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Thirty-fourth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 33 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 33: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, 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 – 3: Senators Bates, Blais, DaPonte.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Wednesday, April 21, 2004 proceedings is read in part.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Senator Caprio, from the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2081 SUB A (by request)

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES {LC277/1/A}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2526 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Connors, Pichardo, Lanzi, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2616 (by request)

BY Senators Polisena, Damiani, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2676

BY Senators Gibbs, Tassoni, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ZONING ORDINANCES.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2997 as amended

BY Senators Polisena, Damiani

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- CAMPING RECREATIONAL VEHICLE.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2998

BY Senator Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF EXETER -- TOWN MEETINGS.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2999

BY Senators Connors, Montalbano J

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS IN THE TOWN OF LINCOLN.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

Upon motion of Senate Majority Leader Paiva-Weed, seconded by Senator Algieri, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a voice vote:

1 2004-S 3052

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 7, 2004 "URI COMMERCIAL FISHERIES DAY"

2 2004-S 3053

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE IN RHODE ISLAND

3 2004-S 2555

BY Tassoni

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT AND FEASIBILITY OF MOVING REGULATORY AUTHORITY FOR THE AUTO BODY INDUSTRY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

4 2004-S 2993**BY Issa**

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SPONSOR AND VIGOROUSLY SUPPORT THE ENACTMENT OF THE "INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ACCESSIBILITY ACT" IN THE 108TH SESSION OF CONGRESS

5 2004-S 3015**BY Goodwin**

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REVISE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG, IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003 (HR-1)

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

- 1** Appointment of William C. Clifton of Cranston VICE Associate Justice Robert Rahill as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island District Court.

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

Senator McCaffrey, seconded by Senators McBurney, Perry, Sheehan, Gallo, Badeau, Connors, Revens, Pichardo, Sosnowski, Algieri, Issa, Paiva-Weed, Tassoni, Alves, Goodwin, Felag, Ruggerio and many others, moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

Senators Revens, Roberts, Paiva-Weed and Perry discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, 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, 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:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Roberts and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable William C. Clifton of Cranston, newly confirmed Associate Justice of the Rhode Island District Court, along with his wife, the Honorable O. Rogeriee Thompson, Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court.

2 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 Roberts, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the desk.

3 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.

Upon suggestion of Senator Cote, and without objection ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, April 27, 2004

4 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.

Senator Tassoni, moves passage, seconded by Senators Roberts, Issa, Sheehan, Damiani and others.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon 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, 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 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.

Senator Polisena, moves passage, seconded by Senators Damiani, Parella, Perry, Issa and Roberts.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon 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, 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 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.

Senator Pichardo, moves passage, seconded by Senators Polisena and Roberts.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon 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, 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:

7 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.

Senator Algieri, moves passage, seconded by Senators Breene, Roberts, Gibbs and Parella.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon 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, 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 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.

Senator Roberts, moves passage, seconded by Senators Parella, Gibbs and many others

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon 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, 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:

9 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.

Senator Gallo, moves passage, seconded by Senators Roberts, Perry, Alves, Paiva-Weed, Sosnowski, Sheehan and many others.

Senator Roberts discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon 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, 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:

10 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.

Senator Roberts, moves passage, seconded by Senators Sheehan.

Senator Damiani discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon 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, 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:

11 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.

Senator Roberts, moves passage, seconded by Senator Gibbs.

Senator Alves discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon 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, 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:

12 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.

Upon suggestion of Senator Algieri, and without objection ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, April 29, 2004.

13 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.

Senator Gibbs, moves passage, seconded by Senators Parella, Algieri, Paiva-Weed, Gallo and many others.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon 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, 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:

14 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.

Senator Ruggerio, moves passage, seconded by Senators Damiani, Pichardo and Badeau.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon 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, 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:

15 2004-S 2778 SUB A

BY Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

Senator Ruggerio, moves passage, seconded by Senators Tassoni, Felag, Damiani, Pichardo, Badeau and Ciccone.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

16 2004-S 2550

BY Roberts

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CURRENT STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

Senator Roberts, moves passage, seconded by Senator Gibbs.

Senator Roberts seconded by Senators Goodwin and Gibbs, offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2004 -- S 2550

JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CURRENT STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2004 -- S 2550, entitled "JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CURRENT STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND", as follows:

1. On page 3, line 1, by deleting the word and figure "twenty (20)" and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figure "twenty-one (21)"
2. On page 3, line 22, by deleting the word "and".
3. On page 3, line 23, by adding the following language after the word "Committee": "; and one (1) of whom shall be a representative from the state law library".

Respectfully submitted,
SENATOR ROBERTS

The motion to amend prevails 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, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Senator Roberts moves passage of the act as amended, seconded by Senators Goodwin and Gibbs.

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

YEAS- 32: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, 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:

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 3056

BY Senator Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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, Goodwin, Lanzi, Lenihan, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Also:

Senate Bill No. 3057

BY Senators Polisena, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - COMMERCIAL SPECIAL RISKS.

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

FROM THE DESK

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo, and without objection, the following act is removed from the desk and placed before the body.

Senate Resolution No. 3016

BY Senators Gallo, Issa

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2004 AS "RHODE ISLAND DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE" IN COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE FROM 1915 TO 1923 AND HONORING ARMENIAN-AMERICANS.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator Goodwin for the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 2123

BY Senators Felag, Fogarty P, Polisena, Bates, Connors

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

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2833

BY Senators Felag, Gibbs, Sosnowski, Polisena, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Ana Novais, Coordinator, Office of Minority Health, Rhode Island Department of Health.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Fogarty announces that the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

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 Raptakis announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 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 Paiva-Weed, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:50 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ELIZABETH H. ROBERTS

Help us to acknowledge our dependence on You, Lord. Instill in us Your Truth so that we may be true public servants to the people of our State. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2004:

1 2004-S 2861 as amended**BY Felag****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITY

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended.

2 2004-S 2040**BY Issa****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

3 2004-S 2042**BY Tassoni****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

4 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.

5 2004-S 2102 SUB A**BY Cote****ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR BI-PARTISAN PREPARATORY COMMISSION TO ASSEMBLE INFORMATION ON CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR A VOTE BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS ON THE HOLDING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIV SECTION 2 OF THE RHODE ISLAND CONSTITUTION

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

6 2004-S 3026 as amended**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage as amended.

7 2004-S 3027 as amended**BY Lenihan****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage as amended.

8 2004-S 3028**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
WATERS AND NAVIGATION**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

9 2004-S 3039**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

10 2004-S 3040**BY Roberts****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER
POLLUTION**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

11 2004-S 2059**BY Issa****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION**

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

12 2004-S 2709**BY Issa****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -
RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS**

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

- 13 2004-S 2619**
BY Connors
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2004:

- 1 2004-S 2934**
BY DaPonte
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE GENERALLY

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 2 2004-S 2081 SUB A**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES

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

- 3 2004-S 2526**
BY Connors
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

- 4 2004-S 2616**
BY Polisena
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS
SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

- 5 2004-S 2676**
BY Gibbs
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ZONING ORDINANCES

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

6 2004-S 2997 as amended

BY Polisena

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- CAMPING
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage as amended.

7 2004-S 2998

BY Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF EXETER -- TOWN
MEETINGS

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

8 2004-S 2999

BY Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS IN THE
TOWN OF LINCOLN

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2004:

1 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.

Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Thursday, April 22, 2004