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Nineteenth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, February 25, 2009 and is called to order at 4:18 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable William J. Murphy, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 73 members present and 2 members absent as follows:

PRESENT - 73: The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Ajello, Almeida, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Brien, Caprio, Carnevale, Carter, Corvese, Costantino, DaSilva, Dennigan, DeSimone, Diaz, Driver, Edwards, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Fierro, Flaherty, Fox, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Jackson, Jacquard, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lima, Loughlin, MacBeth, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McCauley, McNamara, Melo, Menard, Naughton, Newberry, O'Neill, Pacheco, Palumbo, Petrarca, Pollard, A. Rice, M. Rice, Ruggiero, San Bento, Savage, Schadone, Segal, Serpa, Shallcross-Smith, Silva, Slater, Sullivan, Ucci, Vaudreuil, Walsh, Wasylyk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

ABSENT - 2: Representatives Coderre, Trillo.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Edwards who delivers the Invocation and Deanna Alvarez, a four year old, who leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, February 24, 2009 is approved as printed.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 5534****BY** DeSimone, Caprio D, Slater, Diaz, Carnevale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - DUTIES (would prohibit utilities from keeping customer funds or termination penalties associated with the unused balance of services remaining under the service contract) {LC1870/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5535**BY** Lally, Brien, Kilmartin, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (would authorize hospitals and health insurers to declare an impasse and submit to binding arbitration of the terms of agreements between hospitals and commercial health insurers) {LC942/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5536**BY** Kennedy, Costantino, Carter, Naughton, Melo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE (would limit any increased adjustments to premium rates based on age and gender, to 20%. It would also allow for differences in rates based on age and gender in otherwise identical groups) {LC1832/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5537**BY** Dennigan, Mattiello, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (would make changes to health insurance contracts as it pertains to nurse practitioners) {LC1933/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5538**BY** Dennigan, Melo, Costantino, Mattiello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - FINANCIAL INFORMATION (would prohibit financial institutions from sharing private customer information with non-affiliated parties without explicit consent from their customers) {LC1531/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5539**BY** O'Neill JP, Sullivan, Petrarca, Jackson, Melo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (would clarify that the PUC must balance the interests of the taxpayers against the interest of a public utility carrier when determining rate increases) {LC1996/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5540**BY** Silva, Pollard, Edwards, Vaudreuil**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - REIMBURSEMENT FOR ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETIC SERVICES (would provide insurance coverage for durable medical equipment and medical supplies) {LC1879/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5541**BY** Sullivan, Guthrie, Savage**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS (would create a new chapter regarding the safe destruction of documents containing personal information by business entities/aggrieved customers would have a civil action in superior court to recover actual damages) {LC1865/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Resolution No. 5542**BY** Lally, Walsh**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES REVIEW THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT'S MANDATE CONCERNING PROPERTIES WITHIN THE SAMP DISTRICT {LC2032/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5543**BY** Segal, Ajello, Caprio D, Rice A**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - HISTORIC STRUCTURES - TAX CREDIT (would restore the historic tax credits to the 25% level for any certified structure where the project results in 80% residential use, of which 25% will be affordable housing) {LC1362/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5544 (by request)**BY** Pollard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS (would limit the value a municipal taxing authority can place on a new vehicle or trailer to that amount the Rhode Island division of motor vehicles accepts as the value of sales tax purposes) {LC2002/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5545**BY** Carter, Ehrhardt, Lally**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (would exempt retired members of the North Kingstown police department from re-employment by any municipality for a seventy-five day limit) {LC2006/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5546**BY** Slater, Diaz, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (would repeal the periodic time limit in the Rhode Island Works Program and would retain the forty-eight month lifetime limit) {LC1730/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5547**BY** Gemma, Petrarca, Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (would repeal the provisions of the so-called "Caruolo Act") {LC1979/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5548 (by request)**BY** Carter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SOFT DRINK AND SYRUP TAX (would impose a tax on soft drinks and syrups and require all distributors, manufacturers or sellers of soft drinks and syrups to obtain a license in order to conduct such business)

{LC1165/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5549**BY** Lally, Gallison, Carter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (would permit police and firefighter retirees to receive certain medical benefits as a result of illness or injury for the necessary period)

{LC860/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5550**BY** McNamara, Dennigan, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ESTABLISHING THE RHODE ISLAND TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM (would codify the establishment of a tobacco control program in the department of health and would provide funding at the level provided in the fiscal year 2009 budget as originally enacted) {LC1851/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5551**BY** Dennigan, Mattiello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE TAX (would prevent and reduce tobacco use and also prevent below market sales of tobacco products) {LC1542/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5552**BY** Dennigan, Mattiello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - CIGARETTE TAX (would raise the cigarette tax an importer or distributor would pay based on his or her gross receipts) {LC1543/1}
02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Resolution No. 5553****BY** Naughton, and Coderre E**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY THE APPROPRIATION OF THE FEDERAL STIMULUS GRANT {LC1016/1}
02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 5554****BY** Dennigan, Handy, Pacheco, Mattiello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE TAX (would increase the fees for a cigarette dealer's licenses from twenty five dollars (\$25.00) to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) annually) {LC1541/1}
02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 5555****BY** MacBeth, Giannini, Brien, Carnevale, Menard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INFORMED CONSENT FOR ABORTION (would require an ultrasound fetal image be made of every fetus about to be aborted for review by the woman seeking the abortion) {LC2023/1}
02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.**House Bill No. 5556****BY** Sullivan, Corvese, O'Neill JP, Kilmartin, Loughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - UTILIZATION OF UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ACT (would extend to April 1, 2009 the date on which the department of health is required to implement a statewide program consistent with the utilization of unused prescription drugs act) {LC1808/1}
02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.**House Bill No. 5557****BY** Pollard, Edwards, DaSilva, Carnevale, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES (would require creditors to provide a three (3) year period extension to borrowers who are obligated to repay introductory rate mortgage loans on residential properties under certain circumstances) {LC1587/1}
02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 5558 (Attorney General)****BY** Carnevale, DaSilva, Giannini, Williams, DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (establish a sentence enhancement for those who commit misdemeanor/felonies)

for the benefit, at the direction of or in association with any criminal st. gang/member with the intent to promote criminal conduct by gang members) {LC391/1}
02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5559

BY Slater, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (would provide local boards of canvassers with nomination papers for local 1 candidates and a certification process for nomination papers for local candidates through the use 2 of the central voter registration system) {LC1365/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5560

BY Gallison, Azzinaro, Edwards, Silva, Jackson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM (would make it a criminal offense to willfully cover or keep covered any public statue or monument) {LC1998/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5561

BY Slater, Diaz, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- IMMIGRATION STATUS (would prohibit a landlord from asking the immigration status of a prospective tenant) {LC1817/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5562

BY Naughton, Kennedy, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS {LC1465/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5563

BY Carter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS {LC1928/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5564

BY Slater, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS {LC1336/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5565 (by request)

BY Carter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PARTY PRIMARIES {LC1982/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5566**BY** Lally**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- LAW PRACTICE
{LC1684/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5567**BY** Lally**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - JUDICIAL
SELECTION {LC1946/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5568**BY** Lally, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -
ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION {LC1682/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5569**BY** Lally, Palumbo, Guthrie, Pacheco, Almeida**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS {LC709/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5570**BY** Handy, Naughton, Jacquard, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS {LC1867/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5571**BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTIONS {LC1334/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5572**BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND
OFFICIALS {LC1337/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5573**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -
PROCEDURE GENERALLY - MEDICAL MALPRACTICE {LC1288/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5574**BY** McNamara, Flaherty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -
PROCEDURE GENERALLY - JURY LISTS {LC1754/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5575**BY** Dennigan, Melo, Mattiello, Ferri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS {LC1686/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5576**BY** Edwards, Fierro, Carnevale, Hearn, MacBeth**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - POST FORECLOSURE EVICTION
OF RESIDENTIAL TENANTS {LC1777/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5577**BY** Hearn**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS-DIVORCE AND
SEPARATION {LC1588/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5578**BY** Fox, McNamara, Lally**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
ADJUDICATION OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES {LC931/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5579**BY** Serpa, Mattiello, Vaudreuil, Silva, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - ELECTIVE MEETINGS {LC1873/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5580**BY** Ehrhardt, Lally, Carter, Loughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS {LC2015/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5581**BY** Lally**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND
PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS {LC1761/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5582**BY** Lally**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS {LC1759/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5583**BY** Carter, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- QUASI-STATE EMPLOYEES ARBITRATION {LC1957/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5584**BY** Carter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION {LC1958/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5585**BY** Carter, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HOISTING ENGINEERS {LC1871/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5586**BY** Lally**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM - ADMINISTRATION {LC1075/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5587**BY** McNamara, Flaherty, Corvese, Gallison**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ARBITRATION {LC1756/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5588**BY** Lally, Gallison, Carter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ARBITRATION {LC859/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5589**BY** Flaherty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES -- ARBITRATION {LC716/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5590**BY** Flaherty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION {LC706/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5591**BY** Serpa, Vaudreuil, Silva**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- PROCEDURE {LC1135/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5592**BY** Serpa, Vaudreuil, Silva**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--PROCEDURE {LC1153/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5593**BY** Gallison, San Bento**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING {LC1702/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5594**BY** Jackson, Rice A, Martin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC1847/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5595 (by request)**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE NORTH TIVERTON FIRE DISTRICT {LC1874/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5596 (by request)**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 {LC1776/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5597 (General Treasurer)**BY** Carter, Gemma, Gallison, Gablinske, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE - ABANDONED PROPERTY {LC1294/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Resolution No. 5598**BY** Gallison, Carter, Martin, Fellela, Loughlin**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO OVERSEE ALL ASPECTS OF THE RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME {LC1948/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 5599**BY** Kennedy, Kilmartin, Baldelli-Hunt, Brien, Carter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES -- BOSTON RED SOX/JIMMY FUND LICENSE PLATES (would provide a special motor vehicle registration plate honoring the World Champion Boston Red Sox and the Jimmy Fund in their efforts to conquer cancer) {LC1910/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Constituent Services

House Bill No. 5600**BY** Naughton, Carter, Martin, Dennigan, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (would authorize the issuance of a special plate to the National M.S. Society bearing the designation "Join the Movement") {LC2029/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Constituent Services

House Bill No. 5601**BY** Jacquard, Handy, Naughton**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RIGHTS OF BLIND AND DEAF PERSONS (would require movie theaters with five or more screens to provide captioning on at least one screen for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, and provide audio descriptions for persons who are blind or visually impaired) {LC1868/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5602**BY** San Bento, DaSilva, Shallcross Smith, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES (would include private utilities in the regulations relative to excavation near underground utility facilities and would increase the penalties for violations) {LC1728/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5603**BY** McCauley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATION (would prohibit a contract between a nonprofit dental service corporation and dentist from requiring that a dentist provide services at a set fee, unless the nonprofit dental service corporation compensates the dentist for such services) {LC1922/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5604**BY** McCauley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MISCELLANEOUS RULES (would prohibit text messaging while driving, with certain exceptions, and the penalties include a six (6) month loss of license for a third (3rd) violation within a two (2) year period) {LC1695/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5605**BY** MacBeth, Schadone, Giannini, Brien, DaSilva**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (would require that if a patient has a hospital visit or stay then all doctors that he or she sees at that time shall submit bills to the patient within forty-five (45) days of the visit) {LC1985/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5606**BY** Rice M, Naughton, DaSilva, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - CREDIT CARD LENDING {LC378/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5607**BY** Slater, Diaz, Williams**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) {LC1717/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5608**BY** Lally, Brien, Kilmartin, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ESTABLISHING MINIMUM PHYSICIAN REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PAYMENTS FROM COMMERCIAL HEALTH INSURERS (would require commercial health insurers to pay physicians at least 125% of Medicare rates, if those physicians participate in medical assistance and RItE care, and provide at least 5% free care) {LC1765/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5609**BY** Gallison, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS (would have the contractors' registration board become a permanent division within the department of administration) {LC993/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5610**BY** Segal, Ajello, Caprio D, Rice A, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (would create additional requirements for issuance of demolition permits in historic districts) {LC1737/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5611**BY** Lally, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE INVESTMENT COMMISSION (would expand the powers of the state investment commission to the extent of authorizing public funds investments in accordance with the prescribed conditions) {LC1866/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5612**BY** Handy, Naughton, Walsh, Jacquard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (would allow wireless telecommunications providers to bill their subscribers for access to telephone information services for people with disabilities) {LC1845/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5613**BY** McNamara, Gallison, Malik**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE (would provide a mechanism for group purchasing of health, dental and vision insurance for all Rhode Island teachers) {LC1289/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5614**BY** Handy, Naughton, Jacquard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CAPTIONING OF ELECTRONIC VIDEO MATERIALS (equire that all publishers/manufacturers of electronic video instructional materials offered for adoption/ sale in the state intended to be used in the instructional programs of educational institutions shall supply such materials with or closed captions) {LC1844/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5615**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (authorize the dir. 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) {LC1292/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Resolution No. 5616**BY** Walsh, Ferri, Segal, Rice M**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** {LC1662/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5617**BY** Caprio D, Lally, McCauley, Almeida**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- RHODE ISLAND WORKING WATERFRONTS PROTECTION ACT (would establish a working waterfronts protection act to preserve and promote working waterfronts as a workplace for commercial shipping, fishing, passenger transportation, boat building and repair, marinas and other activities) {LC1665/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5618**BY** Carter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (would rest exclusive authority for issuing water quality certificates with the CRMC) {LC308/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Resolution No. 5619**BY** Ruggiero, Rice A, Jackson**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT THE STIMULUS FUNDING FOR "READY TO GO" INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS {LC1734/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5620**BY** Fierro, Segal, Sullivan, Schadone, Pacheco**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAX EXPENDITURE REPORTING (would provide the general assembly with more detailed information concerning tax abatements and other tax related business inducements) {LC1788/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5621**BY** Sullivan, O'Neill JP, Kilmartin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC1806/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5622**BY** Sullivan, Gallison, Carter, Winfield, Loughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - THE MILITARY RESERVE -- RESERVIST EDUCATION BENEFITS (would provide educational benefits for military reservists) {LC1849/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5623**BY** Pacheco**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (would increase the amount of child support \hat{o} pass through \hat{o} to a family receiving Rhode Island Works cash assistance from a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month to one hundred dollars (\$100) per month) {LC1723/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5624**BY** DaSilva, McCauley, Carnevale, Driver**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (would freeze the alternative flat tax rate at seven percent for tax years 2009 and 2010) {LC853/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5625**BY** Martin, Handy, Segal**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL TAX (would reduce the state gasoline tax from \$0.30 per gallon to \$0.10 per gallon whenever the average retail price per gallon exceeds \$3.00) {LC2028/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5626**BY** Walsh, McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Rice M, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES' HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY INCENTIVE GRANT (would amend certain provisions relative to eligibility and selection of grant recipients under this chapter) {LC1220/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5627**BY** Walsh, Ferri, Rice M, Handy**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) {LC1743/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5628**BY** Ucci, Fellela, Guthrie, Fierro, Carter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (would require the chief purchasing officer to give preference to American made

products if the cost of the American made products are within 20% of the cost of products manufactured outside the United States and are of equal quality) {LC1236/1}
02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5629

BY Ucci, Fellela, Marcello, Guthrie, Fierro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY OF WORKS - STATE PURCHASES (would give Rhode Island companies a preference in bidding on state contracts if the company is within ten percent (10%) of the lowest bid) {LC1234/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5630

BY Sullivan, O'Neill JP

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAXATION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES {LC1906/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5631

BY Lally

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (would add the University of Rhode Island Bay Campus to the properties exempt from taxation and eligible for appropriation of funds in lieu of taxation) {LC707/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5632

BY Silva, Gablinske, Vaudreuil

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (would provide a new structure for the creation, operation and funding of charter schools. The act makes distinctions for district charter schools, independent charters and mayoral academies) {LC1380/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5633

BY Shallcross Smith, Almeida, Marcello, Hearn, Carnevale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (would permit the owner of a vehicle registration to transfer any license plate between other vehicles of the same owner regardless of vehicle classes) {LC1877/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5634

BY Fellela, Gallison, Ucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (would exempt firefighters and police officers from the seventy-five (75) day rule as it applies to reemployment of retired members of the municipal employee retirement system) {LC1222/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5635 (by request)**BY** Gallison

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (would authorize a city or town after establishing the maximum tax levy for the fiscal year to add to the levy limit the amount of new growth in the community) {LC1789/1}
02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5636**BY** Dennigan, Melo, Costantino, Mattiello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE EXPENDITURES FOR NON-STATE EMPLOYEE SERVICES (require the dir. of the depart. of administration to ensure the required quarterly reports from state departments regarding non-state employee services have the necessary information prior to submission to the chairs of the house/senate finance committee {LC1574/1}
02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5637**BY** Dennigan, Melo, Mattiello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- STATE VENDORS PROVIDING GOODS AND SERVICES TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS {LC1537/1}
02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5638**BY** Naughton, Jacquard, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS {LC1944/1}
02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5639**BY** Lima, Marcello, Ucci, McCauley, Giannini

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC1637/1}
02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5640**BY** Dennigan, Melo, Mattiello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION {LC1535/1}
02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5641**BY** Slater, Naughton, Carter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC1027/1}
02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5642**BY** Carnevale, DaSilva, Ucci, MacBeth, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS {LC1794/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5643**BY** Walsh, Ajello, Ruggiero, Handy, Hearn**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION {LC1185/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5644**BY** Ucci, Fellela, McNamara, Carnevale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ELIGIBILITY FOR ATTENDANCE {LC1163/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5645**BY** Sullivan, Fierro, O'Neill JP**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH {LC1848/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5646 (Dept. Elementary and Secondary Education)**BY** Savage, Jacquard, Melo, Dennigan, Malik**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS {LC1635/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5647**BY** Sullivan, Petrarca, O'Neill JP**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE-- LONG-TERM CARE AND FINANCE REFORM {LC1088/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5648**BY** Sullivan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY {LC1836/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5649**BY** Petrarca, Ucci, O'Neill JP**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING AND ATHLETICS -- THE RHODE ISLAND GAMING CONTROL AND REVENUE ACT {LC273/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5650**BY** O'Neill JP, Jackson, Melo, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - VETERINARY DRUGS - VETERINARY PRESCRIPTIONS {LC1969/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5651 (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Sullivan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES {LC1086/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5652**BY** Shallcross Smith, Almeida, Marcello, Hearn, Carnevale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY {LC1835/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5653**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT {LC1902/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Resolution No. 5654**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}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5655**BY** Naughton, Handy, Walsh, Jacquard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS {LC1863/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5656**BY** Naughton, Melo, McNamara, Rice M, Carter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PATIENT PROTECTION {LC1999/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5657**BY** Ruggiero, Gallison, Rice M, Pacheco, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES {LC1571/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5658

BY Sullivan, Gallison, Carter, Winfield

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE {LC1864/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5659 (Attorney General)

BY Pacheco, McCauley, Marcello, Loughlin, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS {LC388/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5660

BY Giannini, Corvese, Petrarca, Gablinske, Walsh

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN {LC1786/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5661

BY Giannini, DaSilva, Corvese, Petrarca, Gablinske

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS AND INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE {LC1936/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5662 (by request)

BY Ucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (would require that parents attend a class sponsored by the family court to go over issues which can impact children in a custody case and how to best deal with these issues.) {LC1244/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5663

BY Giannini, Petrarca, Corvese, Gablinske, Walsh

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES-PROSTITUTION AND LEWDNESS (would make solicitation of a person under the age of eighteen (18) a felony punishable by up to two (2) years imprisonment.) {LC260/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5664

BY Silva, Pollard, Edwards, Vaudreuil

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (would limit damages to \$100,000 in any tort action against the public transit authority except in case where the general assembly may authorize tort action in excess of that amount. This act would take effect upon passage.) {LC1791/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5665**BY** Sullivan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS {LC1810/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5666**BY** Lally, Gallison, Carter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (would include campus police officers within the definitions of "law enforcement officer" for purposes of the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.) {LC862/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5667**BY** Lally, Williams, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (would require the adoption of new regulations& impose new reporting requirements within DCYF to improve accountability relating to sexual abuse of children.) {LC685/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5668**BY** Lally**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.) {LC1767/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5669**BY** Rice A**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN (would allow the Family Court to retain jurisdiction over juveniles until the age of twenty-one (21).) {LC1769/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5670 (by request)**BY** Carter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (would add a definition for land suitable for development which shall mean the total land area of a lot including slopes & wetlands, considering the requirements of pertinent federal, state & local regulations.) {LC1670/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5671**BY** Carter, Melo, Serpa, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE (would allow the RI National Guard to participate in the forfeiture of money & assets seized through counterdrug operations in which members of the Guard support federal, state or municipal efforts.) {LC1208/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5672**BY** Winfield**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - BENEFITS (would require workers who claim disfigurement as a result of a work related incident to wait one year from the disfiguring event before filing a petition for disfigurement benefits.) {LC1683/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5673**BY** DaSilva, Gallison, Corvese, Guthrie, Carnevale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND WORKER PROTECTION AND JOB LOSS NOTIFICATION ACT {LC998/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5674**BY** Lally**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - PUBLIC WORKS (would expand the definition of public works & provide that contractors, who have been awarded contracts for public works in excess of \$50,000 shall pay their employees at weekly intervals on those public works projects.) {LC1762/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5675**BY** Carter, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - HOISTING ENGINEERS (would provide that the director of the department of labor and training appoint a hoisting engineer who meets the qualification as the chief investigator.) {LC1872/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5676**BY** Carter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION (would create a new cause of action for any person or entity damaged by an employer misclassification of an employee as an independent contractor.) {LC1668/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5677**BY** Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN (would change the property tax abatement for Jamestown emergency medical services & volunteer fire dept., from an exemption of \$75,000 of the assessed valuation of property to a flat amount of \$700 per year.) {LC1029/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5678**BY** Guthrie, Sullivan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS (would require the use of granite curbs in any highway project of over five hundred feet in the town of Coventry.) {LC1553/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5679**BY** Pacheco**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- COUNCILS AND GOVERNING BODIES (would limit the appointments of city or town managers & other municipal officers to 3 year terms.) {LC1246/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5680**BY** DaSilva, Kilmartin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (would authorize the cities of Pawtucket & East Providence to freeze property taxes of residents who are 65 years of age or older, & who meet certain residency & income requirements.) {LC1927/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5681**BY** Rice M, Lally, Walsh, Caprio D**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 {LC819/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5682**BY** Segal, Ajello, Rice A**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (would permit municipalities to seek reimbursement for emergency services based on a pro rata basis according to property value serviced.) {LC1359/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5683**BY** Lally**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AUTHORIZATION FOR SANITARY SEWER LINE FROM BONNET SHORES BEACH CLUB CONDOMINIUM TO TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM (would allow the Bonnet Shores Beach Club Condo Association to construct, use, operate, maintain & repair a sanitary sewer line located at 175 Bonnet Point Road in Narragansett.) {LC1869/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5684**BY** San Bento, Giannini, DaSilva, Shallcross Smith, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - SUBDIVISION OF LAND (would create additional rights for subdivision applicants.) {LC1784/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5685**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}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5686**BY** San Bento, DaSilva, Shallcross Smith, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES (would address expiration periods pertaining to any approval, permit, variance or license issued pursuant to any state statute or municipal ordinance.) {LC1859/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5687**BY** Rice A**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES {LC1966/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5688**BY** Schadone, Malik**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (would change the composition of the coastal resources management council in accordance with the distribution of power amendment to the state constitution.) {LC1745/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Separation of Powers

House Bill No. 5689**BY** Carter, Melo, Serpa, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - THE NATIONAL GUARD (would broaden retirement qualifications for certain officers in the national guard.) {LC1850/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 5690**BY** Rice M, Naughton, Walsh, Carter, Pollard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- DISEASES AND PARASITES (would establish the Asian Longhorn Beetle & the Emerald Ash Borer as a nuisance. It would also establish penalties for unlawful importation & transportation of said pests.) {LC1210/1}

02/25/2009 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

By agreement of the Majority and the Minority, Representative Palumbo requests to place (09-H 5691) on tomorrow's Calendar. There is no objection.**House Resolution No. 5691****BY** Palumbo**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1704/1}

02/25/2009 Placed on House Calendar

House Resolution No. 5692**BY** Diaz, Slater, Segal, Almeida, Fox**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 165TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2009 {LC2074/1}

Representative Diaz requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Diaz seconded by Representatives Williams, Fox, Carter, Pacheco, Walsh, Segal, Slater, DaSilva, Rice Winfield, Vaudreuil and many other members of the House by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5693**BY** Giannini, Pacheco, Watson, Murphy, Fox**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION OF RHODE ISLAND ON THE GRANTING OF THEIR 1,000TH WISH ON MARCH 3, 2009 {LC1981/1}

Representative Giannini requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Giannini seconded by Representatives Gallison, Corvese, Fellela and Pacheco on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Ajello, Almeida, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Brien, Caprio, Carnevale, Carter, Corvese, Costantino, DaSilva, Dennigan, Diaz, Driver, Edwards, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Fierro, Flaherty, Fox, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Jackson, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lima, Loughlin, MacBeth, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McCauley, McNamara, Melo, Menard, Naughton, Newberry, O'Neill, Pacheco, Palumbo, Petrarca, Pollard, Rice, M., Ruggiero, Savage, Schadone, Segal, Serpa, Shallcross, Silva, Slater, Sullivan, Ucci, Vaudreuil, Walsh, Wasyluk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

NAYS - 0.

House Resolution No. 5694

BY Ruggiero

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING HELEN DETOUR ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY {LC2059/1}

Representative Ruggiero requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Ruggiero seconded by Representatives Jackson, Giannini and many other members of the House by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009:

1 2009-H 5292

BY Loughlin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Representative O'Neill moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Williamson, Lally, Loughlin and Savage.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Ajello, Almeida, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Caprio, Carnevale, Carter, Corvese, DaSilva, Dennigan, Diaz, Driver, Edwards, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Fierro, Flaherty, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Jackson, Kilmartin, Lally, Lima, Loughlin, MacBeth, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McNamara, Melo, Menard, Naughton, Newberry, O'Neill, Pacheco, Palumbo, Petrarca, Pollard, Rice, A., Rice, M., Ruggiero, San Bento, Savage, Schadone, Segal, Serpa, Shallcross, Silva, Slater, Sullivan, Vaudreuil, Walsh, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

NAYS - 0.

REQUESTS

Representatives Brien and Ucci request the journal to reflect that if they had voted on (09-H 5292), they would have voted in the affirmative.

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BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Representative O'Neill moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Serpa.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Ajello, Almeida, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Caprio, Carnevale, Carter, Corvese, DaSilva, Dennigan, Diaz, Driver, Edwards, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Fierro, Flaherty, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Jackson, Jacquard, Kilmartin, Lally, Lima, Loughlin, MacBeth, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McNamara, Melo, Menard, Naughton, Newberry, O'Neill, Pacheco, Palumbo, Petrarca, Pollard, Rice, A., Rice, M., Ruggiero, San Bento, Savage, Schadone, Segal, Serpa, Shallcross, Silva, Slater, Sullivan, Vaudreuil, Walsh, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

NAYS - 0.

REQUESTS

Representatives Brien and Ucci request the journal to reflect that if they had voted on (09-H 5296), they would have voted in the affirmative.

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BY Ruggiero

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

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

Representative Pacheco moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Corvese.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Brien, Caprio, Carnevale, Corvese, DaSilva, Dennigan, Diaz, Driver, Edwards, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Fierro, Flaherty, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Jackson, Jacquard, Kilmartin, Lally, Lima, Loughlin, MacBeth, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McCauley, McNamara, Melo, Menard, Naughton, Newberry, O'Neill, Pacheco, Palumbo, Petrarca, Pollard, Rice, A., Rice, M., Ruggiero, San Bento, Savage, Schadone, Segal, Serpa, Shallcross, Slater, Vaudreuil, Wasylyk, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

NAYS - 0.

TRANSMITTAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Lally announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 205 of the State House.

Representative McNamara announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House

Representative Corvese announces that the Committee on Labor will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 201 of the State House.

Representative Handy announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 207 of the State House.

Representative Naughton announces that the Committee on Rules will meet tomorrow at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House.

Representative Williamson announces that the House Commission to Study all aspects of the State Pension and Retirement System will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 313 of the State House.

Representative Diaz announces the 165th anniversary of Dominican Republic Independence on February 27, 2009.

Representative Kilmartin announces tomorrow from the rise of the House until seven o'clock P.M. the Chamber of Commerce will have a Legislative Reception in the Governor's State Room.

Representative Ruggiero congratulates Helen Detour, of Jamestown, on her 100th birthday.

Representative Melo introduces his intern, Benjamin Chagnon, a junior at Brown University.

DESK HELD OPEN

The Honorable Speaker Murphy announces the desk will be held open for New Business.

GUESTS

Representative A. Rice welcomes to the House Chamber as guests Senator Paula Benoit of Phippsburg, Maine; Paul Schibbelhute, New England Regional of the American Adoption Congress; John Breene, Christine Miller and Nancy Horgan members of T.R.A.C.E.-The R.I. Adoption Coalition of Equality.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:41 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Williamson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Cory Boudreau; on motion of Representative Fierro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Jeannette V. Auclair; on motion of Representative Naughton and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Maria Fonesca; on motion of Representative Kilmartin, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Theresa Gill; seconded by Representatives Fox and Watson the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN EDWARDS

Dear Lord, bestow your blessings on all assembled in this chamber. Help us to always bear in mind that the people who elected us to serve them have placed their trust in us. May we serve them well in the ways in which you have taught us. Amen

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 96

BY Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF CERRONI'S AUTO SALES, INC. {LC885/1}

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009:

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BY Palumbo

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT
COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH
AUTISM IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Calendar

Francis P. McCabe
Clerk of the House

Wednesday, February 25, 2009