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Last Day of 2005 Session

Sixty-second Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:02 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

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

ABSENT – 3: Senators DaPonte Lanzi, Lenihan.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Friday, July 15, 2005 proceedings is read in part.

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

RECOMMITTALS

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Paiva Weed, and without objection, (H-5477) is acted on as follows:

House Bill No. 5477 SUB A as amended

BY Fox, Anguilla, Kilmartin, Jackson, Sullivan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LOBBYING (financial reporting)

Read and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

RECOMMITTALS

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggiero, seconded by Senator Paiva Weed, and without objection, (H-6530) is acted on as follows:

House Bill No. 6530 SUB A as amended

BY Kennedy, Costantino, Kilmartin, Church, Schadone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND (establish the Beacon Mutual Insurance Company)

Read and recommitted to the Committee on Labor.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**DISAPPROVAL BY THE GOVERNOR**

The Honorable President, presents a disapproval by the Governor on the following measure:

House Bill No. 6052 SUB A as amended

BY Slater, Watson, Diaz, Faria, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (protect patients with debilitating medical conditions/medical use of marijuana)

Upon suggestion of Senator Perry, and without objection, the reading of the veto message is dispensed with as copies have been provided to each Senator.

Without objection, so ordered.

Senator Perry, moves passage notwithstanding the disapproval of the Governor, seconded by Senators Paiva Weed, Goodwin, Levesque, Roberts, Polisena, Damiani, McCaffrey, Tassoni, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Pichardo, Ciccone and Badeau.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence, notwithstanding the disapproval of the Governor, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, upon roll call vote with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 5 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 30: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Alves, Badeau, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Damiani, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggiero, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS- 5: Senators Algiere, Bates, Blais, Breene, Cote.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Resolution No. 6701**BY** Fox, Watson**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION OF ADJOURNMENT

Senator Paiva Weed requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by Senator Algieri.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Paiva Weed, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns the 2005 Session at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate