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Thirty-sixth 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 4:28 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 Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, 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 – 1: Senator Felag

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Thirty-fifth Legislative Day of the 2009 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Lenihan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Sheehan, 6 week-old son, James Sheehan and his wife Meredith.

Upon suggestion of Senator Levesque and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Heidi Hood from Portsmouth.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5275 SUB A

BY Kennedy, Walsh, Caprio D, Gallison, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES (would provide for the application of the hurricane deductible for losses in Block Island from hurricane force sustained winds reported by the national weather service.) {LC899/1/A}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

House Bill No. 6006

BY Gemma, Ferri, Naughton, Flaherty, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - DOGS (would increase the fines imposed by the Municipal Court for a violation of the dog ordinances) {LC2287/1}

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

Also:

House Resolution No. 5654 as amended

BY Dennigan, Pacheco, McNamara, Mattiello

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ESTABLISH HEALTH CARE REFORM MODELS TO EXPAND HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AND TO DECREASE HEALTH CARE COSTS FOR RHODE ISLAND RESIDENTS {LC1676/1}

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

Also:

House Bill No. 5286

BY McNamara, Ferri, Diaz, Savage, Jacquard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HIGHER EDUCATION (would authorize the "Bachelors Degree in Three" program, a new educational initiative designed to expedite the process so that students can earn a bachelors degree at a state college or university within three (3) years.)

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

House Bill No. 5986

BY Fox, Fierro, Rice A, Sullivan, DaSilva

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE - ADOPTING OF CODE {LC2184/1}

Referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

Also:

House Bill No. 5597 (General Treasurer)

BY Carter, Gemma, Gallison, Gablinske, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE - ABANDONED PROPERTY (provide that if medals awarded to US military personnel are delivered to the General Treasurer, they cannot be offered for sale, but must be returned to owner of the safety deposit box in which the medal(s) were located, or to his or her heirs) {LC1294/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

House Bill No. 5791 (by request)

BY Ehrhardt

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAX EXPENDITURE REPORTING {LC1630/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

House Bill No. 5708 (Revenue)

BY Ehrhardt

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (would provide that any abatement of uncollectable taxes be approved by the director of revenue) {LC1628/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

House Bill No. 5340 as amended

BY Gallison, Edwards, Serpa, Martin, Carnevale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CEMETERIES -- VETERAN HEADSTONE MEMORIALS (would require any cemetery which accepts a veteran's remains for burial to install free of charge the plaque issued by the Veterans' Administration on the veteran's gravesite.)

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

House Bill No. 5252

BY Pacheco

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS (would amend the definition of a "cultural heritage education facility" for purposes of chapter 21-27, "Sanitation in Food Establishments," and would require such a site to be at least 150 years old in order to be within the definition)

Referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Also:

House Bill No. 5166

BY Mattiello, Brien, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE FIRE SAFETY CODE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

Also:

House Bill No. 5267 SUB A

BY Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE (would allow the town of Jamestown to establish a juvenile hearing board) {LC911/1/A}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 5990

BY Kilmartin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow David W. Piccerelli to join Alexa Marie Tedoldi and Matthew Joseph Piccerelli in marriage on or about October 3, 2009 within the Town of Barrington, Rhode Island.) {LC2167/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 5253

BY Ajello, McNamara, Corvese, Handy, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE POLICE (would require the state police, in consultation with other appropriate agencies, to send out emergency alerts if a person with a diagnosis of dementia is reported missing)

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 5054 SUB A

BY Corvese, Schadone, San Bento, Wasylyk

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE (allow the town of North Providence to establish a juvenile hearing board) {LC28/1/A}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 5712

BY Lally

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS (would remove outdated language relating to the election of spousal benefits) {LC2071/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 6020

BY Lally

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow Michael Anthony Cardi to join Danielle Lynn Pard and Derek Joseph Tomaselli in marriage within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island) {LC2218/1}

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 853

BY Senators Ruggerio, Maselli, DaPonte, Doyle, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS {LC2393/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 854**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Lenihan, Sheehan, Tassoni, Gallo**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP APPROACH TO REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH RISKS POSED BY THE USE OR DISPOSAL OF PRODUCTS {LC2423/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 855**BY** Senators Ruggiero, Lynch, Walaska, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC2396/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 856**BY** Senators Walaska, Lynch, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR PRESERVE MATCHING FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR BRUSH NECK COVE DREDGING AND HABITAT RESTORATION IN THE CITY OF WARWICK {LC2311/1}

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 857**BY** Senators Levesque C, Perry**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INCREASED AWARENESS AND USE OF ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVES {LC2163/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 858**BY** Senators Goodwin, Lynch, Bates, Connors**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES -- BOSTON RED SOX/JIMMY FUND LICENSE PLATES {LC2320/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 859**BY** Senator Maselli**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES {LC2322/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 860**BY** Senators Ciccone, Lanzi, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - TAXICABS AND LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES {LC2321/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Corporations

Also:

Senate Bill No. 861**BY** Senators Perry, Pichardo, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT EQUAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT {LC1797/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 862**BY** Senator DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC2389/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 863**BY** Senators DeVall, Connors, Ruggerio, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE - ADOPTING OF CODE {LC2183/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 864**BY** Senators McBurney, Doyle, Crowley, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES {LC2347/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 865

BY Senators Ciccone, Sheehan, Lenihan, Sosnowski, Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES
{LC2471/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Also:

Senate Bill No. 866

BY Senators Perry, Miller, Sosnowski, Sheehan, Pichardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DETERMINATION OF NEED
FOR NEW HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT AND NEW INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES
{LC2303/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 867

BY Senator Levesque C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY {LC2291/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 868

BY Senators Sheehan, Lenihan

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE BONDS
AND NOTES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000,000 TO FINANCE THE
CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN INCLUDING THE
ACQUISITION OF LAND THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF SEWER
ASSESSMENTS AND SERVICE FEES {LC2007/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 869

BY Senators Lenihan, Sosnowski, Miller, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - OUTDOOR ADVERTISING {LC2407/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 870

BY Senators Lanzi, Miller, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY {LC2315/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 871

BY Senators Lanzi, Gallo, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS {LC2312/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 872

BY Senators Raptakis, Blais, Maher, Walaska, Maselli

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE FIRE SAFETY CODE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC2380/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 873

BY Senators Lanzi, Gallo, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - MAINTENANCE OF CITY AND TOWN HIGHWAYS {LC2426/1}

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 874

BY Senators Picard, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAX SALES {LC2472/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 875

BY Senators Ciccone, Blais, Pichardo, Lanzi, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - TRESPASS AND VANDALISM {LC2395/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 876

BY Senators Ruggerio, Fogarty P, Tassoni, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS {LC2406/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 877

BY Senators Ruggerio, Connors, DaPonte, Felag, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION {LC2430/1}

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 878

BY Senators Crowley, DeVall

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE CENTRAL FALLS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2009 RHODE ISLAND DIVISION III HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP {LC2318/1}

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators Connors, Algieri and DeVall.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 879

BY Senators Crowley, DeVall

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ALEIDE FERNANDES ON WINNING THE STATE SHOT PUT CHAMPIONSHIP {LC2467/1}

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators Connors and Algieri.

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

GUEST

Upon suggestion of Senator Crowley and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Aleide Fernandes.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 880

BY Senators Crowley, DeVall

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE CENTRAL FALLS GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2009 DIVISION III STATE CHAMPIONSHIP {LC2463/1}

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators Connors, Algieri and DeVall.

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

GUEST

Upon suggestion of Senator Crowley and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber students from the Central Falls High School JV Volleyball Team, Ana German, Diana Giraldo, Kayla Camara, Brianna Cooley, Anjelique Cooley, Leticia Osorio, Raquel Hernandez, Antoinette Kou and Coach Jorge Torres.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 881

BY Senators Crowley, DeVall

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING CENTRAL FALLS HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM ON WINNING DIVISION III STATE CHAMPIONSHIP {LC2465/1}

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri and DeVall.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 882

BY Senators Crowley, DeVall

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE CENTRAL FALLS WARRIORS BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM ON FINISHING AS DIVISION III RUNNER-UP STATE CHAMPIONS {LC2462/1}

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators Connors, Algieri and DeVall.

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

GUEST

Upon suggestion of Senator Crowley and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber students from the Central Falls High School Boys Basketball Team, Kevin Cleveland, Luis Pena, Eric Wilcox, Cory Cassamas, Kelvin Lopes, Jason Pita, Kevin Figueiredo, George Carle, Antonio Mena, Angel Gonzalez, Albert Bello, James Londono, Aneury Florentino, Robert Alers, Assistant Coach Carl Africo and Head Coach Brian Crookes.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 883

BY Senators Crowley, DeVall

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING KATHLEEN LUTHER OF CENTRAL FALLS HIGH SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR BY THE RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION {LC2460/1}

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators Connors, Algieri and DeVall.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 884

BY Senators Blais, Maher

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING TRAVIS MATTHEW GELINEAU ON ATTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT {LC2469/1}

Senator Blais requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri and Maher.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 885

BY Senators Walaska, McCaffrey, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RAYMOND F. KELLS {LC2409/1}

Senator Walaska requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 886

BY Senators Walaska, Ciccone, Tassoni

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING LEONARD HAIR TRANSPLANT ASSOCIATES ON THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY {LC2474/1}

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 Blais.

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

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 887

BY Senators McBurney, Tassoni

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROMOTING GOALS TO REDUCE GLOBAL WARMING POLLUTION THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF THE LIGHTS OUT, GREEN IN PLEDGE {LC2451/1}

Senator McBurney requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McBurney moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Algieri, Tassoni, Sosnowski, Jabour and Metts.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator McBurney and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Matthew J. Martinelli, Joseph J. McBurney, Mary K. Welsh and Patrick J. Dochety of Lights Outs, Green In.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 888

BY Senators Doyle, McBurney

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE RHODE ISLAND STATE ALLIANCE OF YMCAS {LC2505/1}

Senator Doyle requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Doyle moves passage, seconded by Senators Tassoni, McBurney and Connors.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Doyle and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Esseltow McNulty, Pawtucket YMCA CEO, Bob Cioffi, Allie Mastin, Emma Gilbert, Hayley Preston and Katherine Packard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2009-S 768
BY Gallo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING A. RICHARD COMSTOCK ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

2. 2009-H 5898

BY Lally

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF ETA ZETA OF LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

3. 2009-H 6031

BY Ferri

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 37: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, 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.

NAYS- 0:

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009:

1. 2009-S 211

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESTRICTING RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ciccone, seconded by Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday April 28, 2009.

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 Lynch announces that the Committee on Constitutional and Regulatory Issues will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 310 of the State House.

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

Senator Sosnowski announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator DaPonte announces that the Committee on Finance will meet tomorrow, at 2 o'clock P.M., in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Sheehan announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator DeVall announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Levesque announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Doyle, seconded by Senator Walaska, the Senate adjourns at 5:04 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR HANNA M. GALLO

Almighty Father, You have given us the earth, the sky and the seas. Show us the way to care for the earth, not just for today but for ages to come. Amen.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009:****1. 2009-S 453****BY Walaska****ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIVERSAL VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

2. 2009-S 716**BY Doyle****ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

3. 2009-S 717**BY Doyle****ENTITLED,** SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REHABILITATION AND EXPANSION OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NURSING USING FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

4. 2009-S 351**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

5. 2009-S 485 SUB A**BY Miller****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD

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

6. 2009-S 731 SUB A as amended**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- WASTE
RECYCLING**

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

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009:**1. 2009-S 811****BY Tassoni****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL
POWERS**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

2. 2009-S 211**BY Ciccone****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
RESTRICTING RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.