMOBILE BODY REPAIR SHOPS (would authorize the department of business regulation to deny an application for an automobile repair shop license or suspend or revoke a license for paying valuable consideration to any person for referring or directing automobile repair business to it) {LC1563/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2518 (by request)

BY Senator Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES (would amend certain provisions relative to unfair competition and the selection of auto body repair facilities) {LC1564/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2519

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (establish standards/procedures whereby a school committee may, within 5 days of a negative vote by an appropriating authority, request non-binding/fact-finding mediation to be conducted by a special master appointed by the superior court) {LC1545/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2520

BY Senators Miller, Lanzi, Tassoni, Perry, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION ACT

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2521

BY Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Tassoni, Walaska, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ULTRA LOW SULFUR AND BIODIESEL HEATING OIL (would create a new chapter called the Ultra Low Sulfur and Biodiesel Heating Oil Act) {LC1606/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2522

BY Senators Miller, Bates, Sosnowski, Gallo, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (would encourage the use of renewable energy resources but protect owners from incurring costs which would be beyond their capacity to maintain) {LC1475/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2523

BY Senators Miller, Sosnowski, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE ACT (would amend the regional greenhouse gas initiative act by allowing for up to \$100,000 of auction proceeds to be set aside to create an incentive program for students at RI institutions of higher education) {LC1510/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2524

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - INTERPRETER SERVICES (would set forth various standards for the department of human services to properly ensure that persons who are not proficient in English are informed that there are interpreter services available in various languages) {LC1262/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2525

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES' HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY INCENTIVE GRANT (would extend the eligibility age of individuals receiving higher education opportunity incentive grants from under 21 to those who are 23 if they reach the age of 21 while participating in the grant) {LC1260/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2526

BY Senators Levesque C, Miller, Metts, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM (would establish a Universal Breakfast Program for all Rhode Island school students regardless of family income) {LC2067/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2527**BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COMBINED REPORTING (would address the factors required to be taken into account in determining the taxpayers share of the net business income or loss apportionable to the State of Rhode Island)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2528**BY** Senators Pichardo, DiPalma, Ciccone, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (would lower the sales tax rate to four percent (4%) and reduce the items exempt from the tax) {LC1779/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2529**BY** Senators Jabour, Metts, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (would require the state to reimburse cities and towns for the loss of taxes on property acquired by a tax exempt entity within the city or town) {LC1514/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2530**BY** Senators Pichardo, Jabour, Ciccone, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL TAX (would reduce the state gasoline tax from thirty-two cent (\$0.32) per gallon to ten cent (\$0.10) per gallon whenever the average retail price per gallon exceeds three dollars (\$3.00) {LC1600/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2531**BY** Senators Perry, Goodwin, Jabour, Metts, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$22,338,000 LEASE REVENUE BONDS OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS BY THE PROVIDENCE PUBLIC BUILDINGS AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR "WARM, SAFE AND DRY" PROJECTS IN PROVIDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS {LC1938/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2532**BY** Senators Felag, Levesque C, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS (would prevent a toll being charged for the replacement of the Sakonnet River bridge and would prohibit transfer of the bridge to the Rhode Island bridge and turnpike authority without general assembly approval) {LC1376/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2533**BY** Senators Felag, Levesque C, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (would prohibit the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority from charging tolls on the Mount Hope Bridge) {LC1360/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2534**BY** Senators Connors, Ruggerio, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES (would include the majority leader of the senate as a member of the joint committee on legislative services)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2535**BY** Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT (would require retraining and/or severance pay for workers displaced due to a hospital merger, and would prohibit bonuses or "golden parachutes" for executives as a result of a hospital merger) {LC1285/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2536**BY** Senator Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH SELF-INSURANCE OF OPERATORS OF NONPROFIT COMMUNITY RESIDENCES AND NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE CENTERS (would authorize operators of nonprofit community residences/nonprofit health care centers, acting as a group to self-insure health care costs for employees/retirees/other beneficiaries and would allow a third-party administrator to administer said progra {LC1809/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2537**BY** Senators Maher, Blais, Bates, Algieri, Pinga

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LICENSING AND MONITORING OF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS (would establish a rebate of licensing fees for daycare centers if unused) {LC1391/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2538**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSION ACT (would provide that no officer, director or senior management employee of any nonprofit hospital medical service corporation or subsidiary shall solicit or accept any pecuniary reward as a result of a conversion) {LC1892/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2539**BY** Senators Tassoni, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT (act would prohibit any hospital, chain and/or network of hospitals from merging when the resulting entity would control or operate more than 50% of the hospital beds or any other specific subset of services in the state) {LC1389/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2540**BY** Senators Miller, Algiere, Perry, Sosnowski, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE COSTS (would establish procedures to provide for more efficient and equitable administration of health care costs) {LC1535/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2541**BY** Senator Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS (would require a nursing home to reimburse any money that has been prepaid by a deceased patient to the nursing home to the estate of the deceased patient within 30 days of the date of death of the patient) {LC1122/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2542**BY** Senators Gallo, Fogarty P, Sosnowski, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (would require the professional provider-health plan work group to develop a method whereby health plans would disclose to health care providers the formularies of prescription drugs covered by the health plans)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2543**BY** Senators Miller, Levesque C, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (would amend various provisions of the general laws in order to provide affordable health care in Rhode Island)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2544

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - HEALTH INSURANCE (would provide that no law would restrict a person's ability to contract with, pay for, and/or otherwise select a private health care system or private plan of that person's choosing)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2545

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (would provide that upon appropriation of sufficient funds and resources by the general assembly the dcyf initiate the process for seeking (COA) council and accreditation standard by July 1, 2011 and submit an accreditation plan by July 1, 2012)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2546

BY Senators Algieri, Sosnowski, Maher

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- REIMBURSEMENT RATE DISCLOSURE (would require all health insurers to disclose the reimbursement rate to hospitals in Rhode Island for medical services, equipment and other associated costs)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2547

BY Senators DeVall, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - EXTENDED MEDICAL LEAVE (would make group health insurance coverage available for employees on extended medical leave) {LC1418/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2548**BY** Senators Levesque C, Perry, Miller, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (would require employers who employ medical assistance beneficiaries or applicants to provide the department of human services with insurance related information) {LC1043/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2549**BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE--INSURANCE INTERCEPT ACT (would require insurers of an accident or loss that occurred in the State of Rhode Island, for third-party, personal injury, or workers' compensation benefits under a contract of insurance, to review information provided by the department of human service {LC1544/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2550**BY** Senators Raptakis, O'Neill E, Maselli, DiPalma, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS (would limit the annual increase in health insurance premiums to the rate of increase in the consumer price index) {LC1080/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2551**BY** Senators Perry, Levesque C, Gallo, Fogarty P, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (would provide that reimbursement for professional providers providing medical treatment of mental illness/substance abuse is determined using the same methodology as reimbursement for professional providers of medical services) {LC1410/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2552**BY** Senator Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH REFORM ACT OF 2010 (would establish a state-sponsored system of universal health care) {LC1343/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2553

BY Senators Jabour, DiPalma, Metts, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT (would authorize a Metropolitan Police District with the cities of Providence, East Providence, Pawtucket, Cranston, Central Falls, and the towns of Johnston and North Providence, giving it all the powers and authorities of the separate police departments {LC1516/1})

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Municipal Government.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2554

BY Senators Perry, Goodwin, Pichardo, Jabour, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS (would empower and enable municipalities to impose fines upon those persons and/or entities who do not restore the portions of the roadway altered by them, and would authorize municipalities to be reimbursed for repaving said roadway) {LC1511/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Municipal Government.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2555

BY Senators Jabour, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- THE METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT (would allow the city of Providence, the city of East Providence, the city of Pawtucket, the city of Central Falls, the town of Johnston/North Providence/Cranston, or any group of those cities and towns to create a metropolitan fire district) {LC1519/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Municipal Government.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2556

BY Senators Goodwin, Perry, Jabour, Metts, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS (would require the state to maintain all roadways classified by the department of administration as interstate highways, freeways, expressways and principal and minor arterials) {LC1948/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Municipal Government.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2557**BY** Senators Jabour, DiPalma, Metts, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - THE METROPOLITAN PUBLIC WORKS DISTRICT (would authorize the cities of Providence, East Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls and Cranston and the towns of Johnston and North Providence to create a Metropolitan Public Works District) {LC1515/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Municipal Government.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2558**BY** Senators Crowley, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS (would include victims of domestic violence who have secured "no contact orders" in the address confidentiality law) {LC1765/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2559**BY** Senators Miller, Jabour, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (would increase and expand the compensation provided to homicide victims under the criminal injuries compensation act) {LC1813/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2560 (by request)**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- THE ESCHEATMENT OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS IN COURT REGISTRIES (would bring uniformity to the state courts' treatment of unclaimed funds by extending the application of the escheatment statutes to all of the courts within the state court system and treatment of all unclaimed funds held in the court registries) {LC1889/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2561 (by request)**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT (would make uniform the process of expungements for certain types of cases and would provide for the expungement of certain records without a requirement that a motion be filed) {LC1891/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2562

BY Senators Perry, Metts, Tassoni, Pichardo, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- EVIDENCE (would provide that expressions of sympathy, statements by a health care provider to a patient/patient's family regarding the outcome of such patient's medical care and treatment are in accordance with JCAHO's standards) {LC1047/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2563

BY Senators Picard, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (would provide a definition for a "newspaper of general circulation" as used in this section) {LC1416/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2564

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (would require in the case of settlements and judgments, an itemized list of the award stating an amount for economic damages, noneconomic damages, medical expense and interest accrued)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2565

BY Senators Ciccone, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF VOTER REGISTRATION FILES (would require all institutions of higher education to maintain and electronically transmit a file or database of names/addresses annually of those students who have graduated to the secretary of state on or before August 15th of each year) {LC1770/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2566**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION (would authorize the labor board to certify and recognize union representatives of public employees that submit authorization cards signed by at least 70% of its eligible employee members) {LC1761/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2567**BY** Senators Paiva-Weed, Levesque C, Felag, DiPalma, Bates**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING VISITING NURSE SERVICES OF NEWPORT AND BRISTOL COUNTIES ON THEIR SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY {LC1870/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2568**BY** Senators Ciccone, Picard, Ruggerio, Goodwin, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING AND ATHLETICS (would establish, pursuant to voter referendum, a destination-style casino resort within the State of Rhode Island, and would provide a mechanism for a transparent, competitive bidding process) {LC1941/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2569**BY** Senators Walaska, Bates, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - UNIFORM RELOCATION PAYMENTS (would require an agency seeking to acquire a petroleum marine terminal for public use, to provide an alternative site which would be equal in size, include truck access to roads and highways and adhere to approved zoning and all site permits) {LC1019/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2570**BY** Senators Sheehan, Perry, Gallo, Miller, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (would clarify that the Rhode Island economic development corporation and its subsidiaries must conform to applicable provisions of the state guide plan/projects are situated on federal land in the Town of North Kingstown) {LC1481/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2571

BY Senators Walaska, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY (would require the Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority to assume control and responsibility of Rhode Island Capitol television, which shall be administered through RI PBS)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2572

BY Senators Miller, Levesque C, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (would create the Home Energy Rate Affordability Program to ensure that utility rates are affordable for households of limited means) {LC1483/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2573

BY Senator Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (would amend the Rhode Island personal income tax rate effective January 1, 2010, by modifying the income levels subject to taxation and corresponding rates) {LC1805/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2574

BY Senator Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (would transfer the costs associated with fire hydrants from property taxpayers to ratepayers by allowing the city of Providence to pass an appropriate ordinance to avoid payment of hydrant rental fees) {LC1523/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2575**BY** Senators Pichardo, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS (would authorize municipalities to provide loans to willing property owners, in order to provide financing for clean energy installation and improvement projects) {LC1509/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2576**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Perry, Blais, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - CIGARETTE TAX (act would prohibit persons distributing cigarettes from inducing a person to buy more than one pack or carton of cigarettes, or increasing the numbers of cigarettes in any pack) {LC1100/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2577**BY** Senator Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ADOPTION OF STREAMLINED SALE- AND- USE TAX AGREEMENT (lessens the difficulties faced by sellers allowing a thirty (30) day window for failing to collect a new tax providing there is no fraud when dealing with telecommunications sales) {LC1801/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2578**BY** Senators Pichardo, Miller, Perry, Jabour, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE TAX (would clarify that a little cigar is not a cigarette, and would include all such items not defined as a cigarette, provided that the tobacco leaf roll, made in whole or in part to make that little cigar, has a cellulose acetate integrated filter) {LC1780/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2579 (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Levesque C, Miller, Perry, Pichardo, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (would require an insured to designate his or her primary care physician) {LC1822/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2580 (Lieutenant Governor)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (would create the health insurance access hub, an entity separate/distinct from the state, but which would operate as a government agency, whose members would serve without pay, to monitor/make available to individuals, private health insurance choices) {LC1824/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2581

BY Senators Blais, Maher

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- UNUSED PHARMACEUTICAL DISPOSAL PROGRAM (act establishes a system to collect and safely dispose of unwanted drugs from households and other residential sources)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2582 (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senators Crowley, Lanzi, Perry, Metts, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (would require that the health insurance commissioner develop and implement standards of certification for patient-centered medical home facilities) {LC1825/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2583 (by request)

BY Senator Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - STATE EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAM (would establish a comprehensive state employees wellness program to promote the improved health and wellness of state employees) {LC1950/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2584**BY** Senators Sheehan, Sosnowski, Bates, Lanzi, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (would make it illegal or unlawful for any person to purchase alcohol or sell alcohol to minors with certain exceptions) {LC1996/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2585**BY** Senators Pichardo, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (would require any mortgagee who is commencing foreclosure proceedings on owner-occupied residential property, to advise the mortgagor of the availability of counseling through HUD-approved mortgage counseling agencies) {LC1505/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2586**BY** Senators Pichardo, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY (would require any successor in interest to a foreclosed mortgagor to meet certain notification requirements prior to evicting a tenant legally occupying a foreclosed property) {LC1943/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2587**BY** Senators Picard, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES -- OPEN MEETINGS NOTICE (would expand the number and type of newspapers which could publish required legal notices of school committees meetings to include daily or weekly newspapers circulated within the area over which the school committee has jurisdiction)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2588**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY {LC1344/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2589

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY (would broaden the definition of persons eligible to marry to include persons of the same gender. This act would also provide that members of the clergy would not be required to officiate at any particular marriage)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2590

BY Senators Perry, Miller, Blais, Levesque C, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (would provide that marijuana must be in an amount greater than one ounce to be a misdemeanor. This act would make possession of one ounce or less of marijuana a civil rather than a criminal offense)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2591

BY Senators McCaffrey, Lynch

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow James Callaghan to join Nicole Marie Benoit and Kevin John Loontjens in marriage within the City of Newport, Rhode Island, on or about August 15, 2010) {LC2026/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2592 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Sosnowski, Felag, DiPalma, Walaska, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS (would enable the attorney general to bring an action in superior court to enforce the public interest in conservation restrictions) {LC1635/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2593 (Dept. of Labor & Training)**BY** Senator Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HUMAN RESOURCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL (would change the composition of the Rhode Island human resources investment council by adding the director of the department of labor and training as a member) {LC1447/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2594**BY** Senators DiPalma, Tassoni, Pinga, Ruggerio, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - LABOR AND PAYMENT BY CONTRACTORS (would provide that each bidder, prior to the award of a contract for public works, would submit to the proper authority a list of his or her subcontractors of any part of all of the work) {LC1734/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2595**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (would require the number of exemptions used to calculate the spendable base wage to be recalculated at the time the employee's exemption status changes when calculating workers' compensation benefits) {LC1731/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2596**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (would provide for an offset against benefits for workers compensation, death or disability claims for this period of time prior to the receipt of retirement benefits) {LC1729/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2597**BY** Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS COMPENSATION - BENEFITS (would require the treating physician of a workers compensation claimant to furnish a report to the employee or legal representative within ten days of request) {LC1718/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2598**BY** Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--BENEFITS (would increase the additional workers' compensation paid for specific injuries) {LC1732/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2599**BY** Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - BENEFITS (would not allow a petition to reduce an employee's weekly benefits until a final determination of maximum medical improvement has been rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction) {LC1747/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2600**BY** Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - BENEFITS (would require that the cost of transportation for an injured worker to and from health care providers as a workers' compensation benefit be paid for by or reimbursed to the injured worker) {LC1722/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2601**BY** Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- PROCEDURES (would require employers, insurance companies and third-party administrators to make a written demand upon employees and their attorneys (21) days before filing a petition when there is a dispute involving compensation or other obligations) {LC1724/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2602**BY** Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--PROCEDURE (would provide that the attorney for an injured worker shall be entitled to a counsel fee reasonably compensating him or her for the services he or she rendered on behalf of the injured worker in securing the relief sought) {LC1728/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2603**BY** Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - CERTIFIED SCHOOL TEACHERS ARBITRATION (would provide that if a successor collective bargaining agreement has not been agreed to by the parties, then the terms and conditions of the old teachers contract would remain in full force and effect until a new agreement is reached) {LC1746/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2604 (Dept. of Labor & Training)**BY** Senators Ciccone, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (would require prevailing wage contractors and subcontractors to file their payroll records with the public works project's awarding authority and to do so with a department of labor and training issued form) {LC1458/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2605 (Dept. of Labor and Training)

BY Senators Ciccone, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR PAYMENT OF DEBTS

BY CONTRACTORS (would require individuals, contractors and subcontractors to obtain information, such as the applicable prevailing wage rate schedule and poster, from the department of labor and training's website) {LC1484/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2606 (Dept. of Labor and Training)

BY Senators Ciccone, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MECHANICAL TRADES (would increase the fines that the director of labor may impose on mechanical trade licensees for violations) {LC1455/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2607 (Dept. of Labor & Training)

BY Senators Ciccone, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (would include persons who remove debris from public works sites in the definition of "employee" with respect to prevailing wage requirements) {LC1467/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2608 (Dept. of Labor and Training)

BY Senators Ciccone, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS - PREVAILING WAGE (act would eliminate the overtime provisions for hours worked over eight hours in any one day for Prevailing Wage work. It would preserve the "over 40 hour" work week overtime provisions) {LC1463/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2609 (Dept. of Labor and Training)

BY Senators Ciccone, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HOISTING ENGINEERS (would expand the requirement for all hoisting license applicants to submit a valid health card) {LC1452/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2610 (Dept. of Labor and Training)

BY Senators Ciccone, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HOISTING ENGINEERS (would increase the penalty for repeat violations by hoisting engineer licensees) {LC1449/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2611

BY Senator Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (would allow the Town of Smithfield to adopt an ordinance which would require the registration of any business entity that maintains a place of business within the town, and to require the payment of registration fees) {LC1241/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Municipal Government.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Amanda Heinsen, Keri Greenwalt, Jennifer Watson, Paula Manseau, Chris Medicci and Kathryn Tavares.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. **Nomination of Edward P. Morrone (appointment) of Westerly as Clerk of the Superior Court for Kent County for a term expiring February 1, 2011.**
2. **Nomination of Mario G. Carlino (appointment) of Cranston VICE Richard M. Oster to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2013.**

3. **2010-S 2004**
BY McBurney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
4. **2010-S 2042**
BY Sheehan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
5. **2010-S 2061**
BY Levesque C
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
6. **2010-S 2084**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
7. **2010-S 2085**
BY Maselli
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
8. **2010-S 2086**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
9. **2010-S 2087**
BY Picard
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
10. **2010-S 2089**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
11. **2010-S 2237**
BY Paiva-Weed
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF
THE CHARTER OF RIVEN ROCK, INC.
12. **2010-H 7002**
BY Watson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
13. **2010-H 7017**
BY Ehrhardt
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
14. **2010-H 7018**
BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

15. 2010-H 7019

BY Melo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

16. 2010-H 7020

BY Marcello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

17. 2010-H 7039

BY Gallison

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

18. 2010-H 7043

BY Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

19. 2010-H 7052

BY Ucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

20. 2010-H 7053

BY Kilmartin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

21. 2010-H 7115

BY Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

22. 2010-H 7116

BY Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

23. 2010-H 7125

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

24. 2010-H 7303

BY Winfield

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Upon motion of Senate Majority Leader Connors, seconded by Senators DaPonte and McCaffrey, 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, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Connors announces that on February 15, Senators Felag and DaPonte will celebrate their birthdays.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Connors, seconded by Senators McCaffrey and Goodwin, the Senate stands at recess at 4:50 o'clock P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Exeter Job Corps Academy Student Government Association: President Joshua Rodriguez; Vice President, Tatyana Santos; Secretary, Makayla Foulk; Chief Justice, Dennis Yang; Sergeant-At-Arms, Jaquille Lindsey; Dorm Justice-Males, John Amaral; Green Officer, Leif Carlson; Dorm Justice-Females, Mariah Barr; Deputy Center Director, Linda Soderberg; CD Admin. Assistant, Kathy Lombardi.

Upon suggestion of Senator Connors and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber members of Mercymount Country Day School who are being recognized for converting a 1998 Saturn to electric power: Patrick Collins and Jarred Lorusso, students, who were accompanied by parents Marianne and Matthew Collins, and Leslie and Gerry Lorusso; Sr. Martha Mulligan, Principal; John Mongillo, Science Teacher; Jim Lynch, Mechanic; Lisa Lydon, Director of Development.

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Diana Polanco from Dr. Jorge Alvarez High School; Dilainy Abreu, Genesis Sanchez, Yoeli Duran, from William B. Cooley Health, Science and Technology High School.

APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President presents the following communication from His Excellency, the Governor, transmitting the following appointment and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:

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

February 12, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution entitled Judicial Selection, I have made the following appointment as Chief Judge of the Rhode Island District Court:

JEANNE ELLEN LAFAZIA

VICE

Chief Judge Albert E. DeRobbio

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

February 23, 2010

The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate
317 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madame President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the chamber from Tuesday, February 23, 2010 through Thursday, February 25, 2010.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator J. Michael Lenihan
Senate District 35

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 measure:

House Resolution No. 7253

BY Palumbo, Naughton

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Read and ordered to be placed to the Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. **2010-S 2336**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS KEITH MAINE AND MATTHEW MCDERMOTT
2. **2010-S 2337**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES
ON THE PASSING OF FRANCIS BURNS
3. **2010-S 2338**
BY Tassoni
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND HONORING THE
ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, STAFF, AND STUDENTS OF
NORTH SMITHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Lanzi, Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010:**

1. **2010-S 2083 as amended**
BY Fogarty P
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Committee on Labor recommends passage as amended.

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Connors, Bates, Blais and Ciccone.

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

YEAS- 33: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Lanzi, Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, 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 Gallo announces that the Committee on Education will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet on Thursday, February 25th, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 of the State House.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Doyle, seconded by Senator Connors, the Senate stands at recess at 4:31 o'clock P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 4:24 o'clock P.M.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Jennifer Buckley, Carly Buckley, Ryan Buckley, Ben Buckley and Danny Buckley.

Upon suggestion of Senator Metts and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Mrs. Elizabeth Carson, a family mentor, friend and constituent, and Mrs. Jean Gibb, wife of Deacon Clarence Gibb.

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Mrs. Dayus Metts, wife of Senator Metts. Mrs. Metts is a retired Providence teacher with 32 years of service as a former Elementary school teacher; reading specialist; and head of the guidance department at Roger Williams Middle School.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

February 24, 2010

Senate President M. Teresa Paiva Weed
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President:

Due to the necessity of attending to responsibilities necessitated by a family health matter, I will be unable to attend today's legislative session.

I would greatly appreciate the submission of this letter for recording in the Senate Journal.

Sincerely,

Marc A. Cote
Senator, District 24

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2502

BY Senators Lanzi, DiPalma, Jabour, Pichardo, Ciccone

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 22ND THROUGH FEBRUARY 26TH, 2010, TO BE "CHESS AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Senator Lanzi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lanzi moves passage, seconded by Senators Lynch, Pichardo, Metts, Pinga, Blais, Algieri, Connors, DaPonte, DeVall, Gallo, Crowley and DiPalma.

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

YEAS- 33: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Crowley, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Lanzi and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber members from "Ocean State Chess", Mr. Stephen Moore, Ms. Ana Ozoria, and Miss Sofia Lanzi.

Upon suggestion of Senator Lynch and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber members from the "Greenwood Elementary Chess Team" of Warwick, RI, Andrew Whitehead, Katherine Cousman, Rosemary Hunter, Kate Barrett, Elizabeth Barrett, Erin O'Toole, Fredrick Choi, Riley Costello, Olivia DeGuetano, Carly Buckley, Ryan Buckley along with Ms. Rosemary Hunter, Principal, Ms. Jennifer Whitehead, PTA and Mr. Robert Barrett, PTA.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2503

BY Senators Paiva Weed, Connors, Felag, Levesque C, DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ORACLE CEO LARRY ELLISON AND THE BMW ORACLE RACING TEAM ON WINNING THE 33RD AMERICAS CUP COMPETITION {LC1947/1}

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators O'Neill, Maher, Blais, Levesque and Felag.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Doyle, seconded by Senators Connors and Algiere, the Senate stands at recess at 4:32 o'clock P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 4:14 o'clock P.M.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2504

BY Senators Picard, Metts, DeVall, Sheehan, Gallo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28TH THROUGH MARCH 7TH, 2010, AS "SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1939/1}

Senator Picard requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Picard moves passage, seconded by Senators Metts, Miller, Gallo and Pichardo.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2505**BY** Senators Pichardo, Metts**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 166TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2010 {LC2011/1}

Senator Pichardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2506**BY** Senators Paiva Weed, Crowley, Gallo, Goodwin, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY AND PROCLAIMING MARCH 10TH, 2010, TO BE "LWVRI MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2006/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2507**BY** Senators Paiva Weed, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING C. KEVIN DONOVAN ON BEING NAMED THE 2010 "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR" BY THE NEWPORT LODGE OF ELKS {LC2007/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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

TRANSFER OF BILLS

Senator Gallo, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Education to the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 2262

BY Senators Pichardo, Jabour, Perry, Miller, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT EQUAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT (would identify those students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition at public universities, colleges or community colleges.) {LC1533/1}

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:24 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR FRANK A. DeVALL, Jr.**

Lord, we ask you to keep us safe and healthy over the vacation break, and allow us to return refreshed so we may continue to serve in the best interests of our people. Amen.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR LOUIS P. DiPALMA**

Dear God, we have so much for which we are thankful, for this beautiful state which we live in, for the resources you have given us, for your protection and guidance of all the members of this Senate, as we strive for the public's welfare. Amen.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR PAUL W. FOGARTY**

Dear Lord, show us how to cooperate with each other in sharing our individual talents. Remind us that working together in a unified effort provides us with strength and produces desired end results. Amen.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR WALTER S. FELAG, Jr.**

Almighty God, whose servants we are, may our work today and throughout the remainder of this legislative session be guided to truly serve the people we represent, and be ever mindful of the effect our actions and decisions have on those we serve. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010:****1. 2010-S 2506****BY Paiva-Weed**

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY AND PROCLAIMING MARCH 10TH, 2010, TO BE "LWVRI MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2010-S 2507**BY Paiva-Weed**

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING C. KEVIN DONOVAN ON BEING NAMED THE 2010 "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR" BY THE NEWPORT LODGE OF ELKS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

3. 2010-S 2567**BY Paiva-Weed**

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING VISITING NURSE SERVICES OF NEWPORT AND BRISTOL COUNTIES ON THEIR SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.