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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:10o'clock P.M.

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

**PRESENT** – 36: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, Levesque, McBurney, McCaffrey, Metts, Paiva Weed, Perry, Pichardo, Polisenena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 2: Senators Ciccone, Ruggerio.

**INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senators McBurney and Doyle and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Matthew Gaudette of Pawtucket.

**COMMUNICATION**

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS****SENATE CHAMBER**

February 6, 2006

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 thru Thursday, February 16, 2006, as I will be out of the State on business.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,  
Dominick J. Ruggerio  
Senator – District 4

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Fogarty announces that the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government will meet on Thursday, February 16, 2006, at 3:30 o'clock P.M. in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Perry announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet on Thursday, February 16, 2006, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Polisena announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 313 of the State House.

**RECESS**

Upon suggestion of Senate DaPonte and by unanimous consent the Senate stands at recess at 4:16 o'clock P.M. until the call of the chair and that the desk shall remain open to receive new business.

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, on Thursday, February 16, 2006, at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**House Bill No. 7207**

**BY** Sullivan, Watson, Carter, Scott

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government

Also:

**House Bill No. 7000**

**BY** Long, Jackson, Rice

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE MIDDLETOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. (grant retroactive tax exemptions back to 12/31/2003 to any property owned or leased by the Middletown Historical Society, Inc.).

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government

Also:

**House Resolution No. 7024**

**BY** Sullivan, Moffitt, Gemma, Watson

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF THE KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY.

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues

Also:

**House Bill No. 6722**

**BY** McHugh

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (join Sarah Curran Voigt and Timothy Edgars Savage)

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**House Bill No. 6897**

**BY** Rice

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (join Jennifer Marie Hannon and David Henry Abdou)

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**House Bill No. 6712**

**BY** Winfield, Petrarca

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Jennifer Marie Jagdmman may join Jill Costantino and Jon William Charland)

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**House Bill No. 6884**

**BY** Watson, Fox

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (join Semantha Coyle and James Edward Donnel)

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**House Bill No. 6813**

**BY** Gemma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Mona Scheraga may join Beth Siegel and Charles Mosher, Jr.)

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**House Bill No. 6713**

**BY** Trillo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Richard R. Nathan may join Tara M. Nathan and Machiste Rankin)

Received and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**House Bill No. 7177**

**BY** Church

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF JENKS PROPERTY CORPORATION.

Received and referred to the Senate Consent Calendar

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Senate Bill No. 2682**

**BY** Senators Fogarty P, Gallo, Tassoni, Blais, Breene

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT (adding amendments to the Pascoag Utility District Act).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2683**

**BY** Senator Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (exempt prepaid wireless telephone services from the requirements associated with gift certificates)

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2684**

**BY** Senator Gibbs

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- MIDDLETOWN (allow town of Middletown to impose regulations through a permit process on excavation activity).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2685** (Attorney General)

**BY** Senators Badeau, Ciccone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- PRECIOUS METALS (require that consignment shops that buy and sell precious metals obtain a license from the state attorney general).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2686**

**BY** Senator Issa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ZONING ORDINANCES (Family Day Care Home/Family Group Day Care Home as they pertain to municipal zoning ordinances).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2687**

**BY** Senator Badeau

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE (building permit fees).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2688 (Health)**

**BY** Senators Gibbs, Blais

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (relating to licenses/registration).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2689 (by request)**

**BY** Senator Cote

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISER CERTIFICATION (preclude anyone from appraising real property unless they are state certified).

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

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2690**

**BY** Senator Tassoni

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS AND THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING TO STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF THE INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2691****BY** Senator Badeau**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTHCARE (establish a strategic purchasing advisory commission).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2692** (Governor)**BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2693****BY** Senators Montalbano J, Caprio F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (set aside the month of October annually to be known as Italian-American Heritage Month).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues

Also:

**Senate Resolution No. 2694****BY** Senators Lenihan, Cote, Sheehan, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (REFERENDUM ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2695** (Attorney General)**BY** Senator Caprio F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING, AND ATHLETICS (establish the Rhode Island Gaming Control and Enforcement Act).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2696****BY** Senators Sosnowski, Roberts, Perry, Gibbs, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (prohibit the sale and distribution of certain beverages and food items at all elementary, middle, junior, and senior high schools beginning 1/1/2007/require the sale and distribution of healthy beverages and snacks).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2697 (Governor)****BY** Senators Blais, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATEWIDE SCIENCE CURRICULUM (add Science to the statewide Mathematics and English-language Arts curricula to be selected and/or developed for K-12 education students).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2698****BY** Senator Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (selection of an auditor appointed).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2699****BY** Senators Doyle, Issa, McBurney, Tassoni, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - REGIONAL COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS (purposes of oversight and facilitating the combination of resources in the county).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2700****BY** Senator Badeau**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL (exclude regulated medical waste as defined in chapter 23-18.9 from the definition of solid waste).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:



**Senate Bill No. 2701****BY** Senator DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL (expand the solid waste beneficial use determination process).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2702****BY** Senators Tassoni, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION (issuance of beach vehicle registration permits).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2703****BY** Senators Pichardo, Metts, Perry, Connors, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - REFUGEE RESOURCE CENTER (International Institute of Rhode Island).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2704****BY** Senators Pichardo, Perry, Connors, Lanzi, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (expand RIte Track Program eligibility requirements to include persons between the ages of 19 and 24 who meet certain requirements).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2705****BY** Senators Metts, Paiva-Weed, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (adding a MBE compliance office).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2706****BY** Senators Perry, Goodwin, Roberts, Levesque C, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (create the Rhode Island Tobacco Control Program).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2707****BY** Senators Pichardo, Perry, Roberts, Metts, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH, RETARDATION, AND HOSPITALS - DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH (provide additional financial support for services to persons with serious mental illness).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2708****BY** Senators Damiani, Polisena**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE (continue to receive the same health benefits when called to active duty that they would normally receive from their civilian employer).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2709****BY** Senators Damiani, Polisena**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' INCENTIVE PAY PLAN (require the director of the dept of corrections to reimburse correctional officers for eligible expenses incurred in taking certain educational courses).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2710****BY** Senators Damiani, Polisena**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (provide campus polices appointed by the board of governors for higher education with the same relief benefits as injured and deceased firefighters and police officers).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2711**

**BY** Senators Damiani, Felag, Polisena

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR FUEL TAX (exempt municipalities from the motor fuel tax for vehicles used in the operation of their local government).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2712**

**BY** Senators Damiani, Polisena

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE (health benefits).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2713**

**BY** Senators Perry, Sosnowski, Pichardo, Levesque C, Roberts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - RHODE ISLAND PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT - INSURANCE BENEFITS - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (amend statutes on health insurance coverage, family leave and income tax to include domestic partners).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2714**

**BY** Senators Damiani, Polisena

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INURED AND DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (permanent environmental police officers and criminal investigators of the dept of environmental management with the same relief benefits as injured and deceased firefighters and police officers).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2715**

**BY** Senator Gibbs

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO REGISTRATION -- FEES (fee for registration of vehicles to be allocated for the maintenance of local roads and highways).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2716** (General Treasurer)

**BY** Senators Felag, Gallo, Walaska, McBurney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PERSONAL INCOME TAX (establish equal RI tax treatment for contributions to all 529 college savings plans).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2717** (Administration)

**BY** Senators Blais, Breene

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES (loan program for those state employees affected by the additional income tax liability due to the extension of health insurance coverage to a non- dependent domestic partner).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2718**

**BY** Senators Damiani, Polisena

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS -- CONTINUATION OF EMPLOYMENT (continue to pay employees who enter military service and continue to provide medical benefits).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2719**

**BY** Senators Gibbs, Revens

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (school housing projects).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2720**

**BY** Senators Walaska, Bates, Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES (retailer to retain 2% of sales taxes collected, up to \$400 to offset collective and remittance expenses)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2721**

**BY** Senator Badeau

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTHCARE (statewide transportation of students with special needs).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2722**

**BY** Senators Montalbano J, McCaffrey, Alves, Badeau, Paiva-Weed

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (exempt from taxation dwelling houses and land owned or held in trust by or for any religious organization).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2723**

**BY** Senator Alves

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX ( changes in the allocation of income of a business deriving its income from sources both within and without the state).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2724**

**BY** Senator Alves

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (change the definition of net income for any corporate taxpayer to include any deductions required to be added back to net income).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2725**

**BY** Senator Alves

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2726****BY** Senator Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE -- SECURED TRANSACTIONS ( preserve the six-month period of time for continuing financing statements, pursuant to the uniform commercial code.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2727****BY** Senators Pichardo, Tassoni, Connors, Lanzi, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT ( the state to put out to bid for the purchase of heating oil for the federal low-income energy assistance program).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2728****BY** Senators Pichardo, Tassoni, Connors, Lanzi, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ( termination moratorium period shall mean the period of time between 12:01 a.m. on November 1, and 11:59 p.m. on May 15, of each year).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2729****BY** Senators Pichardo, Metts, Perry, Roberts, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED AND SERIOUSLY ILL ( prohibit any public utility from terminating service to any household in which any resident is unemployed).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2730****BY** Senator Montalbano J**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY ( transfer of public, education and government studios and equipment from private franchise holders to the Rhode Island public telecommunications authority).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2731****BY** Senator Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (create the Uniform Debt-Management Services Act.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2732****BY** Senators Bates, Felag, Paiva-Weed, Levesque C, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- COUNCILS AND GOVERNING BODIES ( removed the requirement that the plan of operation be approved by the insurance administrator and clarify that more than one corporation may be formed under this act.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2733****BY** Senators Roberts, Walaska, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ENERGY AND CONSUMER SAVINGS ACT OF 2006.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2734** (by request)**BY** Senators Bates, Walaska, Polisena, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES -- DISTRIBUTED GENERATION ( create a regulatory framework for distributed energy generation site locations.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2735****BY** Senators Bates, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SURPLUS LINES ( exempt insured and licensees from the requirement of filing an affidavit when obtaining surplus lines insurance for certain insurable interests).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2736****BY** Senators Montalbano J, McBurney, Connors, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ( certain overdraft restrictions be eliminated from the statutory framework allowing credit unions to offer demand deposits).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2737****BY** Senators Walaska, Bates**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (borrowing among the three separate accounts).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2738****BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING ( provide for increased regulation of insurance rate settings and increased disclosure by insurance companies and would apply to casualty insurance, medical malpractice insurance and fire and marine insurance).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2739****BY** Senator Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ( amend article 7 of the uniform commercial code regarding documents of title and would also make various technical amendments to the uniform commercial code).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2740****BY** Senators Lenihan, Badeau**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION ( make extensive technical changes to the laws relating to the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Also:



**Senate Bill No. 2741****BY** Senators Roberts, Perry, Sosnowski, Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE SERVICES (reduce the size and make-up of the health services council).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2742****BY** Senators Levesque C, Paiva-Weed, Lenihan, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (members of the Rhode Island Human Resource Council to attend a training course and provide for the appointment of members in the situation of a vacancy).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2743****BY** Senators Levesque C, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- NARRAGANSETT INDIAN LAND MANAGEMENT CORPORATION ( eliminate the ninth director in the Narragansett Indian Land Management Council).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2744** (Transportation)**BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS ( replace the director of the department of transportation or his/her designee as chair of the vehicle value commission with the director of administration or his/her designee).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2745** (Lieutenant Governor)**BY** Senators Perry, Roberts, Paiva-Weed, Montalbano J, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTHCARE -- HOSPITAL BOARD GOVERNANCE ( hospitals licensed in the state be governed in a manner that meets the highest standards, and adopts a code of ethics for its officers and directors).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2746****BY** Senators Gallo, Gibbs, Tassoni, Sosnowski, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT ( small employer carriers to employ a discounted rate for a qualified health and wellness program and to sell low cost, basic benefit health plans to small employers on a pilot program basis, subject to the approval of the health insurance commissioner).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2747****BY** Senators Connors, Lanzi, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT ( small employer carriers to sell low-cost, basic benefit health plans to small employers on a pilot program basis, subject to the approval of the health insurance commissioner).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2748****BY** Senator Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES ( amend several sections relating to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) testing and counseling relating to, but not limited to indigent individuals and other individuals without health insurance coverage).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2749** (Health)**BY** Senators Gibbs, Blais, Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ( list of items that the trauma system advisory committee within the department of health must examine regarding the state's trauma system).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2750** (Health)**BY** Senators Gibbs, Blais, Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF ( various changes regarding the licensing requirements for interpreters for the deaf.).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2751**

**BY** Senators Perry, Goodwin, Tassoni, Levesque C, Pichardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - THE RHODE ISLAND RX PROGRAM ( create the Rhode Island Rx Program to provide prescription drug assistance to the uninsured.).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2752**

**BY** Senators Gallo, Walaska, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION.

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2753**

**BY** Senator Roberts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES - UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT (changes to the health care services utilization review act).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2754** (by request)

**BY** Senator Roberts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES ( person who has suffered an epileptic seizure in the past would be considered physically ineligible to obtain a motor vehicle operator's license)

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2755**

**BY** Senator DaPonte

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PSYCHOLOGISTS (amend licensing qualifications for psychologists in the state).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2756****BY** Senators Damiani, Polisena**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY ( require food service establishments to have a person trained in anti- choking and CPR.).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2757****BY** Senators Levesque C, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COORDINATED HEALTH PLANNING ACT OF 2006 ( establish an Office of Coordinated Health Planning and a State Health Planning Council).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2758****BY** Senator Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE ( limit to a period of 12 months the time a health insurer could audit a health care provider for purposes of recoupment or an off-set of previous payments).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2759****BY** Senator Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES ( require that health benefit contracts in this state list the amount of co- payments, coinsurances, on ID cards issued to the insured with a schedule of all co-payments, co-insurances and deductibles).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2760****BY** Senators Sosnowski, Lanzi, Perry, Paiva-Weed, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SAFE PATIENT HANDLING LEGISLATION ( establish the "Safe Patient Handling Act of 2006" to promote the safe handling of patients in health care facilities.).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2761**

**BY** Senator Breene

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACIES ( amend the definition of the practice of pharmacy to include the administration of prescribed injectable medications.).

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

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2762** (Attorney General)

**BY** Senators Damiani, Doyle, Polisena

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES (require sexual offender from another state to register in RI).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2763**

**BY** Senators Doyle, McBurney, Tassoni, Polisena, Damiani

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES (increase penalty for first degree child molestation).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2764** (Attorney General)

**BY** Senators Doyle, Damiani, Polisena

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES (prohibit listing of juveniles on web sites for sexual offenders until age 21).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2765** (Attorney General)

**BY** Senators Doyle, Walaska, Tassoni

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT (disorderly conduct a misdemeanor offense punishable by imprisonment).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2766****BY** Senators Perry, Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (create RI Death with Dignity Act).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2767****BY** Senator Alves**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (prohibit the unnecessary idling of an engine and establish a monetary penalty).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2768****BY** Senators Ciccone, Levesque C, Perry, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESTRICTING RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICES (restrict the use of radio frequency identification devices for the purpose of tracking and employee).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2769** (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Doyle, Walaska, Tassoni**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES (establish and define the trafficking of persons and involuntary servitude as a criminal offense).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2770****BY** Senators Montalbano J, McBurney, Paiva-Weed, Algieri, Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION (appointment procedures).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2771** (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Pichardo, Connors, Perry, DaPonte, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - ACQUISITION OF LAND ( provide procedural requirements for those bodies seeking to use eminent domain for the purpose of economic development.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2772****BY** Senators Doyle, Tassoni, Polisena**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - TAXATION AND TOBACCO - DELIVERY AND SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS ( make extensive amendments to the process of the delivery and sale of cigarettes in this state.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2773** (Children, Youth & Families)**BY** Senators Blais, Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- THE INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR JUVENILES ( create a new interstate compact on juveniles to provide for the welfare and protection of runaway juveniles.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2774** (Governor)**BY** Senators Blais, Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL PROCEDURE -- MEDICAL MALPRACTICE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2775****BY** Senators Damiani, Polisena**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR ARBITRATION OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES DISPUTES ( change the jurisdiction of section 11-9-5.3, "Brendan's Law," to the Superior Court.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2776** (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Levesque C, McBurney, McCaffrey, Polisena**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN ( change the jurisdiction of section 11-9-5.3, "Brendan's Law," to the Superior Court.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2777** (Attorney General)**BY** Senators Metts, Pichardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE CONSULTANT REGULATION ( regulate the actions of mortgage foreclosure consultants and mortgage foreclosure purchasers.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2778****BY** Senator Blais**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (double the fines for speeding when there is either snow or ice on the road).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2779****BY** Senators Perry, Levesque C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS ( use of electronic communication or telephone communications as a reasonable accommodation for a member of a public body who has a disability).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2780** (by request)**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES ( amend several sections of the primary election laws by placing some of the duties of the clerk at the polls with the bipartisan pair of poll supervisors.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:



**Senate Bill No. 2781**

**BY** Senators Damiani, McCaffrey, Polisena

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES ( illegal for any wireless telephone company doing business in this state to distribute, publish and/or disclose a subscriber's name or number without the subscriber's consent. Exemptions would be made for law enforcement and emergency personnel)

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2782** (by request)

**BY** Senator McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTS ( provide the board of elections with discretion as to how campaign finance laws are processed.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2783** (by request)

**BY** Senator Sheehan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTING ( allow election offices to combine voting districts in certain circumstances which would result in cost savings.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2784**

**BY** Senators McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2785**

**BY** Senators Cote, Badeau, Breene

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EMINENT DOMAIN (define, limit and restrict the permissible uses of eminent domain powers.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2786****BY** Senators McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT (amend enforcement of the orders and make many technical and grammatical changes.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2787** (Attorney General)**BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (define open forum as a meeting to include the public).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2788****BY** Senators McCaffrey, Damiani, Polisena**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO POLICE OFFICERS ( include airport police officers in the policeman's bill of rights and would also grant to them certain privileges granted to other law enforcement officers).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2789****BY** Senators Damiani, Polisena**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL DEFENSE - WEAPONS ( prevent the possession of body armor or bullet-proof vests by persons previously convicted of crimes of violence.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2790** (Governor)**BY** Senator Gibbs**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CARE ( amend the requirements for criminal background checks for various groups of individuals who work with, provide services to or intend to adopt children).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2791****BY** Senators Levesque C, Sosnowski, Perry, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (information/materials to the public about emergency contraception).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2792****BY** Senator McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CONSTRUCTION TRUST ( hold funds received for payment from any building or remodeling contract in trust to secure the payment of all lienable claims due and owing as a result of such building or remodeling contract).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2793****BY** Senators Doyle, McBurney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE ( insurance carriers to respond to a request to settle with a tortfeasor within thirty (30) days of such request).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2794** (Governor)**BY** Senators Algieri, Blais, Breene, Polisena**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES ("Jessica Lundsford Act").

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2795** (Governor)**BY** Senators Algieri, Blais, Breene, Polisena**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL COMMITMENT OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS ( create a mechanism for the civil commitment of sexually violent predators).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2796**

**BY** Senator Polisena

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ACTIVE AND RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (authorize retired law enforcement officers from all jurisdictions in the US to carry concealed weapons within the state).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2797** (by request)

**BY** Senator McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES (separate reporting requirements for expenditures on ballot questions from political campaigns).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2798** (by request)

**BY** Senator Paiva-Weed

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - CODE OF ETHICS (appointment of the Rhode Island ethics commission).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2799** (Lieutenant Governor)

**BY** Senator Lenihan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICES AND EMPLOYEES -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND REFORM (promote public confidence, to provide an open and honest government).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2800**

**BY** Senator DaPonte

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS ( any meeting of a public body may be held by means of a telephonic communication.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2801****BY** Senator DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (immunity to administrators, executors and trustees who are unaware of adopted children in the administration of estates and trusts, and who may inadvertently fail to provide for such child or children).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2802****BY** Senators Sheehan, Lenihan, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL ( office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2803****BY** Senators Alves, McBurney, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT (define and impose penalties for violence to an unborn child.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2804****BY** Senator Alves**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE ACT ( protection from discrimination to all health care providers who chose not to participate in a health care service that violates the conscience of the health care provider).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2805 (Attorney General)****BY** Senators Polisena, Tassoni, Algieri, Blais, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION ( delete the language which was committed after the effective date of this act).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2806**

**BY** Senator Montalbano J

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2807**

**BY** Senators Metts, Perry, Sosnowski, Pichardo, Levesque C

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2808**

**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Perry, Paiva-Weed

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2809** (by request)

**BY** Senators Walaska, Bates

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2810** (by request)

**BY** Senator McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2811** (by request)

**BY** Senators Doyle, Tassoni

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES ( create consistency within primary and election laws regarding checkers, runners and watchers.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2812** (by request)

**BY** Senators Tassoni, Doyle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS ( establish a deadline for delivery of election materials to the board of elections).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2813**

**BY** Senators Gallo, Fogarty P, Lanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - TEACHERS' TENURE ( permit a teacher to waive attendance by the full school board and instead permit a hearing before a majority of the board at a termination hearing.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2814**

**BY** Senator Badeau

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTHCARE (collective bargaining).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2815**

**BY** Senator McBurney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS ( exempt employees of a 24 hour per day limousine or taxi company from a salary increase for working Sunday and Holidays.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2816** (by request)

**BY** Senator Issa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CERTIFIED SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION (contract agreement).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2817**

**BY** Senators Damiani, Polisena

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- WITNESSES ( union representative a privilege shielding them from revealing information attained within the performance of fulfilling his or her professional responsibilities.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2818**

**BY** Senators Damiani, Connors, Polisena

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (amend the definition of "law enforcement officer").

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2819**

**BY** Senator Gibbs

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (raise the threshold for municipal projects).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2820**

**BY** Senators Damiani, Polisena

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (bargaining agreement).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

**Senate Bill No. 2821**

**BY** Senators Damiani, Polisena

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS ( labor relations board is empowered to prevent unfair labor practices by any employer or public sector employee.).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:



**Senate Resolution No. 2822**

**BY** Senators Fogarty P, Gallo, Levesque C, Roberts, Connors

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE YEARS 1993-1994

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Rules

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:01 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR HANNA M. GALLO**

Lord, as we celebrate St. Valentines Day, let us remember that there are three things that shall always last - Faith, Hope, and Love; and the greatest of these is Love. Amen.

**Appendix**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006:**

**1 2006-H 7177**

**BY Church**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF  
THE CHARTER OF JENKS PROPERTY CORPORATION

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar

**Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr.**  
**Secretary of the Senate**

**Appendix****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006:****1 2006-S 2199****BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC CORPORATION DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**2 2006-H 6862****BY Costantino****ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC CORPORATION DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

**3 2006-S 2138 SUB A****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.

**4 2006-S 2140 SUB A****BY Lenihan****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SEPARATION OF POWERS**

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

**5 2006-S 2141 SUB A****BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SEPARATION OF POWERS**

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

**6 2006-S 2142****BY Gallo****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SEPARATION OF POWERS --  
EDUCATION

Committee on Government Oversight recommends passage.

**7 2006-S 2143****BY Roberts****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER  
RESOURCES BOARD

Committee on Government Oversight recommends passage.

**8 2006-H 6749****BY Coderre E****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SEPARATION OF POWERS --  
EDUCATION

Committee on Government Oversight recommends passage in concurrence.

**9 2006-H 6751 as amended****BY Coderre E****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SEPARATION OF POWERS

Committee on Government Oversight recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

**10 2006-H 6752****BY Coderre E****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER  
RESOURCES BOARD

Committee on Government Oversight recommends passage in concurrence.

**11 2006-H 6753 as amended****BY Coderre E****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SEPARATION OF POWERS

Committee on Government Oversight recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

**12 2006-H 6754 SUB A****BY Coderre E****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SEPARATION OF POWERSCommittee on Government Oversight recommends indefinite postponement of the  
original bill and passage of Substitute A.

13 2006-S 2056

BY Montalbano J

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - NONPROFIT HOSPITAL  
AND MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

**Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr.**  
**Secretary of the Senate**