

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:17 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, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 1: Senator Crowley.

**INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Fifty-first Legislative Day of the 2012 proceedings is read in part.

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

### COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

May 18, 2012

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

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, as I will be out of the State on business.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Dominick J. Ruggerio  
Senate Majority 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. 7888 SUB A**

**BY** Slater, Newberry, Ajello, Edwards, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (would fine-tune certain provisions of the chapter on medical marijuana)

{LC1988/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7962****BY** Marcello, Hearn, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (would make technical amends to the GA laws by deleting duplicative language in the section concerning regulation of small businesses under the administrative procedures act & inserting similar language in chapter 42-35.1)

{LC2157/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7774**

(by request)

**BY** O`Grady, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (would amend the penalties for pipeline safety violations committed in Rhode Island to be consistent with federal law, thereby ensuring that the state is able to retain its annual federal enforcement certification status)

{LC1687/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7917****BY** Tomasso, Nunes, Serpa, Guthrie, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES (would increase the amount that the town of Coventry may borrow to finance a court judgment or settlement from five percent (5%) to ten percent (10%) of Coventry's most recently adopted municipal budget.)

{LC2118/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**House Bill No. 8021****BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE HOLDINGS OF MEMORIAL AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (would increase the authorized holdings of Memorial and Library Association, a nonprofit corporation located in Westerly, Rhode Island, to thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000))

{LC2317/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7228****BY** Ruggiero, Ucci, Walsh, Costa, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS - ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS - PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS (would add psychologists, midwives and nurse-midwives to the list of professions included in the definition of professional services in the provisions of the general laws regulating professional service corporations.)

{LC857/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7791****BY** Keable, Blazejewski, O`Grady**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PROPANE GAS SALES (would provide that the price for propane gas would be expressed in terms of the sum of any fees divided by the number of gallons delivered)

{LC1809/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**House Bill No. 8135****BY** Serpa, Nunes, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK

{LC2568/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**House Bill No. 8147****BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (would allow Ruth E. Moore to join Kristie A. Soscia and Jeffrey C. Moore in marriage within the City of Providence, Rhode Island, on or about September 23, 2012)

{LC2600/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**House Resolution No. 7899****BY** Fox, Blazejewski, Keable, Ajello, Valencia**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO PASS AND SEND TO THE STATES A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PERMITTING STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATION AND RESTRICTION OF INDEPENDENT POLITICAL EXPENDITURES

{LC2138/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7194 SUB A**

**BY** Petrarca, Winfield, Ucci

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES (would allow the owner of a storage unit to take action 5 days after default & would expand the notice requirement to include verified email & would also provide clauses to be included in the rental agreement.)

{LC632/A/2}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7751**

(By Request)

**BY** Johnston

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE (would authorize the superintendent to assign local police officers to the state police for participation in a statewide task force)

{LC1693/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7851**

(State Police)

**BY** O'Neill, Lally, Ucci, Johnston, Winfield

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND JUSTICE COMMISSION (would change the make-up of the criminal justice policy board by excluding members of the general assembly.)

{LC1954/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7561**

**BY** Keable, San Bento, Marcello, Valencia, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (would provide for the use of post office boxes for purposes of acknowledgement of registration or change of address and verification of residence in those cases where the prospective voter does not receive

home mail delivery.)

{LC1380/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2538 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - PORTABLE ELECTRONICS  
INSURANCE

{LC1595/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7837 SUB A as amended**

(State Police)

**BY** Lally, O'Neill

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (would make it  
unlawful for any person to purchase, own or possess body armor, if that person has been convicted  
of a felony that is a crime of violence.)

{LC1952/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2685 SUB A as amended**

(State Police)

**BY** McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

{LC1972/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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

**House Bill No. 7735 SUB B**

**BY** Bennett, Hull, Naughton, Handy, Silva

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (would provide a statutory framework for administration of medical orders for life sustaining treatment or MOLST with respect to terminally ill patients)

{LC1722/B/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

Senator Tassoni from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

**House Bill No. 7047**

**BY** Corvese, Schadone, San Bento, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE (would amend N. Prov. Town Charter by changing town council meetings to 7 PM, allowing for notices of meetings to be sent via electronic transmission & requiring that notices of all reg. & special meetings to be given pursuant to the RI Open Meeting)

{LC139/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**House Bill No. 8046**

**BY** Chippendale, Winfield

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE PRESERVATION OF FARM LAND AND OPEN SPACE IN THE TOWN OF GLOCESTER AND ESTABLISHING A LAND TRUST

{LC2370/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7766 as amended**

**BY** Reilly, Gallison, Ruggiero, Martin, Jackson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SOVEREIGNTY AND JURISDICTION OF STATE (would authorize the conveyance of certain parcels of land in the town of Middletown and the city of Newport to the federal government for

the benefit of the United States Navy)  
{LC1678/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2974**

**BY** Kettle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ABBEY LANE  
COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT

{LC2644/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

**House Bill No. 7965**

**BY** McNamara, Naughton

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION CLOUDS HILL VICTORIAN  
HOUSE MUSEUM IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THREE MILLION DOLLARS  
(\$3,000,000) (would exempt the Clouds Hill Victorian House Museum from taxation in an amount  
not exceeding three million dollars.)

{LC2180/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2873**

**BY** Walaska

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF HARBOR, PIER, AND  
PORT REVENUE BONDS BY THE RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION FOR PURPOSES OF FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS IN AND AROUND  
THE PORT OF DAVISVILLE

{LC2373/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2118**

**BY** Tassoni

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION



(would authorize the town of Smithfield to exempt Special Olympics Rhode Island, Inc. from taxation.)

{LC97/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2932**

**BY** Doyle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SEWER AND SANITATION SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$300,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014

{LC2484/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2931**

**BY** Doyle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014

{LC2485/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2930**

**BY** Doyle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014

{LC2487/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2929**

**BY** Doyle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014

{LC2476/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2927**

**BY** Doyle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE SENIOR CENTER, PUBLIC LIBRARY, POLICE AND FIRE STATIONS, CITY HALL AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$700,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014 (authorize the city of Pawt. to issue not more than \$700,000 general obligation bonds and notes to finance the renovation/improvement of the senior center/public library/police/fire stations/city hall/other public buildings in the city of Pawt)

{LC2477/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2925**

**BY** Doyle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENOVATION AND RECONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$600,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014

{LC2481/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

**House Bill No. 7080**

**BY** Gallison, San Bento, Silva, Fellela

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RHODE ISLAND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS BOARD (would add two members of the AICU Rhode Island to the policy advisory board on teacher and administrator certification.)

{LC280/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for Tuesday, May 29, 2012.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7287 SUB A**

**BY** Diaz, Slater, McNamara, Silva, Cimini

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE (would prohibit schools from considering a students truancy or absenteeism as a basis for using an out-of-school suspension as a disciplinary action.)

{LC765/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for Tuesday, May 29, 2012.

### 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. 2191 SUB A**

**BY** Ruggerio, Perry, Miller, Tassoni

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- UNLAWFUL CONFINEMENT OF A COVERED ANIMAL (would prohibit the unlawful confinement of calves raised for veal or sows during gestation.)

{LC826/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, May 29, 2012.

### COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Senator Felag from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 2990****BY** Jabour, Metts, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

{LC2603/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, May 29, 2012.

Also:

**House Bill No. 8025****BY** Gallison, Fellela, Martin, Azzinaro, MacBeth**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (would dedicate annually the first Monday of June in honor of Rhode Island military nurses)

{LC2322/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, May 29, 2012.

Also:

**House Bill No. 7989 SUB A****BY** Jackson, Martin, Ruggiero, Gallison, Reilly**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- RENAMING A PORTION OF FORT ADAMS DRIVE (would name that portion of Fort Adams Drive that runs from Harrison Avenue and Lincoln Drive in the city of Newport, as Robert J. McKenna Drive.)

{LC2280/A/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, May 29, 2012.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2998****BY** Miller, Goodwin, Gallo, Walaska, Picard**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF RHODE ISLAND YOUTH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

{LC2672/1}

Senator Miller requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by the Senators Moura, Walaska, Lanzi, Perry, Fogarty and Pinga.

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

### GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Moura and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Lauren Kowalski from the Boys and Girls Club of Cumberland/Lincoln.

Upon suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Ryan Gomes from the Boys and Girls Club of Pawtucket.

Upon suggestion of Senator Picard and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Alonzo Ocasio from the Boys and Girls Club of Woonsocket.

Upon suggestion of Senator Metts and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Genesis Sanchez from the Boys and Girls Club of Providence.

Upon suggestion of Senator Walaska and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Brianna Bier from the Boys and Girls Club of Warwick.

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Lanier Chapman from the Boys and Girls Club of Newport.

Upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Shantel Hall from the Boys and Girls Club of East Providence.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Senate Resolution No. 2999**

**BY** Tassoni

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SERGEANT FIRST CLASS DOMENIC D'AMBRA, III

{LC2670/1}

Senator Tassoni requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Tassoni moves passage, seconded by the Senators Goodwin and Algieri.

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

## CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012:

1. **2012-S 2477 SUB A****BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT

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

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by Senators Ottiano and Cote.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, 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, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

2. **2012-S 2528****BY** O'Neill**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - BOILER INSPECTION AND PRESSURE VESSELS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Senator O'Neill moves passage, seconded by Senators Maher, Shibley and Lombardo.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

ABSTAINED- 1: Senator Fogarty

**3. 2012-S 2161 SUB A**

**BY** Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES OPERATOR LICENSES - VETERANS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator Felag moves passage, seconded by Senators Lanzi, Moura and Perry.

Senator Felag seconded by Senators Jabour and Walaska, offers the following written motion to amend.

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**F L O O R   A M E N D M E N T**

TO

2012 -- S 2161 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES OPERATOR LICENSES - VETERANS

Madam President:

I hereby move to amend 2012 -- S 2161 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES OPERATOR LICENSES - VETERANS", as follows:

(1) On page 3, line 16, by inserting the following language immediately after "214": "or other acceptable documentation of military service".

(2) On page 6, line 5, by inserting the following language immediately after "214": "or other acceptable documentation of military service".

(3) On page 6, line 12, by inserting the following language immediately after "214": "or other acceptable documentation of military service".

(4) On page 7, line 3, by deleting the language "upon passage" and inserting in place thereof the language: "September 1, 2012".

Respectfully submitted,  
SENATOR FELAG

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Senators Moura discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algieri, Bates, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators Metts and Jabour.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, as amended, 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, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

**4. 2012-S 2694 SUB A**

**BY** Pichardo

**ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY RHODE ISLAND'S MINIMUM PRICING STATUTES**

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Jabour, Pinga and Metts.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, 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, Ciccone, Cote, DaPonte, DeVall, DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Hodgson, Jabour, Kettle, Lanzi, Lombardo, Lynch, Maher, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Moura Nesselbush, O'Neill, Ottiano, Perry, Picard, Pichardo, Pinga, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Shibley, 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.

(See Appendix for List)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Walaska announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, 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 212 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 310 of the State House.

### RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Tassoni, the Senate stands at recess at 4:40 o'clock P.M. in memory of Sergeant First Class Domenic D' Ambra III.

### CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 4:45 o'clock P.M.

### ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri the Senate adjourns at 4:46 o'clock P.M.

JOSEPH R. BRADY  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR DONNA M. NESSELBUSH**

Dear Lord, when the day is long and wearisome, the hours tense and tiring, keep our minds and spirits alert, strong, forgiving and patient. Amen.

**Appendix****CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012:**

- 1. 2012-H 7047**  
**BY** Corvese  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.
- 2. 2012-H 7194 SUB A**  
**BY** Petrarca  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 3. 2012-H 7228**  
**BY** Ruggiero  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS - ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS - PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 4. 2012-H 7561**  
**BY** Keable  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 5. 2012-H 7751**  
**BY** Johnston  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 6. 2012-H 7766 as amended**  
**BY** Reilly  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SOVEREIGNTY AND JURISDICTION OF STATE

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

7. **2012-H 7774**  
**BY O`Grady**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS**
- Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
8. **2012-H 7791**  
**BY Keable**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PROPANE GAS SALES**
- Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
9. **2012-H 7851**  
**BY O`Neill**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND JUSTICE COMMISSION**
- Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
10. **2012-H 7899**  
**BY Fox**  
**ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO PASS AND SEND TO THE STATES A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PERMITTING STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATION AND RESTRICTION OF INDEPENDENT POLITICAL EXPENDITURES**
- Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
11. **2012-H 7917**  
**BY Tomasso**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES**
- Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
12. **2012-H 7962**  
**BY Marcello**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**
- Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**13. 2012-H 7965****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION CLOUDS HILL VICTORIAN HOUSE MUSEUM IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THREE MILLION DOLLARS (\$3,000,000)

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

**14. 2012-H 8021****BY** Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE HOLDINGS OF MEMORIAL AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**15. 2012-H 8046****BY** Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE PRESERVATION OF FARM LAND AND OPEN SPACE IN THE TOWN OF GLOCESTER AND ESTABLISHING A LAND TRUST

Committee on Housing &amp; Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

**16. 2012-H 8135****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**17. 2012-H 8147****BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**Appendix****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012:**

1. **2012-S 2341**  
**BY** McCaffrey  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION BOARD  
  
Committee on Labor recommends passage.
2. **2012-S 2377**  
**BY** Lynch  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --  
ESTABLISHING BACK TO WORK RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM ACT OF 2012  
  
Committee on Labor recommends passage.

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2012:**

1. **2012-S 2693 SUB A**  
**BY** Sheehan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - JOBS  
MATCH PROGRAM  
  
Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage  
of Substitute A.
2. **2012-S 2886**  
**BY** Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -  
TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS  
  
Committee on Labor recommends passage.
3. **2012-S 2191 SUB A**  
**BY** Ruggerio  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --  
UNLAWFUL CONFINEMENT OF A COVERED ANIMAL  
  
Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the  
original bill and passage of Substitute A.

4. **2012-S 2118**  
**BY** Tassoni  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

5. **2012-S 2873**  
**BY** Walaska  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF HARBOR, PIER, AND PORT REVENUE BONDS BY THE RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR PURPOSES OF FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS IN AND AROUND THE PORT OF DAVISVILLE

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

6. **2012-S 2925**  
**BY** Doyle  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENOVATION AND RECONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$600,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

7. **2012-S 2927**  
**BY** Doyle  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE SENIOR CENTER, PUBLIC LIBRARY, POLICE AND FIRE STATIONS, CITY HALL AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$700,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**8. 2012-S 2929****BY Doyle**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**9. 2012-S 2930****BY Doyle**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**10. 2012-S 2931****BY Doyle**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**11. 2012-S 2932****BY Doyle**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO PROVIDE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SEWER AND SANITATION SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$300,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR, TO FUND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE TWO FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014

Committee on Finance recommends passage.



- 12. 2012-S 2974**  
**BY Kettle**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ABBEY LANE COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

- 13. 2012-S 2990**  
**BY Jabour**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE**

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

- 14. 2012-S 2538 SUB A as amended**  
**BY Miller**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - PORTABLE ELECTRONICS INSURANCE**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 15. 2012-S 2685 SUB A as amended**  
**BY McCaffrey**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 16. 2012-H 7735 SUB B**  
**BY Bennett**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY**

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

- 17. 2012-H 7837 SUB A as amended**  
**BY Lally**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 18. 2012-H 7888 SUB A**  
**BY Slater**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.