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Fifty-sixth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:24 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 38: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisenia, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Thursday, June 2, 2005 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Felag and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the 2005 Rhode Island Middle School Division 1A Wrestling State Champions from Kickemuit Middle School Zachary Archembault, Zachary Audet, Benjamin Arruda, Gregory Brown, Ian Conley, David Cioe, Ben Choquette, Andrew Donato, Eric Francis, John Gallant, Tyler Hutchison, Tom Lombardo, Patrick Martin-Malone, Kenny Marshall, Anthony Marabello, Dylan Micheletti, Michael Micheletti, Richard Morency, Eric McAdam, Kiefer McCaughley, Zachery Mota, Joshua Mota, Eric Pires, Aaron Rathbone, Trevor Rodrigues, Christian Spina, Sephen Staudinger, Ray Stebbins, Alan Williams, Eli Wolfgang, Zane Wolfgang, Zachary Ziobro, Head Coach - Bruce Hutchison, Assistant Coach - Sam Hutchison, Eric Francis and Kevin Mota.

Upon suggestion of Senator McBurney and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber students from the Francis J. Varieur Elementary School, Alexy Gatica, Aubrey Sneesby, Audrey Crawley, Brishia Kentish, Christy Guerrera, Courtney LeGrande, Daniel Horowitz, Darius Burr, Emily Davey, Fabiola Ortiz, Janiqua Rivera, Keandra Brown, Omar Soufan, Samantha Iracheta, Savon Banuchi, Shanice Kentish, Veronica Romanov, Zarlusht Khan, Mackenzie McBurney Matthew Croarkin, Melitzi Tores, Julia Nefedova, Junissa Uraca, Karissa McCarty and Josh Helm along with the Honorable Bart Wildenhain, a member of the Pawtucket School Committee.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

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

June 13, 2005

Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano
President of the Senate
Room 318
State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear President Montalbano:

In recent weeks, my office and the Senate have had a number of productive discussions regarding legislation necessary to implement the separation of powers amendments to the Rhode Island Constitution. I thank you and the members of your leadership team for your willingness to deal with these complex issues in an open manner.

I also understand that the Senate has some concerns about appointments I have made to the Lottery Commission and the Coastal Resources Management Council. In particular, certain members of the Senate have questioned whether I may appoint persons to replace the legislators who served on these bodies prior to the passage of the separation of powers amendments.

I firmly believe that upon the effective date of these amendments, I became empowered to make public appointments to all legislative seats on state executive boards and commissions. However, in the spirit of cooperation that we have enjoyed recently, I am willing to take steps to avoid a constitutional conflict on this point that will result in unnecessary litigation.

My decision is also informed by my understanding that these seats may soon be eliminated by statute. Members of the General Assembly are discussing the elimination of the seats on these boards that were previously legislative appointments. I

support the reduction in the size of these boards. In fact, I also support the elimination of the Lottery Commission itself and the integration of its administrative functions in an executive branch department.

I strongly encourage the General Assembly to enact legislation reforming these two bodies as soon as possible. It is critical that the state have well-functioning governance structures for the lottery and our coastal resources.

Therefore, I withdraw the following appointments that have previously been transmitted to the Senate for advice and consent:

- Nancy Iacobucci (Lottery)
- Julie Duffy (Lottery)
- Bradford Gorham (Lottery)
- Sherry Ferdinandi (Lottery)
- Patricia Farley (Lottery)
- Richard Pastore (Lottery)
- Anna Prager (CRMC)
- William Meyer (CRMC)
- Paul Hansen (CRMC)
- Leslie Gray, III (CRMC)
- Janice Oliver (CRMC)
- Cynthia Fuller (CRMC)
- Carol Hueston (CRMC)
- Cristina Harsch (CRMC)

Withdrawal of these names does not indicate a reduction in my concerns over the operation of these important boards. Legislation must be passed quickly to resolve the uncertainty over the future of these bodies. I also take this opportunity to remind the Senate that it is my strong belief that both entities are state executive boards subject to the separation of powers amendments. Any attempt to retain legislative appointments to these boards or to vest appointment power in any official other than the Governor will be met with the strongest possible resistance from my office.

I hope that we can resolve these issues quickly. My staff is prepared to discuss in further detail your plans for reforming these boards at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

June 15, 2005

Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Montalbano:

I am writing to inform you that I will unfortunately be absent from tomorrow's Senate Session, Thursday, June 16, 2005. Please know I will be out of state.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Leonidas P. Raptakis
Senator – District 33

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President presents the following communication from His Excellency, the Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:

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

June 14, 2005

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-27.3-100.1.4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the State Building Codes Standards Committee:

William Howe of Warwick
(Fire Interests)

for a term expiring May 1, 2007.

To this reappointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

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

June 6, 2005

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-64-8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation:

Cheryl Merchant of Lincoln

VICE
Douglas A. Sgarro
(resigned)

for a term expiring February 1, 2007.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and Regulatory Issues.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following two Committee Reports were received on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, and were placed on the Calendar in accordance with the motion of adjournment on Thursday, June 9, 2005, that requested the Secretary of the Senate's desk to remain open to receive committee reports.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Senate Bill No. 932 SUB A

BY Senators Montalbano J, Ruggerio, Algiere, Alves, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FILM AND TELEVISION TAX CREDIT (establish a motion picture investment tax credit /film and television tax credit)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 1153

BY Senators Gallo, Fogarty P, Levesque C, Roberts, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (would extend the reporting deadline of the joint legislative committee).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY AND REGULATORY ISSUES

Senator Walaska, from the Committee on Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 540 SUB A

BY Senators Roberts, Bates, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ENERGY AND CONSUMER SAVINGS ACT OF 2005 (certain products sold in the state)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 5776 as amended (by request)

BY Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (borrowing among the three separate accounts).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 1129**

BY Senator Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING NEWPORT FIRE MARSHALL MICHAEL W. LEBER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE NEWPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Senator Paiva Weed requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 1130

BY Senator Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PREMIER MOTORS, INC..

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 1165**BY** Senators Lenihan, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR, AND THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF, A NEW POLICE STATION AND ITS FACILITIES IN THE TOWN BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$8,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR.

Read and ordered to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

44 2005-H 6438 SUB A**BY** McHugh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO VOTING BY NONRESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE TOWN OF WESTERLY

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggiero, seconded by Senator Paiva Weed, and without objection, ordered to be recommitted to the committee on Judiciary.

1 Appointment of **Patricia Martinez of Pawtucket VICE Jay G. Lindgren, Jr. as Director of the Department of Children Youth and Families.**

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this appointment.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggiero, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Wednesday, June 22, 2005.

2 2005-S 490 SUB A**BY** Alves**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggiero, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, June 16, 2005.

3 2005-S 872**BY Breene**

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED \$99,824,000 TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, SUCH PROJECT TO BE FINANCED IN TWO PHASES, THE SECOND PHASE NOT TO BE FINANCED BEFORE JUNE 1, 2007 AND SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF THIS ACT AS TO LEVELS OF STATE AID

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, June 16, 2005.

4 2005-S 1101 SUB A**BY Gibbs**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, June 16, 2005.

5 2005-S 837 SUB A**BY Alves**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
MOTOR CARRIERS OF PROPERTY

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator Alves moves passage, seconded by Senator Walaska.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, in concurrence, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 37: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 1: Senator Blais

6 2005-S 720**BY Lenihan****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAUSES OF ACTION**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Lenihan moves passage, seconded by Senators Cote, Metts and Sheehan.

The act is read and passed, 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 Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisen, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

7 2005-S 855 SUB A**BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- AUTHORIZING PROVIDERS TO NEGOTIATE JOINTLY WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN SERVICES AND CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, June 16, 2005.

8 2005-S 1143 SUB A**BY Badeau****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND**

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, June 16, 2005.

11 2005-S 227 SUB A**BY Perry****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CITIES AND TOWNS -- EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION PROPERTY OF THE PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION**

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

Senator Perry moves passage, seconded by Senators Pichardo, Metts, Goodwin and others.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, 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 Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Cote, Damiani, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

12 2005-S 668

BY Alves

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- PUBLIC CORPORATION DEBT MANAGEMENT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, June 16, 2005.

13 2005-S 231 SUB A

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

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

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Walaska, Ruggerio and Caprio.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 2 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 32: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Damiani, Doyle, Felag, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 2: Senators Cote and Fogarty

14 2005-S 1152**BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE
ON WATER RESOURCES**

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Damiani, Polisena and Raptakis.

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 as follows:

YEAS- 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Cote, Damiani, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

15 2005-S 269 SUB A**BY Breene****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY**

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

Senator Breene moves passage, seconded by Senators Roberts, Gallo, Sosnowski, Lenihan, Gibbs, Blais and Felag.

Senators Polisena, Breene and Roberts discuss the act.

Upon suggestion of Senator Breene, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, June 21, 2005.

16 2005-S 1134 SUB A as amended**BY Roberts****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE
LONG-TERM CARE REFORM ACT OF 2005 -- NURSING
FACILITY QUALITY MONITORING AND EARLY INTERVENTION
FOR RESIDENT SAFETY**

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

Senator Roberts moves passage, seconded by Senators Sheehan, Tassoni, Perry, Paiva Weed, Goodwin, Fogarty, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Damiani, Gibbs, Pichardo, Badeau, Metts, Felag and many others.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 38: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

17 2005-S 1135 SUB A

BY Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE
LONG-TERM CARE REFORM ACT OF 2005 -- NURSING
FACILITY QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

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

Senator Perry moves passage, seconded by Senators Roberts, Paiva Weed, Metts, Gibbs, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Felag, Levesque, Breene, Connors, Sheehan, Badeau and many others.

Senators Roberts, Metts and Sheehan discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 38: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

18 2005-S 1136 SUB A

BY Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE
LONG-TERM CARE REFORM ACT OF 2005 -- NURSING
FACILITY LICENSURE

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

Senator Gibbs moves passage, seconded by Senators Roberts, Sheehan, Levesque, Fogarty, Ruggerio, Blais, Breene, Perry, Metts and many others.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 38: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

19 2005-S 1138 SUB A as amended

BY Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE NEEDS AND FINANCING OPTIONS IN RHODE ISLAND PURSUANT TO AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LONG-TERM CARE REFORM ACT OF 2005

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

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by Senators Roberts, Sheehan, Metts, Ruggerio, Felag, Sosnowski, Fogarty, Levesque, Perry and many others.

Senator Ruggerio discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 38: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

20 2005-H 5027 SUB B

BY Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - - UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and the Substitute A and passage of Substitute B.

Senator Caprio moves passage, seconded by Senator Tassoni.

Senator Caprio seconded by Senator Tassoni, offers the following written motion to amend.

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

AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - - UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2005 -- H 5027 SUBSTITUTE B, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - - UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES", as follows:

By deleting all of the language following the enactment clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Section 6-13-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 6-13 entitled "Unfair Sales Practices" is hereby amended to read as follows:

6-13-12. Sales of gift certificates. -- "Gift certificate" means a record evidencing a promise, made for monetary consideration, by the seller or issuer for the record that goods or services will be provided to the owner of the record to the value shown in the record and includes, but is not limited to, a record that contains a microprocessor chip, magnetic strip or other means of storage of information that is pre-funded and for which the value is decremented upon each use, a gift card, an electronic gift card, stored-value card or certificate, a store card, a prepaid telephone card, or a similar record or card. Any person, firm, or corporation that sells gift certificates for any product or merchandise sold by the person, firm, or corporation, shall be required to record the sales and keep an accurate and complete record of each gift certificate sold. The record shall include the date of sale, the full value of the certificate, the identification number assigned by the retailer to the certificate, and the state in which the sale of the certificate took place. The retailer shall further be required to give to the purchaser of gift certificates exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) a written and numbered receipt evidencing the sale of the certificate. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation of any kind to charge additional monthly or annual service or maintenance fees on gift certificates or to limit the time for the redemption of a gift certificate or to place an expiration date upon the gift certificate. No gift certificate or any agreement with respect to such gift certificate may contain language suggesting that an expiration date may apply to the gift certificate. Any person, firm, or corporation that shall violate the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200). ~~Due to the unlimited redemption period, the division of taxation shall not escheat the funds paid for those unredeemed gift certificates.~~ Any unused portion of a redeemed gift certificate shall be afforded to the consumer by reissuing the gift certificate for the unused amount or providing cash where the balance due the consumer is less than one dollar (\$1.00). This section shall not apply to the following:

(a) General-use prepaid cards issued by a third-party prepaid card issuer which shall mean plastic cards or other electronic payment devices which are: (1) usable at multiple, unaffiliated, merchants or service providers and/or at automatic teller machines ("ATMs"); (2) issued in a requested amount which amount may be, at the option of the issuer, increased to value or reloaded if requested by the holder; (3) purchased and/or loaded on a prepaid basis by a consumer and shall not include debit cards linked to a deposit account, or cards purchased by a business entity; and (4) honored upon presentation by merchants for goods or services, or at ATMs.

(b) Gift certificates that are distributed to a consumer pursuant to an awards, loyalty or promotional program without any money or other thing of value being given in exchange for the gift certificate by the consumer. Any restrictions or limitations which such gift certificates may be subject to must be disclosed to the consumer, in writing, at the time the gift certificates are distributed to the consumer.

(c) ~~Cards used for prepaid wireless telephone services will not be subject to this section until January 1, 2006. This section shall not be binding upon, and is not intended to affect any prepaid wireless telephone service.~~ "Prepaid wireless telephone service" means wireless telephone service that is activated in advance by payment for a finite dollar amount of service or for a finite set of minutes that terminate either upon use by a customer and delivery by the wireless provider of an agreed-upon amount of service corresponding to the total dollar amount paid in advance or within a certain period of time following the initial purchase or activation, unless additional payments are made.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage."

Respectfully submitted,
SENATOR WALASKA

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 34: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Senator Caprio moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senator Walaska.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, as amended, 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 Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

21 2005-H 5512 SUB A

BY Dennigan

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INDIVIDUAL HEALTH
INSURANCE COVERAGE**

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

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, 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 Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

22 2005-H 5228 SUB B

BY Naughton

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- EARLY INTERVENTION
SERVICES**

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

Senator Cote moves passage, seconded by Senator Breene.

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

YEAS- 35: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

23 2005-H 5280 SUB A

BY Ginaitt

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY --
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

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

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by Senator Damiani.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, 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 Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

24 2005-H 5333 as amended

BY Kilmartin

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
OPEN MEETINGS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Ciccone and Perry.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, as amended, in concurrence, 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 Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

9 2005-S 981

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, June 16, 2005.

10 2005-S 1091 SUB A as amended

BY Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SEPARATION OF POWERS

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

Senator Lenihan moves passage, seconded by Senator Connors.

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 Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

40 2005-H 5994

BY Rose

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

Ordered on the Calendar

Senator Damiani moves passage, seconded by Senator Polisena, Sosnowski, DaPonte and Blais.

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

YEAS- 33: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

41 2005-H 6217 SUB B as amended

BY Coderre E

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SEPARATION OF POWERS

Committee on Government Oversight recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and the Substitute A and passage of Substitute B.

Senator Lenihan moves passage, seconded by Senators Connors and Sheehan.

The bill marked Substitute "B" is read and passed, as amended, 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 Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisen, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

Upon suggestion of Senator Paiva Weed, and without objection, the remainder of the Calendar is differed to Thursday, June 16, 2005.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Senator Roberts 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.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all Senate matters and (H-6217 Sub B aa) on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Metts and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Norman Lincoln and Freeman Soares.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

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

Senate Bill No. 491 (General Treasurer)

BY Senators DaPonte, Connors

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY (gift certificates).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 1080

BY Senators Sheehan, Raptakis, Roberts, Lenihan, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT TO ADOPT A TAX CLASSIFICATION PLAN (new tax classification).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 1119

BY Senators Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ZONING ORDINANCES (consist of five (5) members, each to hold office for a term of five (5) years).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 1127

BY Senators Algieri, Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CHARLESTOWN FIRE DISTRICT (alter the terms of Charlestown fire district fire board members).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 1145

BY Senators Lenihan, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 1148

BY Senator Paiva-Weed

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 1160

BY Senators Tassoni, Walaska, Blais

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 5468

BY Ehrhardt, Carter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 5770 (General Treasurer)

BY Kennedy, Lewiss, Coderre E, Moura, Kilmartin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY (delete all references with respect to gift certificates in connection with unclaimed intangible property).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 6405

BY Coderre E, Kilmartin, San Bento, Dennigan, O'Neill

ENTITLED, AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION THE REAL, MIXED AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF BLACKSTONE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. OF PAWTUCKET.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

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

Senate Bill No. 277 SUB A

BY Senators DaPonte, Ruggerio, Ciccone, Badeau, Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- MINIMUM WAGES (increase the minimum hourly wage)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 920

BY Senators Ruggerio, Tassoni, Ciccone, McCaffrey, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (public works contracts & prevailing wage rate).

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 5191

BY Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS (master irrigator)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 5420 SUB B

BY Lima, Diaz, Slater, Moura, Almeida

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- MINIMUM WAGES (increase minimum wage)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 5649 SUB A as amended

BY Moura, Slater, Diaz, McCauley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN (require a sufficient opportunity for eating lunch)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

House Bill No. 5650 as amended

BY Moura, Slater, Diaz, McCauley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN (increase fines for unlawful unemployment of women & children in the work place)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 5:23 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DANIEL J. ISSA

We ask, that You guide us, Lord, in broadening our minds and extending ourselves in service to our constituents. May we better understand their concerns and needs and do our best to assist them. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2005:

1 2005-S 1130

BY Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF
THE CHARTER OF PREMIER MOTORS, INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.

Secretary of the Senate

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2005:

1 2005-S 490 SUB A**BY Alves****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

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

2 2005-S 872**BY Breene****ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED \$99,824,000 TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, SUCH PROJECT TO BE FINANCED IN TWO PHASES, THE SECOND PHASE NOT TO BE FINANCED BEFORE JUNE 1, 2007 AND SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF THIS ACT AS TO LEVELS OF STATE AID

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

3 2005-S 1101 SUB A**BY Gibbs****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

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

4 2005-S 855 SUB A**BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- AUTHORIZING PROVIDERS TO NEGOTIATE JOINTLY WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN SERVICES AND CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES

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

5 2005-S 1143 SUB A**BY Badeau****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND

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

6 2005-S 981**BY Ciccone****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

7 2005-S 668**BY Alves****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- PUBLIC CORPORATION DEBT MANAGEMENT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

8 2005-S 932 SUB A**BY Montalbano J****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FILM AND TELEVISION TAX CREDIT

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

9 2005-S 1153**BY Gallo****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

10 2005-S 540 SUB A**BY Roberts****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ENERGY AND CONSUMER SAVINGS ACT OF 2005

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

11 2005-H 5343 as amended**BY Flaherty****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

12 2005-H 5412 SUB A as amended**BY Anguilla****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**

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

13 2005-H 5504**BY Kennedy****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
CONSUMER ENFORCEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE
WARRANTIES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

14 2005-H 5548 as amended**BY Rice****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

15 2005-H 5563 SUB A**BY McNamara****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION**

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

16 2005-H 5759 SUB A as amended**BY Kilmartin****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -
SUNDAY BUSINESS**

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

17 2005-H 5775 SUB B**BY Kennedy****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT
-- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION -- SMALL
BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and the Substitute A and passage of Substitute B.

18 2005-H 5776 as amended**BY Kennedy****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE**

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

19 2005-H 5777 SUB A**BY Gallison****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES**

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

20 2005-H 5827**BY Costantino****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CARE FOR THE ELDERLY**

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

21 2005-H 5850**BY Moura****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS**

Committee on Labor recommends passage in concurrence.

22 2005-H 5876 SUB A**BY Savage****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE**

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

23 2005-H 5887**BY Lally****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

24 2005-H 5911 SUB A as amended**BY Ginaitt****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MERCURY REDUCTION AND EDUCATION ACT**

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

25 2005-H 5954

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

26 2005-H 5965

BY Long

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

27 2005-H 6233 SUB A as amended

BY Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRODUCER LICENSING ACT

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A as amended in concurrence.

28 2005-H 6369 SUB A

BY Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION

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

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2005:

1 2005-S 269 SUB A

BY Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY

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

2 2005-S 491

BY DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

3 2005-S 1080**BY Sheehan****ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT TO ADOPT A TAX CLASSIFICATION PLAN

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

4 2005-S 1119**BY Gibbs****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ZONING ORDINANCES

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

5 2005-S 1127**BY Algieri****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CHARLESTOWN FIRE DISTRICT

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

6 2005-S 1145**BY Lenihan****ENTITLED,** AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

7 2005-S 1148**BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

8 2005-S 1160**BY Tassoni****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

9 2005-S 277 SUB A**BY DaPonte****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- MINIMUM WAGES

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

10 2005-S 920**BY Ruggiero****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --
LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

11 2005-H 5191**BY Lima****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

Committee on Labor recommends passage in concurrence.

12 2005-H 5420 SUB B**BY Lima****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- MINIMUM WAGES

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

13 2005-H 5468**BY Ehrhardt****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO VALIDATING AND RATIFYING
AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH
KINGSTOWN

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

14 2005-H 5649 SUB A as amended**BY Moura****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

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

15 2005-H 5650 as amended**BY Moura****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND
CHILDREN

Committee on Labor recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

16 2005-H 5770**BY Kennedy****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE
-- UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

17 2005-H 6405

BY Coderre E

ENTITLED, AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION THE REAL, MIXED
AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF BLACKSTONE VALLEY
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. OF PAWTUCKET

Committee on Commerce, Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in
concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2005:

1 Appointment of **Patricia Martinez** of Pawtucket VICE Jay G. Lindgren, Jr. as
Director of the Department of Children Youth and Families.

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent
to this appointment.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Wednesday, June 15, 2005