

## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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# Journal of the Senate

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Twenty-second Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:07 o'clock P.M.

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

**PRESENT** – 37: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, 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, Polisenena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 1: Senators Bates

### INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

### APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-first Legislative Day of the 2006 proceedings is read in part.

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

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Joseph McBurney, son of Senator McBurney.

**COMMUNICATION**

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

March 15, 2006

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advice and let the records reflect that I will be absent from Senate Session on Wednesday March 15, 2006. My son Joseph is having surgery on his appendix.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Polisena  
State Senator District-25

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**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. 2867**

**BY** Senators Fogarty P, Gallo, Walaska, Blais, Breene

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION  
(amend the property tax exemptions for the elderly and disabled in the town of Glocester).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2685** (Attorney General)

**BY** Senators Badeau, Ciccone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- PRECIOUS METALS (require that consignment shops that buy and sell precious metals obtain a license from the state attorney general).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2869**

**BY** Senators Fogarty P, Gallo, Walaska, Blais, Breene

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (change the amount of exemptions in the town of Glocester for the elderly, disabled and veterans).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2315**

**BY** Senators Revens, Walaska, McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (allow for reduction of assessed value upon the removal of damaged buildings)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2120**

**BY** Senators Blais, Paiva-Weed

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (issuers of rebates to remit the rebate to the purchaser within thirty (30) days of receipt 2)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2044**

**BY** Senator Blais

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS (prohibit commercial motor trucks and tractors, over 4 tons from using South Main Street in Coventry as a through route)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**House Bill No. 7000****BY** Long, Jackson, Rice**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE MIDDLETOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. (grant retroactive tax exemptions back to 12/31/2003 to any property owned or leased by the Middletown Historical Society, Inc.).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2652****BY** Senators Ruggerio, Doyle, McBurney, Ciccone, Lanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOISTING ENGINEERS ( amend certain qualifications for the board of examiners of hoisting engineers)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator Walaska, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Financial Services and Regulatory Issues to the Committee on Judiciary:

**Senate Bill No. 2738****BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING ( provide for increased regulation of insurance rate settings and increased disclosure by insurance companies and would apply to casualty insurance, medical malpractice insurance and fire and marine insurance).

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Senate Resolution No. 2932**

**BY** Senator Paiva-Weed

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING TIMOTHY FRANCIS FITZGERALD ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY.

Senator Paiva Weed requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by Senator Algieri.

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2933**

**BY** Senators Perry, Levesque C, Walaska, McBurney, McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2006 TO BE "COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

Senator Perry requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Perry moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Roberts and Metts.

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2934**

**BY** Senators Fogarty P, Gallo, Levesque C

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE.

Senator Fogarty requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2935**

**BY** Senators Connors, Badeau, Issa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION.

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2936**

**BY** Senator Caprio F

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT.

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2937**

**BY** Senator Levesque C

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (tax deferral for disabled persons and persons 65 and over).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2938**

**BY** Senator Caprio F

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS - RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT AND RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT.

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2939**

**BY** Senator Levesque C

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

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2940****BY** Senators Pichardo, Perry, Ciccone, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (instruction for grades K-12 to include human development and sexuality).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2941****BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2942****BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (installing a cistern on one's property).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2943****BY** Senator Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - NONPROFIT HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS.

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2944****BY** Senator Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2945****BY** Senators Pichardo, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE PROTECTION ACT.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2946**

**BY** Senator Damiani

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (approval of general assembly for a city/town acquiring and/or conveying any real property).

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

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

Senator Levesque announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator McCaffrey announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at 3:30 o'clock P.M. in Room 312 of the State House.

**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**House Bill No. 7157**

**BY** Coderre E, Crowley, Gallison

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CITIES AND TOWNS -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BENEFITS (reconfigure the state comprehensive planning board).

Read and ordered to placed on the Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:



**House Bill No. 7204** as amended

**BY** Coderre E, Lima, Williamson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- INDUSTRIAL RECREATIONAL BUILDING AUTHORITY (consist of five members, appointed by the governor and subject to the advice and consent of the senate).

Read and ordered to placed on the Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

**House Bill No. 6889** SUB A as amended

**BY** Coderre E, Crowley, Gemma, Gallison, Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (extensive technical changes to the laws relating to the RI resource recovery corporation in order to bring it into compliance with the separation of powers as well as providing detailed annual reporting requirements for the corporation)

Read and ordered to placed on the Committee on Government Oversight.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7155** SUB A

**BY** Coderre E, Crowley, Gallison, Anguilla

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION (require the pilotage commission to submit an annual report)

Read and ordered to placed on the Committee on Government Oversight.

### RECESS

Upon suggestion of Senate DaPonte, and by unanimous consent the Senate stands at recess at 4:15 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, March 16, 2006, at 4:09 o'clock P.M.

### INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents the Reverend Bernard A. Healey, of St. Ambrose Church in Albion, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Connors and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber from the Australia to the United States 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Delegation, from the Liberal Party of Australia, The Honorable Jackie Kelly, MP, Mr. Simeon Duncan, Ms. Zoe McKenzie, Mr. Anthony Moate, from the Australian Labor Party, Ms. Courtney Hoogen, Ms. Kate Jones, Ms. Mary Ruth Wood, from the National Party, Ms. Victoria Meneshelyi and APEC Representative Ms. Kim Baker.

**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator McCaffrey, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Judiciary to the Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues:

**Senate Bill No. 2851**

**BY** Senators Pichardo, Paiva-Weed, Metts, Perry, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND HOME LOAN

PROTECTION ACT (establish a home loan protection act to protect borrowers from predatory lending practices).

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

**COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND GAMING ISSUES**

Senator Goodwin, from the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

**Senate Resolution No. 2123**

**BY** Senators Fogarty P, Gallo, Tassoni, Breene, Walaska

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND EXEMPT RHODE ISLAND'S CITIES AND TOWNS FROM PAYING ALL FUEL TAXES

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2470**

**BY** Senators Raptakis, DaPonte, Polisena, Damiani, Caprio F

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO NORTHWEST AIRLINES PROPOSED OUTSOURCING OF 3,000 FLIGHT ATTENDANT JOBS.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2479**

**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Tassoni, Lanzi, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY STATE TRADES CLASSIFICATIONS.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2481**

**BY** Senators Gallo, Roberts, Lanzi

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF A TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE FOR EXPANDED STATE AFFILIATED TRANSPORTATION AND ROADWAY USE IN THE CITY OF CRANSTON.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2482**

**BY** Senators Gallo, Roberts, Lanzi

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF THE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF STATE FACILITIES ON MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN THE CITY OF CRANSTON.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2300**

**BY** Senators Issa, Perry, Polisena, Felag

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS IMPACTED BY A VIRAL PANDEMIC.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2924****BY** Senators Goodwin, Pichardo, Perry, Caprio F**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY STATE/LOCAL PARTNERSHIP FOR MAINTENANCE OF ROADS

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2722** as amended**BY** Senators Montalbano J, McCaffrey, Alves, Badeau, Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (exempt from taxation dwelling houses and land owned or held in trust by or for any religious organization).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2557** (by request)**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF RHODE ISLAND, INCORPORATED TO HOLD PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION," AS AMENDED.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2338****BY** Senators Sosnowski, Breene, Polisen, Gibbs, Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2210** (Lieutenant Governor)

**BY** Senators Gallo, Lanzi, Fogarty P, Walaska, Levesque C

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE QUALITY PROGRAM

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2602 SUB A**

**BY** Senators Roberts, Perry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION (amend the definition of health insurance to include nonprofit dental service plans)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2863**

**BY** Senator Bates

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (join Lauren M. Carlotto and Glenn Edward Perry).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2243**

**BY** Senator Alves

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (D'Agostino Marcello).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2862**

**BY** Senator Levesque C

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (join Stephanie C. Booth and Brian A. Beazley).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

**House Bill No. 6884**

**BY** Watson, Fox

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (join Semantha Coyle and James Edward Donnel)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2153**

**BY** Senator McBurney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT ( eliminate the Workers' Compensation Court's obligation to file annual activity reports with the general assembly)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2801**

**BY** Senator DaPonte

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - ADOPTION OF CHILDREN ( immunity to administrators, executors and trustees who are unaware of adopted children in the administration of estates and trusts, and who may inadvertently fail to provide for such child or children).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2170**

**BY** Senator Paiva-Weed

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2402** (Environmental Management)**BY** Senators Breene, Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (transfer jurisdiction of certain DEM violations from the district court to the jurisdiction of the traffic tribunal).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

**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 measure:

**Senate Bill No. 2836****BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS (change the time of the Exeter-West Greenwich regional school district meeting from 8:00 pm to 7:00 pm).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, March 21, 2006.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2947****BY** Senator Connors**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION WELCOMING THE AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL LEADERS 25TH ANNIVERSARY DELEGATION AND MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

Senator Connors requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Connors moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2948****BY** Senators Ciccone, DaPonte, Pichardo, Badeau, Metts**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ROBERT J. PALAZZO ON BEING SELECTED AS THE "ST. JOSEPH'S DAY MERIT AWARD WINNER".

Senator Ciccone requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ciccone moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2949**

**BY** Senators Pichardo, Metts

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION WELCOMING LIBERIAN PRESIDENT ELLEN JOHNSON-SIRLEAF TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

Senator Pichardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by Senator Metts and the entire Senate.

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2950**

**BY** Senators Ciccone, Montalbano J, Ruggerio, Polisena, Damiani

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY.

Senator Ciccone requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ciccone moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2951**

**BY** Senators Doyle, McBurney, Roberts, McCaffrey, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Senator Doyle requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Doyle moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.



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

### GUESTS

The Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber His Excellency, the Governor, Donald L. Carcieri and the First Lady of Rhode Island, Suzanne Carcieri

His Excellency, the Governor, addresses the body.

### GUESTS

The Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Patrick C. Lynch, Attorney General for the State of Rhode Island.

Upon suggestion of Senator McBurney and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Doyle, his father, the Honorable James Doyle, Mayor of the City of Pawtucket, his mother, Joan Doyle, his wife, Jackie Doyle, his sister, Joanne Doyle, nieces, Ellen Doyle Shannon and Caroline Doyle Shannon, his sister Cristen Cobery, his niece, Olivia Cobery, his mother-in-law Sandra Fiore and Stephen Thibodeau.

Upon suggestion of Senators Paiva Weed and Fogarty and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Frank Beazley.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Fr. Tony Duff, from Manchester, England, Patrick Griffin and Fr. James Ruggieri

Upon suggestion of Senator Roberts and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Marlyn Manfra and Paul Manfra-Willis

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber members of the Cranston East High School Quartette, "Top Row" Tamlyn Miller, Paul Manfra-Willis, Robert Green and Benjamin Hampson, along with Richard Lepore, Choir director.

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Mrs. Martha Fogarty, mother of Senator Fogarty.

Upon suggestion of Senator Fogarty and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Lois Simpson, Austin Coyne, Ann McCoy and Bob Perreault Jr.

Upon suggestion of Senator Cote and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Lenihan, his daughter, Meghan Lenihan-Mageira and grand daughters, Victoria Katelyn and Bryana Nora.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ciccone and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Ann Quintero, Robert DiMaio, Ron Beaumier, Municipal Court Judge Valentino Combardi.

Upon suggestion of Senator Doyle and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Dan Ryan, Joe Rocha and Jennifer Fiore.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Pasquale Zompa.

Upon suggestion of Senator Paiva Weed and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable David Carlin, Jr., former Senate Majority Leader.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ciccone and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Ralph Mollis, Mayor of the Town of North Providence.

#### **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.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:37 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR MARYELLEN GOODWIN**

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****INVOCATION****FATHER BERNARD A. HEALEY**

May you have good friends aplenty, And may they be as faithful and reliable, As the morning's sunrise each day. May you have warm words on a cold evening, A full moon on a dark night, And a road downhill all the way to your door. May every hair on your head turn into a candle, To light your way to heaven; And may God and hid Holy Mother, Take the harm of years away from you. And may you have no frost on your spuds, No worms in your cabbage; May your goat have plenty of milk, And if you should buy a donkey, Please, God, may she be pregnant!

## Appendix

## CONSENT CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006:

**1 2006-S 2243****BY Alves****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**2 2006-S 2862****BY Levesque C****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**3 2006-S 2863****BY Bates****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**4 2006-H 6884****BY Watson****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

**5 2006-S 2123****BY Fogarty P****ENTITLED,** SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND EXEMPT RHODE ISLAND'S CITIES AND TOWNS FROM PAYING ALL FUEL TAXES

Committee on Constitutional &amp; Gaming Issues recommends passage.

**6 2006-S 2300****BY Issa****ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS IMPACTED BY A VIRAL PANDEMIC

Committee on Constitutional &amp; Gaming Issues recommends passage.

**7 2006-S 2470****BY Raptakis****ENTITLED,** SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO NORTHWEST AIRLINES PROPOSED OUTSOURCING OF 3,000 FLIGHT ATTENDANT JOBS

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

**8 2006-S 2479**

**BY Sosnowski**

**ENTITLED,** SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY STATE TRADES CLASSIFICATIONS

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

**9 2006-S 2481**

**BY Gallo**

**ENTITLED,** SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF A TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE FOR EXPANDED STATE AFFILIATED TRANSPORTATION AND ROADWAY USE IN THE CITY OF CRANSTON

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

**10 2006-S 2482**

**BY Gallo**

**ENTITLED,** SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF THE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF STATE FACILITIES ON MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN THE CITY OF CRANSTON

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

**11 2006-S 2924**

**BY Goodwin**

**ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY STATE/LOCAL PARTNERSHIP FOR MAINTENANCE OF ROADS

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006:****1 2006-S 2018****BY Bates****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE LOTTERY

Committee on Constitutional &amp; Gaming Issues recommends passage.

**2 2006-S 2044****BY Blais****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS

Committee on Commerce, Housing &amp; Municipal Government recommends passage.

**3 2006-S 2120****BY Blais****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES

Committee on Commerce, Housing &amp; Municipal Government recommends passage.

**4 2006-S 2315****BY Revens****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Commerce, Housing &amp; Municipal Government recommends passage.

**5 2006-S 2685****BY Badeau****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- PRECIOUS METALS

Committee on Commerce, Housing &amp; Municipal Government recommends passage.

**6 2006-S 2867****BY Fogarty P****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Commerce, Housing &amp; Municipal Government recommends passage.

**7 2006-S 2869****BY Fogarty P****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Commerce, Housing &amp; Municipal Government recommends passage.

**8 2006-H 7000****BY Long****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 in concurrence.

**9 2006-S 2652****BY Ruggerio****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HOISTING ENGINEERS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

**10 2006-S 2836****BY Breene****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2006:****1 2006-S 2338****BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**2 2006-S 2557****BY Goodwin****ENTITLED,** AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF RHODE ISLAND, INCORPORATED TO HOLD PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION," AS AMENDED

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**3 2006-S 2722 as amended****BY Montalbano J****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage as amended.

**4 2006-S 2210****BY Gallo****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE QUALITY PROGRAM

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.



**5 2006-S 2602 SUB A****BY Roberts****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

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

**6 2006-S 2153****BY McBurney****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**7 2006-S 2170****BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL  
POWERS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**8 2006-S 2402****BY Breene****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**9 2006-S 2801****BY DaPonte****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - ADOPTION OF  
CHILDREN

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate