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Seventeenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, Madam President of the Senate, at 4:24 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 Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Eric S. Hammestahr, Jr., Roger Williams School of Law.

Upon suggestion of Senator Jabour and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Lisa Holley, Esq, former chairperson of the Rhode Island Parole Board.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOSUE

February 12, 2009

Rhode Island State Senate
State House
Providence, RI 02903

To The Honorable Senate:

Pursuant to Section 1.6 of the Interim Rules of the Senate, I am making the following appointment:

Senator Juan M. Pichardo
to the position of
Majority Deputy President Pro Tempore

Sincerely,

M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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To The Honorable Senate:

Pursuant to rule 12 of the Rules of the Senate Democratic Caucus, I am making the following appointments to the position of Deputy Majority Leader for the years 2009 and 2010:

Senator Christopher B. Maselli
Senator Harold M. Metts
Senator Beatrice A. Lanzi

Sincerely,

M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

Senator Sosnowski, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Nomination of Charles F. Brown, IV, representing the Department of Environment Management (appointment) VICE Lori Gibson to the Rabies Control Board

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Nomination of David A. Holden, SPCA Representative (appointment) VICE Kristine Powell (resigned) to the Rabies Control Board for a term expiring September 1, 2011

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 277

BY Senators Raptakis, Blais

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF EDWARD S. INMAN, JR. {LC1739/1}

Senator Raptakis requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Raptakis moves passage, seconded by Senators Connors, Algieri and the entire Senate.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 278

BY Senator Walaska

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MICHAEL D. RICCITELLI {LC1525/1}

Senator Walaska requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Walaska moves passage, seconded by Senators Connors, Algieri and the entire Senate.

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

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Resolution No. 5342

BY Malik, Naughton, Rice M, Handy

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE TO SUSPEND ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE SECRETARIAL INTERIM ACTION REGARDING THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Sheehan Connors Bates and Felag.

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

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 279**

BY Senator Connors

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY THE UNDERGROUND ECONOMY AND EMPLOYEE MISCLASSIFICATION {LC1787/1}

Senator Connors requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Connors moves passage, seconded by Senator DaPonte..

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 280

BY Senators Paiva-Weed, DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING KATHLEEN "KIKI" FINN ON BEING SELECTED GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 53RD ANNUAL NEWPORT ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE {LC1035/1}

Senator Connors requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senator McCaffrey and Felag.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 281

BY Senators Paiva-Weed, DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ED HARRIGAN FOR BEING INDUCTED INTO THE RHODE ISLAND RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME (RIRPA)

Senator Connors requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senator Connors, Algieri and Pinga.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

- 1 Nomination of Dr. Patrick M. Malone (reappointment) of Barrington to the Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission for a term expiring June 1, 2010.**
- 2 Nomination of Dr. E. Pierre Morenon (reappointment) of Providence to the Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission for a term expiring June 1, 2011..**
- 3 Nomination of Dr. Ronald J. Onorato (reappointment) of Newport to the Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission for a term expiring June 1, 2010.**
- 4 Nomination of Nancy Kolman Ventrone (reappointment) of Jamestown to the Commission for Human Rights for a term expiring July 1, 2013.**
- 5 2009-S 12
BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**
- 6 2009-S 41
BY Walaska
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Upon motion of Senator Connors, seconded by Senator Algieri, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, 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 Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lynch, Maher, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Picard announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Connors announces the Birthdays of the following Senators, Senator Felag on February 15, Senator DaPonte on February 15 and Senator Doyle on February 16.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Doyle seconded by Senator Connors, and upon suggestion of Senator Walaska, the Senate stands at recess at 4:42 o'clock P.M. in memory of Mike Riccitelli former clerk of Corporations.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, Madam President of the Senate, on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 282

BY Senators Felag, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO RENAMING THE NEW SAKONNET BRIDGE, AQUIDNECK ISLAND (would name the new Sakonnet Bridge as the ôStaff Sergeant Christopher Potts Sakonnet Bridge.ö) {LC1763/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 283 (Business Regulation)**BY** Senator Maher**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING, AND ATHLETES - BOXING (would prevent a boxing referee from automatically stopping a match if any boxer suffered three (3) knockdowns in any one round.) {LC1305/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 284 (Business Regulation)**BY** Senator Maher**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING AND ATHLETICS -- BOXING AND WRESTLING (would allow complimentary tickets boxing matches to be distributed with the consent and approval of the director.) {LC1306/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 285**BY** Senators DiPalma, Ciccone, Jabour, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (would allow class A license holders to conduct intoxicating beverage samplings of up to three (3) servings not to exceed one-quarter (1/4) ounces each.) {LC1072/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 286**BY** Senators Ciccone, Picard, Tassoni, Felag, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 287**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLE -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC1263/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 288**BY** Senators Ciccone, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (would establish a dispatch office to which all natural gas emergencies would be reported.) {LC1692/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 289**BY** Senators Ciccone, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC1696/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 290**BY** Senators Blais, Cote, Maselli, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (would create the small business regulatory fairness in administrative procedures chapter designed to reduce the burden of unfair regulations on small business.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 291**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (would provide that no service or maintenance fees may be charged on gift cards and certificates less that two (2) years old, and eliminates certain exceptions in the existing statute.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 292**BY** Senators Sheehan, Lenihan, Tassoni, Miller, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (would clarify that the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation and its subsidiaries must conform to applicable provisions of the state guide plan.) {LC1426/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 293**BY** Senators Ciccone, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - SMALL LOAN LENDERS {LC1774/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 294 (Attorney General)**BY** Senator Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HOME HEATING OIL SALES {LC1387/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 295**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS (would repeal Rhode Island general corporations law and replace it and model with the law used in the state of Delaware.) {LC1110/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 296**BY** Senators Ciccone, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (would make every child who has completed a state recognized/accredited kindergarten program&has completed 6 years of life on or before Sept. 30 of any school year eligible to attend 1st grade.) {LC1792/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 297**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Raptakis, Sheehan, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - MARINE FISHERIES COUNCIL (would change the composition of the marine fisheries council to 9 private citizen members. Also, the term of appointment would be changed from a term of 2 years to 4 years for all members.) {LC1290/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 298**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - DESIGNERS OF INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS (would amend the qualifications for design and installation of individual sewage disposal systems (ISDS).)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 299**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (would allow retired firefighters and police officers to work an unlimited number of days in the service of the system.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 300**BY** Senator Fogarty P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (would require the state to annually pay for the tuition & related costs for students attending a state elem.or sec. vocational edu. school. Payments would be made directly to the respective schools.) {LC1402/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 301**BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS (would increase the compensation for members of the board of elections & grant the board sole authority to fix the salaries of the secretary & assistants.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 302 (by request)**BY** Senator Maher**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (would extend the penalties for late payment of taxes due on personal income tax return to cover also the late payment of taxes due on an employer's taxes withheld return, in conformity with the previous subsection covering failure to file.) {LC1443/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 303 (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES (would add a percent increase to the state purchase bids of nonresident bidders equal to the percent, if any, of the preference given to the bidder in the state in which the bidder resides.) {LC1407/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 304

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT (would allow the designation of an expired federal enterprise zone, enterprise community, or state enterprise zone upon specific request of a governing authority.) {LC1196/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 305

BY Senators Sosnowski, Sheehan, Lenihan, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (would require determinations in state purchasing to be posted on an official website maintained under the chief purchasing officer.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Also:

Senate Bill No. 306

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - INTERPRETER SERVICES (would set forth various standards for the department of human services to properly ensure that persons who are not proficient in English are informed of receiving appropriate interpreter services in various languages.)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 307

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 308

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (would impose limits on where medical marijuana can be smoked.)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 309

BY Senators Blais, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF EARTH REMOVAL AND GRAVEL PROCESSING IN THE TOWN OF COVENTRY (would permit the town of Coventry to provide by ordinance for the regulation, control, and licensing of earth removal in said town.)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 310

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- KENT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (would increase the compensation of the Kent County water board members from \$3,000 per year to \$3,500 per year with a cost of living adjustment.)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 311

BY Senators Lynch, Connors, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - FEES (would provide that a portion of the fees collected in district court and family court would be forwarded to Rhode Island legal services.) {LC1853/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 312

BY Senators Crowley, Tassoni, McCaffrey, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES {LC1216/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 313

BY Senators Ciccone, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (would allow for the destruction/sealing of records after an acquittal for those previously convicted of a felony.) {LC1223/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 314

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EVIDENCE (would establish guidelines for the admissibility of scientific/technical evidence. Would take effect upon passage& would apply to all trials commencing on/after the effective date.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 315

BY Senators Blais, Lenihan, Cote, Maher, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND POLICY AND ITS DIVERSE CULTURES (would establish English as the primary language in the state of Rhode Island.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 316

BY Senators Bates, Perry, Miller, Pichardo, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTHCARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (would provide funding, under the RIte Start Program, for abortions necessary to preserve the life of the mother, or in the case of pregnancies resulting from rape or incest.) {LC1207/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 317 (Secretary of State)

BY Senators Ciccone, Tassoni, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION {LC1224/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 318 (Secretary of State)

BY Senators Ciccone, Crowley, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATION AND TENURE OF OFFICERS (would require any person appointed to a state board, agency or commission to take a prescribed oath of office, and shall entitle the appointee to a commission.) {LC1212/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 319

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (would require the inclusion of any written statements by the victim including injuries sustained by the victim in presentence reports.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 320

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS (would decriminalize the possession of 1 ounce or less of marijuana, and provide for civil penalties, & for offenders under 18, community service programs & mandatory counseling.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 321

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (would prohibit persons with a prior drunk driving conviction from pleading to a current charge at the initial arraignment.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 322 (Secretary of State)

BY Senators Ciccone, Tassoni, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS {LC1225/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 323 (Secretary of State)

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS {LC1350/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 324

BY Senators Maselli, Tassoni, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST TOWNS (would require cities, towns, and fire districts to indemnify officials for claims arising out of the performance of their official duties.) {LC1179/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 325

BY Senators Crowley, Lynch, McCaffrey, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTIONS (would allow the local board of canvassers to combine precincts during the primary elections without regard to general assembly districts in those instances when there is no contest in a general assembly district.) {LC1701/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 326 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Lanzi, DiPalma, Ciccone, Picard, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 327

BY Senators Perry, DiPalma, Miller, Sosnowski, Lenihan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CAMPAIGN FIDUCIARY (would change the current partial-matching system of public funding of elections by creating a voluntary system for full public financing of statewide and legislative elections.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 328

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS (would provide for a recalculation of the spendable base wage at anytime the employee's exemption status changes.) {LC1134/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 329

BY Senator Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--PROCEDURE (would allow for counsel fees to be awarded when an attorney successfully secures relief for an injured worker from certain memorandum of agreements and suspension agreements.) {LC1152/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 330 (Dept. of Labor and Training)

BY Senator Maher

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - TRADE LICENSE RENEWAL SCHEDULES {LC1432/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 331

BY Senator Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (would amend the labor relations act to provide for a certified representative for collective bargaining.) {LC1199/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 332

BY Senators Sosnowski, Walaska, Bates

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

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 333**BY** Senators Maselli, Ciccone, Doyle, Lynch**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (would provide that campus police officers appointed by the board of governors for higher education would be covered by the law enforcement officers' bill of rights.) {LC1178/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 334**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS COMPENSATION BENEFITS (would require that prior to a petition to reduce an employee's weekly benefits there must be a final determination of maximum medical improvement rendered by the court.) {LC1130/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 335**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- ARBITRATION (would acknowledge arbitration as the preferred alternative labor dispute resolution mechanism and limit instances when an arbitration award can be vacated.) {LC1158/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 336**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--PROCEDURE (would provide a right of appeal to the supreme court of a final decree of the appellate division of the workers' compensation court.) {LC1140/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 337**BY** Senator Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - PROCEDURE (would require all employers, insurance companies & third-party administrators to make written demand upon employees & their attorneys of record 21 days before filing any petitions for relief.) {LC1150/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 338

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - BENEFITS {LC1144/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 339

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION (would redefine the terms under which an employer or insurer of a person injured on the job may share in a third-party recovery.) {LC1249/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 340

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION (would clarify the instances when an employer/workers' compensation insurance carrier must file an accounting statement for benefits paid to or on behalf of an insured employee.) {LC1259/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 341

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS (would provide for a surcharge on any payment payable under a workers' compensation order or decree when the payment is 14 days or more late.) {LC1129/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 342

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--BENEFITS (would require employers to pay the reasonable costs of transportation to/from health care providers which costs are incurred by employees receiving workers' compensation benefits.) {LC1147/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 343

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--RETIREMENT SYSTEM {LC1127/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 344

BY Senator Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- PROCEDURE (would entitle an attorney for an injured worker to receive a reasonable counsel fee for the services rendered on behalf of the injured worker in recovering relief for the worker.) {LC1133/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 345

BY Senator Cote

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM)

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 346

BY Senators Sheehan, Lenihan, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (would allow the registry to issue special license plates for the Friends of Plum Beach Lighthouse, Inc.) {LC1697/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 347

BY Senators Pichardo, Jabour, Metts, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TAXI CABS (would permit taxi cabs to increase their rates by an annual amount not to exceed the increase in the CPI as a matter of right.) {LC1575/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 348

BY Senators Maselli, Doyle, Lynch, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGES OF REAL PROPERTY (would allow the full payment of mortgage loans to be made at any time without penalty.)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 349

BY Senators Maselli, Gallo, Tassoni, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS BOARD (would amend the composition & the duties of the RI certification standards board. Would change status of the policy advisory board on teacher & adm. certification to the policy board on teacher & adm. certification.) {LC1180/1}

02/12/2009 Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 350

BY Senators Jabour, Ciccone, Maselli, McCaffrey, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE RHODE ISLAND INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (would provide that the intervention provisions of the RI Student Investment Initiative Act would not alter or affect rights or remedies of school employees provided under federal laws, state laws, local laws or collective bargaining agreements.) {LC1593/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 351

BY Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY {LC1375/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 352 (by request)

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- DISEASES AND PARASITES (would establish the Asian Longhorn Beetle as a nuisance. It would also establish penalties for unlawful importation and transportation of said beetles.) {LC1209/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 353

BY Senators DiPalma, Pichardo, Tassoni, Lanzi, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (would provide a sales and use tax holiday weekend on the 3rd Saturday & Sunday of August in each calendar year.) {LC1473/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 354

BY Senators Gallo, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (would remove employees of the RI board of governors for higher edu. employees of state colleges & universities from the control of the personnel administrator and/or the merit system law.) {LC1232/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 355 (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senators DiPalma, Pichardo, Tassoni, Ciccone, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES (would provide that vendors/service providers for the state of RI that have headquarters/primary place of business in RI be given preference on contracts or purchases involving the state. This act would take effect upon passage.) {LC1117/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 356

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (would limit the compensation to certain employees of health care facilities to an amount of not more than 2.5 times above what the governor's compensation is for any fiscal year.) {LC1291/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 357

BY Senators Sosnowski, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE --INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE {LC1399/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 358

BY Senators Jabour, Pichardo, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (would reduce the percentage of annual revenue by tobacco sales in the definition of a smoking bar from 50% to 30%.) {LC1598/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 359

BY Senators Jabour, Pichardo, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT {LC1596/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 360

BY Senators Blais, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (would exempt certain persons including those issued protective orders from the weapons safety requirements of this chapter)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 361

BY Senators Raptakis, Cote, Maher, Sheehan, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER IDENTIFICATION (would provide that, any person claiming to be a registered and eligible voter who desires to vote at a primary election, special election or general election, shall provide proof of identity) {LC1084/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 362 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Ciccone, DiPalma, Jabour, Sheehan, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC TRUST (would create a new chapter within title 11, entitled "Government Integrity and Public Accountability Act of 2009", defining and punishing theft of honest services)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 363

BY Senators Lanzi, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (would require the adoption of new regulations and impose new reporting requirements within department of children, youth, and families (DCYF) to improve accountability relating to sexual abuse of children)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 364

BY Senators Blais, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (would exempt any person who at the time of purchase is exchanging a functional concealable firearm as part of or the entire purchase price to another concealable firearm from the requirement of obtaining a basic pistol/revolver safety certificate)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 365

BY Senators Blais, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (would eliminate the application requirement and 7 day waiting period from the current section to those rifle and/or shotgun transactions which are essentially merely an exchange)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 366

BY Senators Crowley, Maher, McCaffrey, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - ELECTIVE MEETING (would change the time that Richmond polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m) {LC1700/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 367

BY Senators Blais, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 368

BY Senators Blais, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (would expand the license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver to include people who have been issued protective orders, and would require that the permit be delivered to applicants within 10 business days)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 369

BY Senators Jabour, Cote, Maher, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- CAUSES OF ACTION (would allow a surety to be sued for bad faith refusal to pay a claim made under any surety bond or otherwise refusing to timely perform its obligation and would allow compensatory, punitive damages and attorneys' fees and costs of suit) {LC1589/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 370

BY Senators Blais, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (would prohibit cities and towns from providing the name, address or date of birth of any person who has applied for a license or permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 371

BY Senator McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - MECHANICS' LIENS (require contractors to give notice to the owner, lessee or tenant, or owner of less than the fee simple in writing, by certified mail return receipt requested, at least 10 business days prior to commencing work) {LC1126/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 372 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Walaska, Maselli, Jabour, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HOMICIDE (would repeal enumerated special circumstances that could be relied on by the court to sentence an individual to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 373

BY Senators Lynch, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS (would include in the sanctions for failing to stop for an accident resulting in property damage a sentence of up to one year in prison, in addition to the sanctions currently in effect) {LC1449/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 374

BY Senators Lenihan, Cote, Sosnowski, Sheehan, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (would mandate that a public body receiving a request for access to public records comply within seven (7) business days)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 375

BY Senators Maselli, Walaska, Blais, McCaffrey, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING (would expand the list of vehicles that would subject a person to a felony sentence of 10 years in prison if the person broke into any of the types of vehicles named with the intent to commit a larceny or other crime) {LC1182/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 376 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Fogarty P, Gallo, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (would provide specific penalties for anyone who fails to notify the appropriate governmental authority in the event of a death as specified by this section)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 377 (Attorney General)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Jabour, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - SENTENCE AND EXECUTION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 378

BY Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (would clarify sellers disclosure requirements regarding conservation easements)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 379

BY Senators McCaffrey, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- UNIFORM FOREIGN COUNTRY MONEY JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT (would establish uniform rules for recognition of money judgments from other countries) {LC1295/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 380

BY Senators Doyle, Connors, Tassoni, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (require any person having a duty to register as a sex offender, who has temporarily resided in this state for a period of 14 days, to register by appearing in person within 24 hours at the law enforcement agency in the city/town which they reside)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 381 (Attorney General)

BY Senator Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (would require any commercial entity engaged in the business of collecting/disposing solid waste to certify in writing every 30 days that such waste was not generated or collected outside the territorial limits of Rhode Island)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 382

BY Senators Doyle, Connors, Tassoni, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (act would require sexual offender registration and public notification upon conviction regardless of the status of any appeal) (LC995/1)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 383

BY Senators Walaska, McBurney, Raptakis, McCaffrey, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS (act would identify and include communication access expenses to ensure participation by deaf and hard of hearing individuals as a permitted use of campaign funds) {LC1315/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 384

BY Senators DiPalma, DeVall, Crowley, Tassoni, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (act would amend the provisions regarding the dismissal, suspension, or lay-off of red teachers) {LC1091/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 385

BY Senators Sosnowski, Walaska, Raptakis, Lenihan

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF BIOSOLIDS FOR FERTILIZER IN RHODE ISLAND {LC1438/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 386

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY STATE TRADES CLASSIFICATIONS {LC1272/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 387 (Business Regulation)

BY Senator Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- EXAMINATIONS (would update the insurance laws to the most recent revision to the National Association of Insurance Commissioner Model Act and would add additional clarification to the financial analysis process) {LC1423/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 388 (by request)

BY Senator Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- OIL SPILL PREVENTION, ADMINISTRATION AND RESPONSE FUND (require the director of the oil spill prevention, administration/response fund to appropriate one million dollars beginning 7/1/2009, and five hundred thousand dollars annually beginning 7/2010 to obtain/ maintain a firefighting foam training simulator) {LC1678/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 389

BY Senators Perry, Miller, Sosnowski, Pichardo, Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (would authorize the director of human services to permit an increase in bed capacity for a licensed nursing facility when additional capacity is required to provide enhanced quality of life for nursing facility residents through "Green house" programs) {LC1215/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 390

BY Senators Lynch, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS (would prohibit a dental insurance company from requiring a dentist who provides services to its subscribers to accept a fee set by the company unless it compensates the dentist for such services) {LC1713/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 391 (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senators Levesque C, Miller, Crowley, Tassoni, Lynch

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (would allow a qualifying individual and/or dependent children to purchase health insurance from an insurer contracting with the state for no more than eighteen consecutive months) {LC1049/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 392

BY Senators Maselli, Connors, Raptakis, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND {LC1481/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 393

BY Senators Maselli, Connors, Raptakis, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING (provide a city/town has not yet amended its zoning ordinances to reflect amendments to the city/town's comprehensive plan, any conflicts/inconsistencies contained therein would be resolved in favor of the of the current zoning ordinances/zoning map) {LC1478/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 394

BY Senators Walaska, Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (would require that commencing on January 1, 2010, publishers/manufacturers of electronic video instructional materials would need to provide open or closed captions for most such products offered for sale or adoption in RI) {LC1346/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 395

BY Senator DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (would repeal certain provisions regarding the language associated with the "Rights and Duties of Teachers Generally" regarding the dismissal of teachers in the towns of Woonsocket and Cumberland) {LC1783/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 396

BY Senator McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INSTALLERS OF INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS (would permit a person holding a valid license to connect individual sewage disposal systems into municipal sewage systems) {LC1741/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 397

BY Senators Gallo, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Crowley, Lynch

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BREAST CANCER SCREENING (would increase funding for the women's cancer screening program at the department of health) {LC1347/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 398

BY Senators Lenihan, Connors, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (would prohibit waiver of the bonding requirements on contractors awarded contracts in excess of fifty thousand dollars by the department of transportation or department or administration) {LC1418/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 399

BY Senators Sheehan, Jabour, Raptakis, Cote, O'Neill E

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (would establish the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds) {LC1462/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 400

BY Senators Sheehan, Jabour, Raptakis, Cote, O'Neill E

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (would establish the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds) {LC1455/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 401

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY TAX RELIEF - COMPUTATION OF CREDIT (would increase the property tax relief range of household income eligible for the credit from \$15,001 - \$30,000 to \$15,001 - \$40,000) {LC1384/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 402

BY Senator Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ESTABLISHING THE RHODE ISLAND TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM {LC1386/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 403

BY Senators Sosnowski, Lenihan, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX (would add to Rhode Island personal income tax return forms a refund deduction for a contribution to the Rhode Island Agricultural Lands Preservation Commission) {LC1297/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 404 (by request)

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (would require employers to remit withholding taxes by electronic funds transfer or other electronic means defined by the tax administrator) {LC1450/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 405 (by request)

BY Senator Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (would provide that any abatement of uncollectable taxes be approved by the director of revenue) {LC1458/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 406 (Administration)

BY Senator Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET RESERVE FUND (would appropriate forty two million, nine hundred fifty thousand, four hundred eighty dollars (\$42,950,480) from the Budget Reserve and Cash Stabilization Account for fiscal year 2008) {LC1504/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 407

BY Senators Goodwin, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES' HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY INCENTIVE GRANT (would extend the eligibility age of individuals receiving higher education opportunity incentive grants from under 21 to those who are 23 if they reach the age of 21 while participating in the grant) {LC1348/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 408

BY Senators Pichardo, Sosnowski, Gallo, Crowley, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - CIGARETTE TAX (would provide that no license or permit to sell cigarettes would be issued or renewed unless the licensee has paid all current, fees, fines or other outstanding charges) {LC1740/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 409 (Labor & Training)

BY Senator Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT SECURITY FUND - LOANS AND INTEREST (would allow the governor to transfer moneys from the temporary disability insurance fund to the unemployment compensation benefits fund under certain conditions) {LC1554/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 410

BY Senators Doyle, Tassoni, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (would amend the laws for tax exempt artistic communities to include certain parts of the city of Pawtucket) (LC916/1)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 411 (Governor)

BY Senator Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - STATE BUDGET (would give the governor authority to reduce or suspend appropriations in response to budget shortfalls and would also expand the governor's authority relating to interfund transfers) {LC1551/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 412

BY Senators Pinga, Jabour, DiPalma, O'Neill E, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - STATE FUNDS (would make it a violation for any employee or officer to make an expenditure in excess of an appropriation, or to obligate the state to a contract or an expenditure, prior to an appropriation authorized by a legally constituted authority) {LC1397/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 413

BY Senators Lenihan, Cote, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HEALTH AND EDUCATION BUILDING CORPORATION (would require that appointees to the Rhode Island health and education building corporation board of directors receive the advice and consent of the senate)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Also:

Senate Bill No. 414

BY Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Sheehan, Lenihan, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - SEPARATION OF POWERS - COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (would change how members to the Coastal Resource Management Council are appointed to comply with the Separation of Powers Constitutional Amendment)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Also:

Senate Bill No. 415 (Board of Elections)

BY Senators DaPonte, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RECOUNT ELIGIBILITY (would prevent the state board of elections from reviewing a ballot for voter intent during a recount unless the ballot is damaged) {LC1235/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 416 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Sosnowski, Maselli, Sheehan, Algiere, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - SEARCH WARRANTS - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (would allow a peace officer to request a search warrant which would allow the taking of blood, breath or urine, or perform a chemical test if probable cause exists to believe that an individual has been driving under the influence)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 417 (Board of Elections)

BY Senators DaPonte, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RETURNS (would require the board of elections to report a write in candidate's vote tally as long as it's at least fifty percent of the winner's total) {LC1230/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 418

BY Senator Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - ELECTRONIC RECORDING (would specifically authorize the municipal recorder of deeds, at the recorder's option, to accept electronic documents for recording and to index and store those documents) {LC1282/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 419 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Walaska, Maselli, Jabour, McCaffrey, Algiere

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS (would provide for the mandatory two year revocation of an operator's license when convicted of leaving the scene of an accident resulting in serious bodily injury)

02/12/2009 Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 420 (Board of Elections)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (would amend the category for mail ballot applications to include voters who may not be able to vote on election day during voting hours) {LC1240/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 421 (Board of Elections)

BY Senators McCaffrey, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (would amend the procedure for voting, including eliminating the requirement that a voter sign the list) {LC1243/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 422

BY Senators Maselli, Ciccone, Doyle, Lynch

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (would include a campus police officer appointed by the board of governors for higher education in the definition section of police officer) {LC1177/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 423 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Sosnowski, Maselli, Sheehan, Algiere, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (would repeal the enhancement of penalties for subsequent offenses of DUI, death resulting and DUI resulting in serious bodily injury/would replace the enhancement of penalties with an amended single range of penalties)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 424

BY Senators Gallo, Miller, Fogarty P

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - ELECTIVE MEETING (would eliminate the requirement that all public elementary and secondary schools throughout the state shall close for a statewide primary election) {LC1731/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 425

BY Senators Goodwin, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT (would include convictions for petty misdemeanors involving domestic violence when determining if the defendant qualifies for enhanced penalties for domestic violence offenses subsequent to a first conviction for domestic violence offense) {LC1198/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 426

BY Senators Lenihan, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (would mandate that a public body receiving a request for access to public records comply within seven (7) business days) {LC1821/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 427 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Metts, Jabour, Pichardo, Goodwin, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS -- LICENSE OR PERMIT FEE (would increase the fee for a weapons license or permit from \$40.00 to \$100 and would provide that nonresident permits would be valid for one year)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 428

BY Senators Sheehan, Jabour, Lenihan, Cote, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS--
JUDICIAL SELECTION (would increase the time that the governor has to fill a judicial vacancy after a list of names is submitted from twenty-one (21) days to forty-five (45) days) {LC1779/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 429

BY Senators Perry, Blais, Miller, Maher, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY
OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT -- HEALTH CARE
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION (would require the health care provider of a child who
has been sexually abused to report the abuse to the appropriate law enforcement entity) {LC1213/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 430 (Corrections)

BY Senators Metts, Jabour, Pichardo, Goodwin, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND
EXECUTION (would permit the department of corrections to release an inmate on the prior business
day of their prison release date or completion of sentence if such date falls on a weekend or on a
holiday) {LC1442/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 431

BY Senators Doyle, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES (would include possession of a keg
with a registered name or mark to be a presumption of possession of stolen property)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 432 (Attorney General)

BY Senators Metts, Jabour, Pichardo, Goodwin, Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (would make it
unlawful for any person to knowingly receive, transport or possess any firearm which has had the
importer's or manufacturer's serial number tampered with)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 433

BY Senators Tassoni, Ciccone, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (would provide for up to 10 years in prison for persons convicted of distributing a controlled substance to someone without their knowledge with the intent to commit a crime of violence against that other person) {LC1822/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 434 (Governor)

BY Senators Doyle, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (would require convicted sex offenders to be monitored through a global positioning system placed on when released from incarceration) {LC1411/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 435

BY Senators Tassoni, Pinga, McBurney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS (require all voters to provide proof of identification with their photograph issued by the state or federal government before voting) {LC1824/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 436 (Secretary of State)

BY Senator Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS (would create a process by which early voting could be instituted for the five (5) days before the actual election day) {LC1476/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 437 (Secretary of State)

BY Senators Maselli, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER IDENTIFICATION (would provide that, any person claiming to be a registered and eligible voter who desires to vote at a primary election, special election or general election, shall provide proof of identity) {LC1477/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 438

BY Senators Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HOTELS AND PUBLIC PLACES (would exclude alcoholic beverage establishments pursuant to title 3 of the general laws involving admittance of underage individuals accompanied by a parent, grandparent or legal guardian) {LC1733/1}

02/12/2009 Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 439 (Labor & Training)

BY Senators Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS - FURNISHING PAYROLL RECORDS (would amend the payroll furnishing requirement to require certain contractors/subcontractors performing prevailing wage work on public works contracts in excess of \$1,000 to furnish a copy of his or her RI depart of labor & training) {LC1436/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 440 (Labor & Training)

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HOISTING ENGINEERS (would provide for a uniform appointing authority for all members of the board of 1 examiners for hoisting engineers and would add the director of the department of labor and training to the board) {LC1429/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 441 (Labor & Training)

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (amend the hearings mechanism for boiler/pressure vessel violations by repealing the provisions for hearings before compensated arbitration panels/permitting hearings before the Occupational Safety and Health Review Board) {LC1433/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 442 (by request)

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS ARBITRATION (would provide for last-best offer arbitration for firefighters and municipal police) {LC1560/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 443 (by request)

BY Senator Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (would provide for last-best offer arbitration for firefighters and municipal police) {LC1556/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 444 (by request)

BY Senator Bates

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATION - LABOR RELATIONS ACT (would provide that no collective bargaining agreement in effect as of January 1, 2009 would provide for an employee contribution of not less than 25% of the premium cost of health benefits) {LC1564/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 445

BY Senators Picard, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- PROCEDURE (would provide that no petition would be filed during the pendency of a 1 nonprejudicial memorandum of agreement or up until the notification that payments have terminated) {LC1720/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 446

BY Senators Picard, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- PROCEDURE (would provide an employer or insurer with notice and opportunity to accept a workers' compensation claim) {LC1726/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 447

BY Senators Picard, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS (would provide that neither party filing a petition to show a recurrence or decrease of incapacity, be required to document a comparative change of condition) {LC1724/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 448

BY Senators Picard, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (would provide that a reduction in a workers' weekly compensation shall not be delayed for more than ninety (90) days after maximum medical improvement has been found) {LC1725/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

Senator Miller from the Committee on Corporations, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 51

BY Senators Pichardo, Miller, Metts, Levesque C, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

Senator Sosnowski from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 50

BY Senators Felag, Paiva-Weed, Metts, Sosnowski, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REMEDIATION AND REUSE ACT

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Walaska and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber former State Senator from Maine, Paula Benoit, Paul Schibbelhute- adoption congress, John Greene, Rhode Island Coalition for adoption equality.

Upon suggestion of Senator Metts and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Mr. Brandon Brown a senior at URI, studying political Science Sociology and African American Studies, and also serves on the Board of Governors from Central Falls, who is serving as an intern for this legislative session.

Upon suggestion of Senator Connors and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Dr. Paul E. Harrington and Michael Bird.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Maselli announces that the Committee on Rules will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 310 of the State House.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Connors, the Senate stands at recess at 4:20 o'clock P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, Madam President of the Senate, on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 4:14 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Doyle, seconded by Senator Connors, the Senate adjourns at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JOHN J. TASSONI, JR.

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

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009:

- 1 Nomination of Charles F. Brown, IV, representing the Department of Environment Management (appointment) VICE Lori Gibson to the Rabies Control Board.**

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

- 2 Nomination of David A. Holden, SPCA Representative (appointment) VICE Kristine Powell (resigned) to the Rabies Control Board for a term expiring September 1, 2011.**

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

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009:

1. 2009-S 50

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY REMEDIATION AND REUSE ACT

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

2. 2009-S 51

BY Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED
ACTIVITIES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.