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Thursday, June 4, 2009

Fifty-fourth 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 4:22 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 2: Senators Blais, Maher.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Fifty- third Legislative Day of the 2009 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Doyle and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Joanne Doyle Teacher from Shea High School and students Adam Mahmoud, Ashley Corriera, Katie St. Jean and Crystal Hamilton.

Upon suggestion of Senator O'Neill and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Marsha Green.

Upon suggestion of Senator Lenihan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Doug and Sandra DeLack, Donna Souza, Marilyn Kelly, Cynthia Norman, Alice Brady, Marianne Soscia, Linda Twardowski, Linda Mendonca, Bernadette McDowell and Daine Martins

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

June 4, 2009

Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend today's Senate session, Thursday, June 4, 2009, due to a health issue. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Francis T. Maher, Jr.
DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5685 SUB A

BY San Bento, DaSilva, Shallcross Smith, Corvese

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) {LC1742/1/A}

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

House Bill No. 5449 SUB A

BY Naughton, Walsh, Rice M, Coderre E

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL {LC1255/1/A}

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

Also:

House Bill No. 5453 SUB A as amended

BY Kennedy, Naughton, Gemma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- RENTAL NETWORK CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS (would allow for the rental of health care providers' services and contractual discounts, while ensuring that network access information is available to health care providers) {LC1039/1/A}

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

Also:

House Bill No. 6144 as amended

BY Pacheco, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE BURRILLVILLE SEWER COMMISSION {LC2417/1}

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

Also:

House Bill No. 6231

BY Menard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC2707/1}

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 5902 SUB A (Attorney General)

BY Sullivan, Kilmartin, Guthrie

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS {LC1782/1/A}

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 5901 SUB A

BY Marcello, Ucci, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATIONS -- MALPRACTICE INSURANCE {LC2117/2/A}

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 5097 as amended

BY Brien, Newberry, MacBeth, Gemma, Mattiello

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)

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 6170

BY Mattiello

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LEW'S AUTO BODY, INC. {LC2524/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 6171

BY Mattiello

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LEW'S AUTO SALES, INC. {LC2525/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 6162**BY** Jackson, Martin, Rice A**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE NEWPORT FIREMAN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION {LC2538/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Senator Gallo from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 944 as amended**BY** Senators Gallo, Ruggerio, Blais, DeVall, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION {LC2639/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 954**BY** Senators Paiva-Weed, Gallo, DiPalma, Metts, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION {LC2690/1}

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:

Nomination of Claudia Staniszewski (reappointment) of North Scituate to the Rhode Island Rivers Council for a term expiring January 1, 2012.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Senator Connors, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 640 as amended

BY Senators Ruggiero, Doyle, McCaffrey, McBurney, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HOISTING ENGINEERS (add the requirement that any person operating hoisting or excavation equipment which can lift more than five hundred pounds (500 lbs.) must have a license) {LC1370/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 713

BY Senators Perry, Levesque C, McCaffrey, Miller, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - CERTIFIED SCHOOL TEACHERS ARBITRATION (would amend section 28-9.3-9 to provide that if a successor collective bargaining agreement has not been agreed to by the parties) {LC1814/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

Senate Bill No. 251

BY Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (would provide local boards of canvassers with nomination papers for local candidates and a certification process for nomination papers for local candidates through the use of the central voter registration system)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

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 ordered to be placed on the Calendar

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 ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

FROM THE DESK**Nomination of Gary D. Alexander VICE Jane A. Hayward Secretary, Office of Health and Human Services.**

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 964****BY** Senators Fogarty P**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JUNE 1ST - 5TH AS "SAVE THE LAKES" WEEK IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2658/1}

Senator Fogarty requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Levesque and Tassoni.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Fogarty and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber members from Save The Lakes Elaine and Ray Theriault, Mary and Paul Kaltschnee, Leo Plouffe, Joe and Eileen Rainone, Connie Worthington, Terry Tullis, Rick and Jerry Cayer, Florence Beauregard, Jeff Hankanson and Rico and Judy Colaluca.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 965****BY** Senators Walaska**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE ANNUAL REUNION OF THE WORLD WAR II NAVY SHIP THE USS BUSH AND ITS SHIPMATES {LC2743/1}

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 voice vote.

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 966

BY Senators Tassoni

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING CONSTANCE HELEN AND ALBERT HENRY SAVOIE ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY {LC2694/1}

Senator Tassoni requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 967

BY Senators Felag, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC2677/1}

Senator Felag requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senators DaPonte, Connors and Algieri.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 33: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Also:

Senate Bill No. 968

BY Senators Walaska, Connors, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT ACT{LC2715/1}

06/04/2009 Read and referred to Senate Corporations

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. 2009-S 957**BY Sosnowski****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 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2009:****1. 2009-S 700****BY Raptakis****ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CONSOLIDATION OF RETAIL BUSINESS PERMITS AND FEE COLLECTION FORMS**

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Connors, and without objection, ordered to be placed at the bottom of the Calendar.

2. 2009-S 906**BY Fogarty P****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE BURRILLVILLE SEWER COMMISSION**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by Senators Tassoni and Walaska.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

3. 2009-S 374 SUB A**BY Lenihan****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO
PUBLIC RECORDS**

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Lenihan and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for next Thursday, June 11, 2009.

4. 2009-S 383**BY Walaska****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Walaska seconded by Senators Maselli, Lynch, Levesque and McCaffrey, offers the following written motion to amend.

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

2009 -- S 383

AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Madam President:

I hereby move to amend 2009 -- S 383, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS", as follows:

1. On page 3, line 12, by deleting the word "learning" and inserting in place thereof the word "listening".

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR WALASKA

The motion to amend prevails 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, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Senator Walaska moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators Maselli and McCaffrey.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

5. 2009-S 568 as amended

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- BALLOT ARRANGEMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended.

Upon suggestion of Senator McCaffrey, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for next Thursday, June 11, 2009.

6. 2009-H 5275 SUB A

BY Kennedy

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - FIRE INSURANCE
POLICIES AND RESERVES**

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

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senators Miller, Sosnowski and Levesque.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

7. 2009-H 5447

BY Jackson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CITY OF NEWPORT

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by Senators Tassoni, Levesque and O'Neill

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

8. 2009-H 5595

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE NORTH TIVERTON FIRE DISTRICT

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senators Levesque and Tassoni.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

9. 2009-H 5596

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE STONE BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT AND TO FINANCE A SUPPLY OF WATER FOR THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senators Tassoni and Levesque.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, 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, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

10. 2009-H 5677 SUB A**BY Ruggiero****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

Senator Tassoni moves passage, seconded by Senator Doyle.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggiero, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

11. 2009-H 5681 SUB A**BY Rice M****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO THE ACT, PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1883, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE UNION FIRE DISTRICT OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN", AS AMENDED

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senator Tassoni.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 34: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggiero, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

**12. 2009-H 5951
BY Ehrhardt**

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

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

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

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

**13. 2009-H 5957
BY Gallison**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - VEHICLE EXCISE TAX - BRISTOL

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Levesque moves passage, seconded by Senators Tassoni, Felag and Bates.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, 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, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

**14. 2009-H 6005
BY Gemma**

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

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

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

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

15. 2009-H 6108

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senators Tassoni and DiPalma

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, 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, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Crowley, DaPonte, Devall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Jabour, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, Lynch, Maselli, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, O'Neill, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

1. 2009-S 700

BY Raptakis

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CONSOLIDATION OF RETAIL BUSINESS PERMITS AND FEE COLLECTION FORMS

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, June 9, 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 313 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet next Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at the rise of the Senate, in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet next Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Sheehan announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet next Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at 3:30 o'clock P.M. in Room 212 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Doyle, seconded by Senator Ruggerio, the Senate adjourns at 4:50 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR J. MICHAEL LENIHAN

Dear God, we beseech you to fit us for today's work and for the work in days ahead. May we profit by this moment by being still and knowing that You alone are sufficient for all our needs. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009:

1 Nomination of Claudia Staniszewski (reappointment) of North Scituate to the Rhode Island Rivers Council for a term expiring January 1, 2012.

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

2. 2009-H 6162

BY Jackson

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE NEWPORT FIREMAN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

3. 2009-H 6170

BY Mattiello

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LEW'S AUTO BODY, INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

4. 2009-H 6171

BY Mattiello

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

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009:****1 Nomination of Gary D. Alexander VICE Jane A. Hayward Secretary, Office of Health and Human Services.**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. 2009-S 700**BY Raptakis****ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CONSOLIDATION OF RETAIL BUSINESS PERMITS AND FEE COLLECTION FORMS**

Committee on Constitutional & Regulatory Issues recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009:**1. 2009-S 944 as amended****BY Gallo****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION**

Committee on Education recommends passage as amended.

2. 2009-S 954**BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION**

Committee on Education recommends passage.

3. 2009-S 251**BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. 2009-S 325**BY Crowley****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTIONS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

5. 2009-S 366**BY Crowley****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - ELECTIVE MEETING**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

6. 2009-S 640 as amended**BY Ruggerio****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
HOISTING ENGINEERS**

Committee on Labor recommends passage as amended.

7. 2009-S 713**BY Perry****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -
CERTIFIED SCHOOL TEACHERS ARBITRATION**

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009:**1. 2009-S 374 SUB A****BY Lenihan****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC
RECORDS**

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

2. 2009-S 568 as amended**BY McCaffrey****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- BALLOT ARRANGEMENT**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended.

3. 2009-S 865**BY Ciccone****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --
STATE PURCHASES**

Committee on Government Oversight recommends passage.