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Eleventh Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable John C. Revens, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, at 4:06 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 38: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisenia, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journals of the ninth and tenth Legislative Days of the 2006 proceedings are read in part.

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

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

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

January 13, 2006

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 46-12.9-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Review Board:

Joseph T. Unsworth, P.E. of West Greenwich

for a term expiring January 31, 2009.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues.

Also:

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

January 17, 2006

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 46-12.9-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Review Board:

Albert Conti of Wakefield

for a term expiring January 31, 2009.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues.

Also:

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

January 31, 2006

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 13-8-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Parole Board:

Victoria M. Almeida, Esquire of Cumberland
(Public Member)

for a term expiring January 31, 2009.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

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

February 2, 2006

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-75-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts:

Christopher W. McMahan of Providence

for a term expiring March 1, 2008.

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

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also:

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

February 1, 2006

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 28-5-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Commission for Human Rights:

Alton W. Wiley, Jr. of North Providence

for a term expiring July 1, 2010.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2332

BY Senators Perry, Levesque C, Goodwin, Algieri, Paiva-Weed
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE VICTIMS OF THE
HOLOCAUST.

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 rising vote.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2333

BY Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Algieri

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE RHODE ISLAND COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN COASTAL MANAGEMENT.

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.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Gibbs and Walaska and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Grover Fugate of the Coastal Resources Management Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Senate Bill No. 2165

BY Senators Tassoni, Fogarty P, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES AND THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$30,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR

Senator Tassoni requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Tassoni moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio and Cote.

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: Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisen, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 6753 as amended
BY Coderre E, Crowley, Kilmartin, Davey, Naughton
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SEPARATION OF POWERS

Read and ordered to the Committee on Government Oversight

Also:

House Bill No. 6752
BY Coderre E, Crowley, Kilmartin, Davey, Naughton
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER RESOURCES BOARD (amend the composition)

Read and ordered to the Committee on Government Oversight

Also:

House Bill No. 6754 as amended
BY Coderre E, Crowley, Kilmartin, Davey, Gallison
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SEPARATION OF POWERS

Read and ordered to the Committee on Government Oversight

Also:

House Bill No. 6749
BY Coderre E, Crowley, Kilmartin, Davey, Gallison
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SEPARATION OF POWERS -- EDUCATION (boards relating to education)

Read and ordered to the Committee on Government Oversight

Also:

House Bill No. 6751 as amended

BY Coderre E, Crowley, Kilmartin, Davey, Gallison

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SEPARATION OF POWERS

Read and ordered to the Committee on Government Oversight

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 measure on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, is read and passed, upon a voice vote:

1 2006-H 6708

BY Long

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF A. CAPUANO BROS. INC

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2006:

- 1 Appointment of Lenette Boisselle of Tiverton to the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Review Board for a term expiring January 31, 2009.

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this appointment.

Senator Walaska seconded by Senators Gallo, Felag, Issa, Sheehan, Connors and Pichardo moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment.

Senators Issa, Felag and Alves discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given this appointment, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: Senators Algieri, Alves, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Walaska and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore welcomes to the Chamber Lenette Boisselle of Tiverton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Lenihan announces that the Committee on Government Oversight will meet on Thursday, February 9, 2006, at 3:30 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

TRANSMITTAL

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

RECESS

Upon suggestion of Senate DaPonte and by unanimous consent the Senate stands at recess at 4:33 o'clock P.M. until the call of the chair and that the desk shall remain open to receive new business.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, on Thursday, February 9, 2006, at 4:08 o'clock P.M.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2334**

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2335

BY Senators Tassoni, Doyle, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS (change the definition of structure).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2336**BY** Senators Tassoni, Doyle, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - SCHOOL BUSES (governing body of any school district to authorize advertising on its school busses, if certain safety conditions are satisfied and the proceeds from the advertising go entirely to the school district).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2337**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Walaska, Bates, Polisena, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- SHELLFISH

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2338**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Breene, Polisena, Gibbs, Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (exempt greenhouses constructed or altered at a rate of 50% of its values from taxation if used for agriculture or as a farm).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2339**BY** Senators Raptakis, Sosnowski, Damiani, Polisena, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (allow a deduction from any refund from RI income tax for contribution to the Station Fire Family Fund)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2340**BY** Senators Tassoni, Polisena, Doyle, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (increase the rate paid by the state to dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants who provide dental services to Medicaid-eligible residents of nursing facilities).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2341**BY** Senators Tassoni, Doyle, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (department of human services to review, every 2 years, the medical care reimbursements to dentists who accept patients with Medicaid).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2342**BY** Senator Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee referred to Senate Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2343**BY** Senators Roberts, Issa, Perry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (prohibit restrictions on the right of physicians to practice medicine in any geographic area for any period of time after the termination of any partnership, employment or professional relationship)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2344**BY** Senator Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (join Brooke Means and Benjamin Drew).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2345**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Walaska, Bates, Tassoni, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- MOBILE TELEPHONE USE (unlawful the use of a non-hands-free mobile telephone while operating a motor vehicle except for public safety personnel)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2346

BY Senators Sheehan, Polisena, McCaffrey, Blais, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- CAUSES OF ACTION -- FIREFIGHTERS' IMMUNITY

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2347

BY Senators Tassoni, Doyle, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2348 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Levesque C, McCaffrey, Connors, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2349

BY Senator Caprio F

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES - POWERS OF FIDUCIARIES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2350

BY Senator Caprio F

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TRUSTS -- FIDUCIARIES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2351

BY Senators Levesque C, Perry, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- RESTRICTION ON POLITICAL SURVEILLANCE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2352

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2353

BY Senators Levesque C, Ciccone, Lanzi, Revens

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

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2354

BY Senators Levesque C, Perry, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATER SUPPLY -- DRINKING WATER PROTECTION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2355

BY Senators Felag, Polisena, Issa, Ciccone, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2356 (by request)

BY Senators Polisena, Damiani

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2357

BY Senators Ciccone, Connors, Lanzi, Pichardo, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2358

BY Senators Badeau, Cote, Lanzi, Ciccone, Ruggiero

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

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2359

BY Senator Levesque C

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

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2360

BY Senator Levesque C

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

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2361

BY Senators Lanzi, Ciccone, Tassoni, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2362

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2363 (by request)

BY Senators Polisena, Damiani

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2364

BY Senators Alves, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOME INSPECTIONS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2365

BY Senators DaPonte, Sosnowski, Damiani

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2366

BY Senators Doyle, McBurney, Tassoni, Issa, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - REGIONAL COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2367

BY Senators Felag, Polisena, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2368 (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senators Felag, Tassoni, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE ELDERLY.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2369

BY Senators Roberts, Alves, Perry, Paiva-Weed, Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2370

BY Senators Issa, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LICENSING AND MONITORING OF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2371

BY Senators Gallo, Ruggerio, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- MECHANICAL TRADES LICENSE FEES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2372

BY Senators Alves, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAX.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2373

BY Senators Perry, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FIRE SAFETY CODE.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2374

BY Senators Issa, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2375

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PERSONAL INCOME TAX -- EARNED INCOME CREDIT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2376**BY** Senators Alves, Ciccone, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2377**BY** Senators Perry, Goodwin, Tassoni, McCaffrey, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2378**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Alves, Goodwin, Polisena, Caprio F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULTS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2379**BY** Senators Raptakis, Polisena, Damiani, Sheehan, Caprio F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2380 (by request)**BY** Senator Issa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2381**BY** Senators Alves, Goodwin, McBurney, McCaffrey, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- WOMEN'S RIGHT TO KNOW ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2382

BY Senators Roberts, Gibbs, Lenihan, Pichardo

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION REINSTATING AND EXTENDING THE COMMISSION LIFE AND AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CURRENT STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2383

BY Senators Alves, Paiva-Weed, Roberts, Perry, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - HEARING AIDS.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2384

BY Senators Alves, Roberts, Perry, Issa, Goodwin

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

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2385

BY Senator Alves

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ASSISTED HOUSING LIVING WAIVER.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2386

BY Senator Alves

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2387**BY** Senator Alves**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2388**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Doyle, Lanzi, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS (change the spendable base wage calculation)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2389**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Tassoni, Connors, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (change the definition of special employers under workers' compensation)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2390**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Lanzi, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS (examination by a physician no earlier than 4 months after the injury 2)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2391**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Connors, Lanzi, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS (raise workers' compensation payments for specific injuries)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2392**BY** Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Tassoni, Connors, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS (repeal the section of the law relating to continuation of workers' compensation benefits for partial incapacity)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2393

BY Senators Ruggerio, Tassoni, Goodwin, Lanzi, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- MEDICAL SERVICES (transportation costs for employees that travel to receive workers compensation health care services)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2394

BY Senators Ruggerio, Tassoni, Goodwin, Connors, Lanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - BENEFITS (clarify employees right to choose an initial treating physician)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7048

BY Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ROCKET AUTO SALES, INC.

Read and placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 6907

BY Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF TORO AUTO SALES, INC.

Read and placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 7116

BY Murphy

ENTITLED, AN ACT SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES.

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 6906

BY Costantino, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (technical amendments to the Sunday liquor sales statute and would allow a Class C licensee to open on Sunday with the written approval of the local board of license)

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues

Also:

House Bill No. 6711 SUB A

BY Kennedy, Moura, Lewiss, Lally, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RESIDENCY (impose residency/appointed managers and/or administrators through employment contracts)

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

Also:

House Bill No. 6779 SUB A

BY Corvese, Schadone, Moura, Lewiss, San Bento

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW ACT (increase the reporting requirements of government agencies regarding outside contracts or agreements)

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:09 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ELIZABETH H. ROBERTS

Dear God, we thank Thee for the gift of this new day with its opportunities for growth in nobility of character and in service to others. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2006:

1 2006-H 7048

BY Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ROCKET AUTO SALES, INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

2 2006-H 6907

BY Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF TORO AUTO SALES, INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2006:****1 2006-S 2010****BY Algieri****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION**

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

2 2006-S 2012**BY Gibbs****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE MIDDLETOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

3 2006-S 2119**BY Tassoni****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

4 2006-S 2192**BY Montalbano J****ENTITLED, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF THE ACT, PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1948, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE LIME ROCK FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF LINCOLN," AS AMENDED**

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

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