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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 34: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 2: Senators Bates, DaPonte.

**INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senators Algieri and Perry and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Donna Walsh, former State Senator from Charlestown.

Upon suggestion of Senator Alves and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Donna Cupelo, President, Verizon RI, Todd Sanislow, General Manager, Verizon Information Services, Lou Laste, Verizon Director of Community Relations and Mark Brunero, who are here celebrating 5 years of distributing books to children through the Books Are Wings program.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the return of the Senate's star page, Kathy Flynn, who is back to work after an extended sick leave.

Upon suggestion of Senator Perry and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Wendy Harvey or Jamestown, State President of the State Business Professional Women's Club.

**COMMUNICATION**

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

April 20, 2004

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, April 20, Wednesday, April 21, and Thursday, April 22, as I will be traveling out of state.

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

Thanks you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Daniel Da Ponte

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

April 16, 2004

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be out of state on business during the week of April 19-23, 2004, and thus, will be absent from any Senate sessions held during that time. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,  
David E. Bates  
DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

**Senate Bill No. 2047** SUB A

**BY** Senators Tassoni, Connors, Lanzi, Roberts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2134** SUB A

**BY** Senators Polisena, McCaffrey, Tassoni, Ciccone, Badeau

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - NURSES

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2315** SUB A

**BY** Senators Pichardo, DaPonte, Polisena, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - NURSES

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2382** SUB A (Dept. of Health)

**BY** Senators Blais, Parella

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2412** SUB A

**BY** Senators Roberts, Polisena

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2542** SUB A (Lt. Governor)

**BY** Senators Gallo, Goodwin, Roberts, Connors, Gibbs

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2636** SUB A (Dept. of Children, Youth and Families)

**BY** Senators Roberts, Issa, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CERTIFICATION OF CHILD CARE AND YOUTH WORKERS

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2680** SUB A

**BY** Senators Alves, McBurney, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSING POOLS

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2681** SUB A  
**BY** Senators Blais  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2814** SUB A (Dept. of Business Regulation)  
**BY** Senators Gibbs, Parella  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

#### **COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

Senator Badeau, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 2447** SUB A as amended  
**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Lanzi, Badeau, Paiva-Weed, Pichardo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SAFETY AWARENESS

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2778** SUB A  
**BY** Senators Ruggerio, DaPonte, Ciccone, Lanzi, Goodwin  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (transporting chemicals)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

#### **FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**House Bill No. 8282**  
**BY** Rose, Dennigan, Savage, Coogan, Moura  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES.

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

### NEW BUSINESS

**Senate Resolution No. 3041****BY** Senator Perry**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 20, 2004 AS "RHODE ISLAND PAY EQUITY DAY".

Senator Perry requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Perry moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 3042****BY** Senators Sosnowski, Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND'S PRESIDENT ROBERT L. CAROTHERS ON RECEIVING THE PRESIDENTS LEADERSHIP GROUP AWARD.

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

### CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2004:**

Upon Suggestion of Senator Paiva-Weed, and without objection, the following item is removed from the calendar for Wednesday, April 21, 2004 and placed before the body.

**Senate Bill No. 2564****BY** Senator Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES.

Senator Paiva-Weed requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Paiva-Weed moves passage, seconded by Senator Gallo.

The act is read and passed, upon 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 Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

**1 2004-S 2250**

**BY Algieri**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Algieri, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the desk.

**2 2004-S 2154**

**BY Walaska**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends passage.

Senator Walaska moves passage, seconded by Senators Gallo.

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

YEAS- 31: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

**4 2004-S 2597**

**BY Gallo**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES  
AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senators Issa, Fogarty, Lenihan, Paiva-Weed and others.

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

YEAS- 34: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

**5 2004-S 2824**

**BY Felag**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senators Issa, Parella and Polisena.

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 Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Badeau, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

**6 2004-S 2963**

**BY Breene**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS -  
EXETER - WEST GREENWICH**

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Senator Breene moves passage, seconded by Senators Blais and Issa.

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 Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.



NAYS- 0:

**7 2004-S 2113**

**BY Walaska**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT  
COUNCIL -- ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Senator Walaska moves passage, seconded by Senators Sosnowski.

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

YEAS- 34: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

**8 2004-S 2293**

**BY Bates**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CITIES AND TOWNS -- DAM  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be recommitted to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**9 2004-S 2330**

**BY Breene**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO DEER HUNTING

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Senator Breene moves passage, seconded by Senators Sosnowski, Blais, Damiani, Polisena, Ciccone and Tassoni.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 2 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 34: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 2: Senators McBurney, Perry

**10 2004-S 2687**

**BY Roberts**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS  
-- ADAPTIVE TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM  
COMMITTEE

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Walaska, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, April 22, 2004

**3 2004-S 2223**

**BY Blais**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FREEWAYS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Blais, seconded by Senators Breene, offers the following written motion to amend.

**F L O O R   A M E N D M E N T**

TO

2004 -- S 2223

AN ACT RELATING TO FREEWAYS

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2004 -- S 2223, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO FREEWAYS", as follows:

- (1) On page 1, line 5, by deleting the words and figures "less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), or not";
- (2) On page 1, lines 5 and 6, by reinstating the words and figures "fifty dollars (\$50.00)" after the words "more than";
- (3) On page 1, line 6, by deleting the words and figures "one thousand dollars (\$1,000)" and substituting

the following in place thereof:

“;provided, further that anyone backing up on any interstate highway into a traffic lane shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)”.

Respectfully submitted,  
SENATOR LEO R. BLAIS

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 31 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS- 31: Senators Algieri, Alves, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

ABSTAINED- 1:Senator Montalbano.

Senator Blais moves passage of the act as amended, seconded by Senators Breene and Damiani.

Senators Lenihan, Blais and Felag, discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS- 30: Senators Algieri, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 1: Senator Felag.

ABSTAINED- 1: Senator Montalbano.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### TRANSFER OF BILLS

Senator McCaffrey, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:

**Senate Bill No. 2792**

**BY** Senators Caprio F, Ciccone, Pichardo, DaPonte, Goodwin  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- PRACTICE  
IN PROBATE COURTS.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Senator Goodwin announces that the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues will meet on Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 of the State House.

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

Senator Ciccone announces that the Committee on Labor will meet on Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at 2:30 o'clock P.M. in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Sheehan announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet on Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 of the State House and at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Walaska announces that the Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues will meet on Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Issa announces that the Committee on Education will meet on Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:46 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR HANNA M. GALLO**

As we reconvene in the Senate Chamber, let us once again contemplate our reasons for being here. Let us also ask of our Creator that he bestow special blessings today on us all and properly guide us in serving the people of our State. Amen.

**Appendix****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2004:**

- 1 Appointment of Leonard Gemma (Representing Master Plumbers) of Lincoln VICE John Cronin, Jr. (resigned) to the State Building Codes Standards Committee for a term expiring May 1, 2006.

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this appointment.

- 2 Appointment of Joseph Kimball of East Greenwich VICE Bradley J. Waugh (resigned) to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2005.

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this appointment.

- 3 **2004-S 2270**

**BY Algieri**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
OPERATION OF BICYCLES**

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

- 4 **2004-S 2674 SUB A**

**BY Breene**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE  
ACT**

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

- 5 **2004-S 2726**

**BY McCaffrey**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND  
PARTNERSHIPS**

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

- 6 **2004-S 2776 SUB A**

**BY Ruggerio**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -  
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS**

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**7 2004-S 2097 SUB A**

**BY Sosnowski**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GROUND WATER PROTECTION**

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

**8 2004-S 2198**

**BY Gibbs**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND  
WORKS-LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

**9 2004-S 2975**

**BY Sosnowski**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY --  
AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

**10 2004-S 2396**

**BY Lenihan**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --  
MERIT SYSTEM**

Committee on Government Oversight recommends passage.

**11 2004-S 2193 SUB A**

**BY Ciccone**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS -- APPOINTMENTS**

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

**12 2004-S 2231 SUB A**

**BY McCaffrey**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - UNIFORM  
BOAT TITLE ACT**

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

**13 2004-S 2303 as amended****BY Breene****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended.

**14 2004-S 2403****BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MECHANICS' LIENS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**15 2004-S 2477****BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION PAPERS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**16 2004-S 2482****BY Raptakis****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**17 2004-S 2574****BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**18 2004-S 2584****BY Polisena****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REFERENDA ELECTIONS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**19 2004-S 2854****BY Lenihan****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF  
ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**20 2004-S 2857****BY Lenihan****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - BALLOT SECURITY AND  
STORAGE**



Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**21 2004-S 2858**

**BY Lenihan**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- TABULATION AND  
CERTIFICATION OF RETURNS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**22 2004-S 2861 as amended**

**BY Felag**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING  
AUTHORITY

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended.

**23 2004-S 2934**

**BY DaPonte**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --  
PROCEDURE GENERALLY

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**24 2004-S 2950**

**BY Polisena**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**25 2004-S 2971**

**BY Fogarty P**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELIMINATION OF SCHOOL  
COMMITTEE PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF  
GLOCESTER, RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2004:**

**1 2004-S 2687**

**BY Roberts**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS  
-- ADAPTIVE TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM  
COMMITTEE

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends passage.

**2 2004-S 2101****BY Cote**

**ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING QUESTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN 2004: "SHALL THERE BE A CONVENTION TO AMEND OR REVISE THE CONSTITUTION?"

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

**3 2004-S 2047 SUB A****BY Tassoni**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS

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

**4 2004-S 2134 SUB A****BY Polisena**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - NURSES

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

**5 2004-S 2315 SUB A****BY Pichardo**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - NURSES

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

**6 2004-S 2382 SUB A****BY Blais**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

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

**7 2004-S 2412 SUB A****BY Roberts**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS

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

**8 2004-S 2542 SUB A**

**BY Gallo**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY**

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

**9 2004-S 2636 SUB A**

**BY Roberts**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CERTIFICATION OF CHILD CARE AND YOUTH WORKERS**

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

**10 2004-S 2680 SUB A**

**BY Alves**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSING POOLS**

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

**11 2004-S 2681 SUB A**

**BY Blais**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICAL THERAPISTS**

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

**12 2004-S 2814 SUB A**

**BY Gibbs**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE**

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

**13 2004-S 2447 SUB A as amended**

**BY Ruggerio**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SAFETY AWARENESS**

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

**14 2004-S 2778 SUB A**

**BY Ruggiero**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY**

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

Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr.  
*Secretary of the Senate*