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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Leo R. Blais, Deputy President Pro Tempore - Minority, of the Senate, at 4:15 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, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisen, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 2: Senators DaPonte, Perry.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President Pro Tempore - Minority, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Ciccone, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President Pro Tempore - Minority, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Ciccone, to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Thursday, May 20, 2004 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Polisenia and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable S. Jean Cerroni of the Smithfield Town Council.

Upon suggestion of Senator Walaska and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Robert Kells, former State Senator from Providence.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7104 as amended

BY Kilmartin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOBACCO SALES

Referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Also:

House Bill No. 8490

BY Malik

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CITIES AND TOWNS - WARREN.

Read and referred to Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 3138

BY Senator Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JUDITH A. CALABRETTA ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER 35 YEARS OF TEACHING KINDERGARTEN FOR THE MIDDLETOWN SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Senator Paiva-Weed requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 3139**BY** Senator Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FATAL EXPLOSION ON THE U.S.S. BENNINGTON AND THE TRAGIC LOSS OF 103 CREWMEN.

Senator Paiva-Weed requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Paiva-Weed moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Senator McCaffrey, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 3137**BY** Senator Montalbano J**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- COMPOSITION OF THE SENATE.

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Montalbano moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Damiani, Polisena, Goodwin and many others.

Senators Montalbano and Parella discuss the act.

Senator Parella seconded by Senators Algiere, Gibbs and Breene, offers the following written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2004 -- S 3137

AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- COMPOSITION OF THE SENATE

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2004 -- S 3137, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- COMPOSITION OF THE SENATE", as follows:

- (1) On page 14, line 13, by adding the letter "s" to the word "town".
- (2) On page 14, line 13 by adding after the word "Barrington" the words "and Warren".
- (3) On page 14, by deleting lines 14 through 32.
- (4) On page 14, line 34, by deleting the word "Warren" and inserting in place thereof the word "Bristol".
- (5) On page 15, by deleting lines 1 through 33 and inserting in place thereof the following lines:

"The tenth senatorial district shall also consist of all of that part of the town of Portsmouth bounded by the line beginning at the intersection of the Portsmouth-Bristol town boundary and the extended midsection of Town Pond dividing census blocks 440050401011046 and 440050401011006; thence southwesterly along the midsection of Town Pond to Founders Brook; thence southwesterly along Founders Brook to Boyds Lane; thence southwesterly along Boyds Lane to Chase Rd (State Highway 24); thence southeasterly along Chase Rd and State Highway 24 to Bristol Ferry Turnpike; thence southeasterly along Bristol Ferry Turnpike to East Main Road; thence southwesterly along East Main Road to Stub Toe Lane; thence westerly along Stub Toe Lane to Middle Road, thence southwesterly along Middle Road to Mill Lane; thence westerly on Mill Lane to West Main Road, thence northeasterly on West Main Road to the northern boundary of the Melville Campground Recreation Area; thence northwesterly on the northern boundary of the Melville Campground Recreation Area to the Eastern Passage of Narragansett Bay; thence southwesterly, westerly and northerly to include all the islands of the town of Portsmouth back to the point of origin."

(6) On page 15, line 34, by deleting the words "that part of" and inserting in place thereof the following words "Town of Middletown".

- (7) On page 16, by deleting lines 1 through 18, and inserting in place thereof the following lines:

"The eleventh district shall also consist of that portion of the town of Portsmouth bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the northern boundary of the Melville Campground Recreation Area and the Eastern Passage of the Narragansett Bay; thence southwesterly along the northern boundary of the Melville Campground Recreation Area to West Main Road; thence southeasterly along West Main Road to Mill Lane; thence easterly along Mill Lane to Middle Road; thence northeasterly and easterly along Middle Road to Stub Toe Lane; thence easterly along Stub Toe Lane to East Main Road; thence southerly along East Main Road to Sandy Point Avenue; thence easterly along Sandy Point Avenue and Sandy Point Avenue extended to the midpoint of the Sakonnet River and the Portsmouth-Tiverton town boundary; thence southerly along the Portsmouth-Tiverton town boundary and the Portsmouth-Little Compton town boundary to the Middletown-Portsmouth town boundary; thence northwesterly along the Middletown-Portsmouth town boundary to the shore line of the Eastern Passage of Narragansett Bay; thence northeasterly along the shore line of the Eastern Passage of Narragansett Bay to the point of origin.

The eleventh senatorial district shall also consist of all of that part of the city of Newport bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Broadway and the Newport-Middletown boundary line; thence southeasterly along the Newport-Middletown boundary line to North Easton Pond; thence southerly along the western shore of North Easton Pond to the Newport-Middletown boundary line; thence southeasterly along the Newport-Middletown boundary line to South Easton Pond; thence westerly along the north shore of South Easton Pond to Champlin Street; thence westerly on Champlin Street to Rhode Island Avenue; thence northerly on Rhode Island

Avenue to Kay Street; thence southwesterly on Kay Street to Cranston Street; thence northwesterly on Cranston Avenue to Broadway; thence northeasterly on Broadway to the point of origin.”

(8) On page 16, line 20 by deleting the word “Middletown” and inserting in place thereof the following words “Tiverton and Little Compton”.

(9) On page 16, by deleting lines 21 through 34 and inserting in place thereof the following words:

“The twelfth senatorial district shall also consist of all of that part of the town of Portsmouth bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Portsmouth-Bristol town boundary and the extended midsection of Town Pond dividing census blocks 440050401011046 and 440050401011006; thence southwesterly along the midsection of Town Pond to Founders Brook; thence southwesterly along Founders Brook to Boyds Lane; thence southwesterly along Boyds Lane to Chase Rd (State Highway 24); thence southeasterly along Chase Rd and State Highway 24 to Bristol Ferry Turnpike; thence southeasterly along Bristol Ferry Turnpike to East Main Road; thence southwesterly along East Main Road to Sandy Point Avenue; thence easterly along Sandy Point Avenue and Sandy Point Avenue extended to the midpoint of the Sakonnet River and the Portsmouth-Tiverton town boundary; thence northerly along the Portsmouth-Tiverton and the Portsmouth-Bristol town boundary to the point of origin.”

Respectfully submitted,
SENATOR PARELLA

Senators Parella and Montalbano discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails of passage upon a roll call vote with 5 Senators voting in the affirmative and 29 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 5: Senator Algieri, Breene, Felag, Gibbs, Parella.

NAYS- 29: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

Senators Goodwin, Sheehan, Pichardo and Gibbs, discuss the act.

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

YEAS- 34: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, 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:

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2004:

1 2004-S 3083**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE BLOCK ISLAND HOUSING BOARD**

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Wednesday, May 26, 2004.

2 2004-S 3084**BY Felag****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CITIES AND TOWNS - WARREN**

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senator Ruggerio.

Senator Felag seconded by Senator Ruggerio, offers the following written motion to amend.

F L O O R A M E N D M E N T

TO

2004 -- S 3084

AN ACT RELATING TO CITIES AND TOWNS -- WARREN

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2004 -- S 3084, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO CITIES AND TOWNS -- WARREN", as follows:

By deleting all of the language following the enactment clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Sections 44-3-4, 44-3-5, 44-3-12, 44-3-13 and 44-3-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-3 entitled "Property Subject to Taxation" are hereby amended to read as follows:

44-3-4. Veterans' exemptions. -- (a) (1) The property of each person who served in the military or naval service of the United States in the war of the rebellion, the Spanish-American war, the insurrection in the Philippines, the China-relief expedition, or World War I, and the property of each person who served in the military or naval service of the United States in World War II at any time during the period beginning December 7, 1941, and ending on December 31, 1946, and the property of each person who served in the military or naval services of the United States in the Korean conflict at any time during the period beginning June 27, 1950 and ending January 31, 1955 or in the Vietnam conflict at any time during the period beginning February 28, 1961 and

ending May 7, 1975 or who actually served in the Grenada or Lebanon conflicts of 1983-1984, or the Persian Gulf Conflict, the Haitian conflict, the Somalian conflict, and the Bosnian conflict, at any time during the period beginning August 2, 1990 and ending May 1, 1994, or in any conflict or undeclared war for which a campaign ribbon or expeditionary medal was earned, and who was honorably discharged from the service, or who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, or who, if not discharged, served honorably, or of the unmarried widow or widower of that person, is exempted from taxation to the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), except in:

- (i) Burrillville, where the exemption is four thousand dollars (\$4,000);
 - (ii) Cumberland, where the town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of a maximum of eleven thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$11,250);
 - (iii) Cranston, where the exemption shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000);
 - (iv) Jamestown, where the town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000);
 - (v) Lincoln, where the exemption shall not exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000); and where the town council may also provide for a real estate tax exemption not exceeding four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for those honorably discharged active duty veterans who served in operation desert storm.
 - (vi) Newport, where the exemption is four thousand dollars (\$4,000);
 - (vii) New Shoreham, where the town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of a maximum of thirty-six thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$36,450);
 - (viii) North Kingstown, where the exemption shall be ten thousand dollars (\$10,000);
 - (ix) North Providence, where the town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000);
 - (x) Smithfield, where the exemption is four thousand dollars (\$4,000);
 - (xi) Warren, where the exemption shall not exceed five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500); on motor vehicles, or nine thousand six hundred dollars (\$9,600) on real property;
 - (xii) Westerly, where the town council may, by ordinance, provide an exemption of the total value of the veterans' real and personal property to a maximum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000);
 - (xiii) Barrington, where the town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for real property; and
 - (xiv) Exeter, where the exemption is five thousand dollars (\$5,000);
- (2) The exemption is applied to the property in the municipality where the person resides and if there is not sufficient property to exhaust the exemption, the person may claim the balance in any other city or town where the person may own property; provided, that the exemption is not allowed in favor of any person who is not a legal resident of the state, or unless the person entitled to the exemption has presented to the assessors, on or before the last day on which sworn statements may be filed with the assessors for the year for which exemption is claimed, evidence that he or she is entitled, which evidence shall stand so long as his or her legal residence remains unchanged; and, provided, further, that the exemption provided for in this subdivision to the extent that it applies in any city or town, is applied in full to the total value of the person's real and tangible personal property located in the city or town; and, provided, further, that there is an additional exemption from taxation in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), except in:
- (i) Central Falls, where the city council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000);
 - (ii) Cranston, where the exemption shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000);
 - (iii) Cumberland, where the town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of a maximum of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$22,500);
 - (iv) Lincoln, where the exemption shall not exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000);
 - (v) Newport, where the exemption is four thousand dollars (\$4,000);
 - (vi) New Shoreham, where the town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of a maximum of thirty-six thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$36,450);
 - (vii) North Providence, where the town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000);
 - (viii) Smithfield, where the exemption is four thousand dollars (\$4,000); and

(ix) Warren, where the exemption shall not exceed eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000);

(x) Barrington, where the town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for real property;

of the property of every honorably discharged veteran of World War I or World War II, Korean or Vietnam, Grenada or Lebanon conflicts, the Persian Gulf Conflict, the Haitian conflict, the Somalian conflict and the Bosnian conflict at any time during the period beginning August 2, 1990 and ending May 1, 1994, or in any conflict or undeclared war for which a campaign ribbon or expeditionary medal was earned, who is determined by the veterans administration of the United States of America to be totally disabled through service connected disability and who presents to the assessors a certificate from the veterans administration that the person is totally disabled, which certificate remains effectual so long as the total disability continues.

(3) Provided, that:

(i) Burrillville may exempt real property of the totally disabled persons in the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6,000);

(ii) Cumberland town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of a maximum of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$22,500);

(iii) Little Compton may, by ordinance, exempt real property of each of the totally disabled persons in the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6,000);

(iv) Middletown may exempt the real property of each of the totally disabled persons in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000);

(v) New Shoreham town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of a maximum of thirty-six thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$36,450);

(vi) North Providence town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000);

(vii) Tiverton town council may, by ordinance, exempt real property of each of the totally disabled persons in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), subject to voters' approval at the financial town meeting; and

(viii) West Warwick town council may exempt the real property of each of the totally disabled persons in an amount of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); and

(ix) Westerly town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption on the total value of real and personal property to a maximum of twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000).

(4) There is an additional exemption from taxation in the town of Warren where its town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption not exceeding eight thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$8,250), of the property of every honorably discharged veteran of World War I or World War II, or Vietnam, Grenada or Lebanon conflicts, the Persian Gulf Conflict, the Haitian conflict, the Somalian conflict and the Bosnian conflict, at any time during the period beginning August 2, 1990 and ending May 1, 1994, or in any conflict or undeclared war for which a campaign ribbon or expeditionary medal was earned, who is determined by the veterans' administration of the United States of America to be partially disabled through a service connected disability and who presents to the assessors a certificate that he is partially disabled, which certificate remains effectual so long as the partial disability continues. Provided, however, that the:

(i) Barrington town council may exempt real property of each of the above named persons in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000);

(ii) Warwick city council may, by ordinance, exempt real property of each of the above named persons and to any person who served in any capacity in the military or naval service during the period of time of the Persian Gulf conflict, whether or not the person served in the geographical location of the conflict, in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

(5) There is an additional exemption from taxation in the town of Lincoln for the property of each person who actually served in the military or naval service of the United States in the Persian Gulf Conflict and who was honorably discharged from the service, or who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, or who, if not discharged, served honorably, or of the unmarried widow or widower of that person, is exempted from taxation to the amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

(b) In addition to the exemption provided in subsection (a), there is a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) exemption from local taxation on real property for any veteran and the unmarried widow or widower of a

deceased veteran of the military or naval service of the United States who is determined, under applicable federal law by the veterans administration of the United States, to be totally disabled through service connected disability and who by reason of the disability has received assistance in acquiring "specially adopted housing" under laws administered by the veterans' administration provided, that the real estate is occupied as his or her domicile, by the person and provided further that if the property is designed for occupancy by more than one family then only that value of so much of the house as is occupied by the person as his or her domicile is exempted, and provided, further, that satisfactory evidence of receipt of the assistance is furnished to the assessors except in:

(1) Cranston, where the exemption shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000);

(2) Cumberland, where the town council may provide for an exemption not to exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500);

(3) Newport, where the exemption is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or ten percent (10%) of assessed valuation, whichever is greater;

(4) New Shoreham, where the town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of a maximum of thirty-six thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$36,450);

(5) North Providence, where the town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption not to exceed twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500);

(6) Westerly, where the town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of a maximum of twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000); and

(7) Lincoln, where the town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of a maximum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000).

(c) In addition to the previously provided exemptions, any veteran of the military or naval service of the United States who is determined, under applicable federal law by the veterans' administration of the United States to be totally disabled through service connected disability may, by ordinance, passed in the city or town where the veteran's property is assessed receive a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) exemption from local taxation on his or her property whether real or personal and if the veteran owns real property may be exempt from taxation by any fire and/or lighting district; provided, however, that in the town of North Kingstown the amount of the exemption shall be eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) commencing with the December 31, 2002 assessment.

(d) In determining whether or not a person is the widow or widower of a veteran for the purposes of this section, the remarriage of the widow or widower shall not bar the furnishing of the benefits of the section if the remarriage is void, has been terminated by death, or has been annulled or dissolved by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(e) In addition to the previously provided exemptions, there may by ordinance passed in the city or town where the person's property is assessed be an additional fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) exemption from local taxation on real and personal property for any veteran of military or naval service of the United States or the unmarried widow or widower of person who has been or shall be classified as, or determined to be, a prisoner of war by the veterans' administration of the United States, except in Westerly, where the town council may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption of a maximum of thirty-four thousand five hundred dollars (\$34,500).

(f) Cities and towns granting exemptions under this section shall use the eligibility dates specified in this section.

(g) The several cities and towns not previously authorized to provide an exemption for those veterans who actually served in the Persian Gulf Conflict may provide that exemption in the amount authorized in this section for veterans of other recognized conflicts.

(h) The town council of Bristol may, by ordinance, provide for an exemption for any veteran and the unmarried widow or widower of a deceased veteran of military or naval service of the United States who is determined, under applicable federal law by the veterans' administration of the United States to be partially disabled through service connected disability.

(i) In addition to the previously provided exemption, any veteran who is discharged from the military or naval service of the United States under conditions other than dishonorable, or an officer who is honorably separated from military or naval service, who is determined, under applicable federal law by the veterans administration of the United States to be totally and permanently disabled through a service connected disability, who owns a specially adapted homestead, which has been acquired or modified with the assistance of a special adaptive housing grant from the Veteran's Administration and that meets Veteran's Administration and Americans

with disability act guidelines from adaptive housing or which has been acquired or modified, using proceeds from the sale of any previous homestead, which was acquired with the assistance of a special adaptive housing grant from the veteran's administration, the person or the person's surviving spouse is exempt from all taxation on the homestead.

44-3-5. Gold star parents' exemption. -- The property of every person whose son or daughter has served with the armed forces of the United States of America and has lost his or her life as a result of his or her service with the armed forces of the United States of America, providing the death was determined to be in the line of duty, shall be exempted from taxation to the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in accordance with similar provisions of section 44-3-4 applying to honorably discharged veterans of the armed forces; provided, however, that there shall be but one exemption granted where both parents of the deceased son or daughter are living, provided, however, the city of Cranston may provide by ordinance an exemption from taxation not to exceed forty-five hundred dollars (\$4,500), provided, however, the town of Warren may provide by ordinance an exemption from taxation not to exceed ~~eight~~ nine thousand two hundred ~~forty~~ thirty dollars (~~\$8,250~~) (\$9,200), and provided, however, the town of Cumberland may provide, by ordinance, an exemption not to exceed eleven thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$11,250) for persons receiving a gold star exemption, and provided, however, the town of North Providence may provide by ordinance, an exemption not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for persons receiving a gold star exemption, and provided, however, the town of Smithfield may provide, by ordinance, an exemption not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for persons receiving a gold star exemption, and provided, however, the town of Westerly may provide, by ordinance, an exemption on the total value of real and personal property not to exceed twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000); and provided, however, the town of Barrington may provide, by ordinance, an exemption not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for real property for persons receiving a gold star exemption; and provided, however, the town of Jamestown may provide, by ordinance, an exemption on the total value of real and personal property not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000); and provided, however, the town of Lincoln may provide, by ordinance, an exemption not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for persons receiving a gold star exemption. The adjustment shall be made to reflect the same monetary savings that appeared on the property tax bill that existed for the year prior to reevaluation of the real property. If any provision of this section is held invalid, the remainder of this section and the application of its provisions shall not be affected thereby.

44-3-12. Exemption of persons visually impaired. -- (a) The property of each person who has permanent impairment of both eyes of the following status: central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye, with corrective glasses, or central visual acuity of more than 20/200 if there is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to the extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than twenty degrees (20 degrees) in the better eye, shall be exempted from taxation to the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6,000), except for the town of Tiverton which exemption shall be seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500), and except for the town of Warren which exemption shall be up to ~~twenty-two~~ thirty-eight thousand five hundred fifty dollars (~~\$22,500~~) (\$38,550), except for the town of Barrington which exemption shall be sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) for real property, which exemption shall apply to the property in the municipality where the person resides, and if there is not sufficient property to exhaust the exemption, the person may proclaim the balance in any city or town where he or she may own property; and except for the town of Westerly which may provide, by ordinance, an exemption on the total value of real and personal property not to exceed thirteen thousand eight hundred dollars (\$13,800); provided further, that the city or town council of any city or town may by ordinance increase the exemption within the city or town to an amount not to exceed twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$22,500); and further provided, however, that the exemption shall not be allowed in favor of any person who is not a legal resident of the state, or unless the person entitled to the exemption shall have presented to the assessors, on or before the last day on which sworn statements may be filed with the assessors for the year for which exemption is claimed, due evidence that he or she is so entitled, which evidence shall stand so long as his or her legal residence remains unchanged; and, provided, further, that the exemption herein provided for, to the extent that it shall apply to any city or town, shall be applied in full to the total value of the person's real and tangible personal property located in the city or town and shall be applied to intangible personal property only to the extent that there is not sufficient real property or tangible personal property to exhaust the exemption. This exemption shall be in addition to any other exemption provided by law except as provided in section 44-3-25.

(b) In each city or town that has not increased the exemption provided by subsection (a) above the minimum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000), except for the town of Tiverton which exemption shall be seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500), and except for the town of Barrington which exemption shall be sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) for real property, the exemption shall increase automatically each year by the same percentage as the percentage increase in the total amount of taxes levied by the city or town. The automatic increase shall not apply to cities or towns that have increased the exemption provided by subsection (a) above the minimum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000), except for the town of Tiverton which exemption shall be seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500), and except for the town of Barrington which exemption shall be sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) for real property; provided, that if the application of the automatic increase to an exemption of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) on a continuous basis from December 31, 1987, to any subsequent assessment date would result in a higher exemption than the exemption enacted by the city or town council, then the amount provided by the automatic increase applies.

44-3-13. Exemption of persons over the age of 65 years. -- (a) The finance director of the city of Warwick may provide to exempt from taxation real or personal property located within the city of any person sixty-five (65) years or over, which exemption is in an amount not exceeding six thousand dollars (\$6,000) of valuation and which exemption is in addition to any and all other exemptions from taxation and tax credits to which the person may be entitled by this chapter or any other provision of law.

(b) The city council of the city of Cranston may by ordinance exempt from valuation for taxation the real property situated in the city and owned and occupied by any person over the age of sixty-five (65) years, which exemption is in an amount not exceeding nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) and which exemption is in addition to any and all other exemptions from taxation to which the person may be otherwise entitled. The exemption shall be applied uniformly and without regard to ability to pay.

(c) The city council of the city of Cranston may by ordinance exempt from valuation for taxation the property subject to the excise tax situated in the city and owned by any person over the age of sixty-five (65) years, not owning real property, which exemption is in an amount not exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and which exemption is in addition to any and all other exemptions from taxation to which the person may be otherwise entitled. The exemption shall be applied uniformly and without regard to ability to pay.

(d) The city of Central Falls may by ordinance exempt from taxation, real or personal property located within the city of any person sixty-five (65) years or over, which exemption shall be in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of valuation and which exemption is in addition to any and all other exemptions from taxation and tax credits to which the person may be entitled by this chapter or any other provision of law.

(e) The town council of the town of North Providence may by ordinance exempt from valuation for taxation the real property located within the town of any person sixty-five (65) years or over, which exemption is in amount not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of valuation and which exemption shall be in addition to any and all other exemptions from taxation and tax credits to which the person may be entitled by this chapter or any other provision of law.

(f) The town council of the town of Warren may by ordinance exempt from taxation the real property situated in the town owned and occupied by any person over the age of sixty-five (65) years, and which exemption is in amount not exceeding ~~sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$16,500)~~ twenty-eight thousand nine hundred dollars (\$28,900) of valuation and which exemption is in addition to any and all other exemptions from taxation to which the person may be otherwise entitled. The exemption shall be applied uniformly and without regard to ability to pay; provided, that only one exemption shall be granted to cotenants, joint tenants, and tenants by the entirety, even though all of the cotenants, joint tenants, and tenants by the entirety are sixty-five (65) years of age or over. The exemption applies to a life tenant who has the obligation for the payment of the tax on the real property.

(g) The town council of the town of Tiverton may by ordinance exempt from taxation the real property situated in the town owned and occupied by any person over the age of sixty-five (65) years, and which exemption is in an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of valuation, and which exemption is in addition to any and all other exemptions from taxation to which the person may be otherwise entitled. The exemption shall be applied uniformly and without regard to ability to pay; provided, that only one exemption shall be granted to cotenants, joint tenants, and tenants by the entirety, even though all of the cotenants, joint tenants, and tenants by the entirety are sixty-five (65) years of age or over. The exemption applies to a life tenant who has

the obligation for the payment of the tax on real property.

(h) The town council of the town of Westerly may by ordinance exempt from taxation the real property situated in the town owned and occupied by any person over the age of sixty-five (65) years, and which exemption is in an amount and pursuant to any income limitations that the council may prescribe in the ordinance from time to time, and which exemption is in addition to any and all other exemptions from taxation to which the person may be otherwise entitled. The exemption shall be applied uniformly and without regard to ability to pay; provided, however, that only one exemption shall be granted to cotenants, joint tenants, and tenants by the entirety, even though all of the cotenants, joint tenants, and tenants by the entirety are sixty-five (65) years of age or over. The exemption applies to a life tenant who has the obligation for the payment of the tax on real property.

(i) The town of Bristol may exempt from taxation the real estate situated in the town owned and occupied by any resident over the age of sixty-five (65) years, as of the preceding December 31st; or, over the age of seventy (70) years, as of the preceding December 31st; or, over the age of seventy-five (75) years, as of the preceding December 31st, and which exemption is in addition to any and all other exemptions from taxation to which the resident may otherwise be entitled. The exemption shall be applied uniformly and without regard to ability to pay; provided, that only one exemption shall be granted to cotenants, joint tenants, and tenants by the entirety, even though all the cotenants, joint tenants and tenants by the entirety are sixty-five (65) years of age or over as of the preceding December 31st. The exemption applies to a life tenant who has the obligation for payment of the tax on real estate. The town council of the town of Bristol shall, by ordinance, establish the value of this exemption.

(j) The town council of the town of Lincoln may, by ordinance, exempt from taxation the real property, situated in said town, owned and occupied for a period of five (5) years by any person over the age of sixty-five (65) years, which exemption shall be in an amount not exceeding twenty-four thousand four hundred and forty dollars (\$24,440) of valuation, and which exemption shall be in addition to any and all other exemptions from taxation to which said person may be otherwise entitled. Said exemption shall be applied uniformly and without regard to ability to pay.

(k) The town council of the town of East Greenwich may, by ordinance, and upon any terms and conditions that it deems reasonable, exempt from taxation the real estate situated in the town of East Greenwich owned and occupied by any resident of the age of sixty-five (65) to seventy (70) years, as of the preceding December 31st up to an amount of twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000); or, of the age of seventy (70) to seventy-five (75) years, as of the preceding December 31st up to an amount of thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000); or, of the age of seventy-five (75) to eighty (80) years, as of the preceding December 31st up to an amount of forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000); or, of the age of eighty (80) to eighty-five (85) years, as of the preceding December 31st up to an amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); or, of the age of eighty-five (85) years or more, as of the preceding December 31st up to an amount of fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$58,000), and which exemption is in addition to any and all other exemptions from taxation to which the resident may otherwise be entitled. The exemption shall be applied uniformly and with out regard to ability to pay; provided, that only one exemption shall be granted to cotenants, joint tenants, and tenants by the entirety, even though all the cotenants, joint tenants, and tenants by the entirety are eligible for an exemption pursuant to this subsection. The exemption applies to a life tenant who has the obligation for payment of the tax on real estate.

44-3-15. Persons who are totally disabled. -- The city or town councils of the various cities and towns may provide by ordinance for the freezing of the rate and valuation of taxes on the real and personal property located therein of any head of a household who is one hundred percent (100%) disabled and unable to work as of the date of the disability; provided, however, that in the town of Hopkinton, the determination of disability must have been made by the social security administration or the veterans' administration, the applicant must meet income requirements established by ordinance which may be amended from time to time and may include the aggregate income of the applicant and all other persons residing with him or her and, upon attaining the age of sixty-five (65), the person who is totally disabled is no longer entitled to this tax freeze; provided, however, that the freeze of rate and valuation on real property shall apply only to single family dwellings in which the person who is disabled resides; and provided, further, that the exemption shall not be allowed unless the person entitled thereto shall have presented to the assessors, on or before the last day on which sworn statements may be filed with the assessors for the year for which the foregoing is claimed, due evidence that he or she is so entitled, which evidence shall stand so long as his or her legal residence remains unchanged. The foregoing is in addition to any

other exemption provided by law: and provided, further, that in the town of Warren the exemption shall be in the amount of nineteen thousand three hundred dollars (\$19,300).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage."

Respectfully submitted,
SENATOR FELAG

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

NAYS- 0:

Senator Felag moves passage of the act as amended, seconded by Senator Ruggerio.

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

NAYS- 0:

3 2004-S 2725 as amended

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - ABANDONED CARS

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, June 1, 2004.

4 2004-S 2791

BY Goodwin

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
TOWING STORAGE ACT**

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, June 1, 2004.

5 2004-S 2032 SUB A

BY Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, June 1, 2004.

6 2004-S 2051

BY Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, June 1, 2004.

7 2004-S 2921

BY Damiani

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DNA DETECTION OF FELONY OFFENDERS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 27, 2004.

8 2004-S 3003

BY Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TRANSPORTATION OF WORKERS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by Senator Ruggerio and others.

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, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan,

McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

9 2004-H 7083 SUB A

BY Corvese

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --
CONTRACTORS' BONDS**

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

Senator Badeau moves passage, seconded by Senators Ciccone, Ruggerio and others.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

10 2004-H 7084 SUB A

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SAFETY AWARENESS

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

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by Senator Polisena and others.

Senator Ruggerio seconded by Senator Polisena and others, offers the following written motion to amend.

F L O O R A M E N D M E N T

TO

2004 -- H 7084 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO SAFETY AWARENESS

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2004 -- H 7084 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO SAFETY AWARENESS", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 29, by deleting the word "obtained" and inserting in place thereof the words "successfully completed".
2. On page 3, line 6, by inserting the words "successful completion" after the word "minimum".
3. On page 3, line 13, by deleting the word "that" and inserting in place thereof the word "who".
4. On page 3, between lines 21 and 22, by inserting the letter and words "(e) "Department" shall mean department of labor and training."
5. On page 4, line 31, by deleting the word "levied" and inserting in place thereof the word "assessed".

Respectfully submitted,
SENATOR RUGGERIO

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

NAYS- 0:

Senator Ruggerio moves passage of the act as amended, seconded by Senator Tassoni and others.

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

NAYS- 0:

11 2004-H 7863**BY Williams****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -
TRANSPORTATION OF WORKERS**

Committee on Labor recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Badeau and Ciccone.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, 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, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, 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:

12 2004-H 7875 SUB A as amended**BY Winfield****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
SUNDAY BUSINESS**

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 27, 2004.

13 2004-H 7910 SUB A**BY Moura****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- PAYMENT OF WAGES**

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 27, 2004.

14 2004-H 7994**BY Carter****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
MECHANICAL TRADES**

Committee on Labor recommends passage in concurrence.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio and without objection ordered to be recommitted to the committee on Labor.

15 2004-H 8150 SUB A

BY Trillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MECHANICAL TRADES

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, June 3, 2004.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Raptakis announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge 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 Sosnowski announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at 3:30 o'clock P.M. in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Bates announces that the Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues will meet on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Sheehan announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Ciccone announces that the Committee on Labor will meet on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Goodwin announces that the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 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 Ruggiero, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 5:04 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR FRANK A. CICCONE

Almighty God, help us through the stresses and strains of the day by granting us your serenity and peace. Amen.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2004:****1 2004-S 3083****BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE BLOCK ISLAND HOUSING BOARD**

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

2 2004-S 2294 SUB A as amended**BY Lanzi****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --
GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY
REVIEW ACT**

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

3 2004-S 3026 SUB A**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION**

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

4 2004-S 2551 SUB A**BY Goodwin****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

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

5 2004-S 2554 SUB A as amended**BY Goodwin****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- LICENSES**

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

6 2004-S 3027 SUB A**BY Lenihan****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION**

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

7 2004-S 3028 SUB A**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
WATERS AND NAVIGATION

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

8 2004-S 3039**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

9 2004-S 3040 SUB A**BY Roberts****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER
POLLUTION

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

10 2004-S 3113**BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- THE
RHODE ISLAND BAYS, RIVERS, AND WATERSHEDS
COORDINATION TEAM

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

11 2004-S 2280 SUB A**BY Gibbs****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE
FOR WORKING PEOPLE FOR WORKING PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES

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

12 2004-S 2504 as amended**BY Fogarty P****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF
NURSING HOME PATIENTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage as amended.

13 2004-S 2585 SUB A**BY Roberts****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES

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

14 2004-S 2693**BY Roberts****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

15 2004-S 2747 SUB A**BY Connors****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PLUMBERS AND IRRIGATORS

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

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2004:**1 2004-S 2921****BY Damiani****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DNA
DETECTION OF FELONY OFFENDERS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2 2004-S 3089**BY Fogarty P****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -
MILL BUILDING AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

3 2004-H 7875 SUB A as amended**BY Winfield****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
SUNDAY BUSINESS

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

4 2004-H 7910 SUB A**BY Moura****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- PAYMENT OF WAGES

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

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2004:

1 2004-S 2725 as amended

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - ABANDONED CARS

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

2 2004-S 2791

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
TOWING STORAGE ACT

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

3 2004-S 2032 SUB A

BY Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - ABUSED AND
NEGLECTED CHILDREN

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

4 2004-S 2051

BY Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2004:

1 2004-H 8150 SUB A

BY Trillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MECHANICAL TRADES

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

Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate