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Wednesday, March 8, 2006

Nineteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable John C. Revens, Jr., President Pro Tempore of the Senate, at 4:02 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 34: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Breene, Caprio, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, 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.

ABSENT – 4: Senator Bates, Blais, Damiani, Montalbano.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Lenihan, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Eighteenth Legislative Day of the 2006 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Alves and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore welcomes to the Chamber "Miss Ireland" Charlotte McGovern, her mother Jean McGovern, Michael Jordan and Michael O'Connell.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President Pro Tempore presents the following communication:

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

March 7, 2006

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate sessions on Wednesday, March 8 and Thursday, March 9, 2006. I will be attending an out-of-state pharmaceutical conference in my capacity as President of the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Leo R. Blais
DEPUTY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**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:

Reappointment of Victor Allienello, Jr of East Providence to the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Review Board for a term expiring January 31, 2009

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Reappointment of Paul Beaudette of Warwick to the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Review Board for a term expiring January 31, 2009

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Appointment of Arthur R. Hurley of Harrisville to the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Review Board for a term expiring January 31, 2009

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Appointment of Frank Messina of Coventry VICE G. Cameron Matheson to the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Review Board for a term expiring January 31, 2009

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Appointment of Alexander J. Biliouris of North Smithfield VICE Joshua Miller to the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2008

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Reappointment of Albert Conti of Wakefield to the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Review Board for a term expiring January 31, 2009

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

Appointment of Joseph T. Unsworth, P.E. of West Greenwich to the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Review Board for a term expiring January 31, 2009

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND GAMING ISSUES

Senator Goodwin, from the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Resolution No. 2207 (Lieutenant Governor)

BY Senators Roberts, Paiva-Weed, Levesque C, Goodwin, Gibbs

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT BUSH TO ADDRESS CONCERNS WITH THE MEDICARE PART D PROGRAM AND ADOPT THE SPECIFIC CHANGES AS LISTED.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2382

BY Senators Roberts, Gibbs, Lenihan, Pichardo

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION REINSTATING AND EXTENDING THE COMMISSION LIFE AND AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CURRENT STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2299

BY Senators Cote, Paiva-Weed, Algieri

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE FOR PROPOSING A "REAL-TIME BILL TRACKING SYSTEM".

Read and ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

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 ordered to be placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2020

BY Senators Paiva-Weed, Levesque C, Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO RECREATIONAL AREAS - GENERAL PROVISIONS (the Rugby field at Fort Adams State Park the Joseph 'Jay' P. Kirwin Rugby Pitch Field)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

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 ordered to be placed on the Calendar

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2018

BY Senators Bates, Ciccone, Damiani, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE LOTTERY (director of the state lottery to meet not less than nine (9) times per year with the permanent joint committee on state lottery)

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator McCaffrey, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Reappointment of Henry S. Kinch, Jr., of Pawtucket as Clerk of the Superior Court for Providence and Bristol Counties for a term expiring February 1, 2011.

Read and ordered to the Calendar for Thursday, March 9, 2006.

Also:

Reappointment of David Perry of West Warwick as Clerk of the Superior Court for Kent County for a term expiring February 1, 2011.

Read and ordered to the Calendar for Thursday, March 9, 2006.

Also:

Reappointment of Courtland R. Chapman of Westerly as Clerk of the Superior Court for Washington County for a term expiring February 1, 2011.

Read and ordered to the Calendar for Thursday, March 9, 2006.

Also:

Reappointment of Jane M. Anthony of Jamestown as Clerk of the Superior Court for Newport County for a term expiring February 1, 2011.

Read and ordered to the Calendar for Thursday, March 9, 2006.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 6879

BY Pacheco, Winfield, Gorham

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TAX CLASSIFICATION IN THE WEST GLOCESTER FIRE DISTRICT (adopt and implement a system of property tax classification)

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

Also:

House Bill No. 7115

BY O'Neill

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Albert William Dubreuil and Shelly Elizabeth Kenyon).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7137

BY Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (join Michele L. Carletti and David R. Ahouse).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7338

BY Murphy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (to join Lucas Whitney McGee and Portia Taylor Johnson).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7474

BY Story

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE (join James Greene Hunt and Ashley Alison Batting).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

House Bill No. 7150

BY Long

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (municipal court in Jamestown).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 2889

BY Senators Lenihan, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (prohibit the town of North Kingstown from electing or appointing a fence viewer).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2890

BY Senators Lenihan, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS (prohibit the town of North Kingstown from electing or appointing a sealer of weights and measures).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2891

BY Senator Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATER LINES AND WORKS FOR THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN.

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2892

BY Senators Algiere, Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (religious organization exemption).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2893

BY Senator Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS (change of meeting date in Chariho school districts).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2894

BY Senators McBurney, Polisena, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (naming of the Kent County Court House after the late Judge Anthony Giannini).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2895 (Governor)

BY Senators Bates, Gibbs, Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO A STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Education

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2896

BY Senators Blais, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF EARTH REMOVAL AND GRAVEL PROCESSING IN THE TOWN OF COVENTRY.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2897 (Environmental Management)

BY Senator Gibbs

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO REFUSE DISPOSAL (change in procedures in disposal of construction waste).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2898 (Governor)**BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (create the Rhode Island Strategic Purchasing Advisory Commission).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2899**BY** Senator Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS (impose a 5.5% cap on increases to the Chariho Regional school district budget).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2900**BY** Senator DaPonte**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,329.55 TO PAY LIBERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION, 5050 W. TILGHMAN STREET, SUITE 200, ALLENTOWN, PA 18104 AS SUBROGEE OF JANE M. MCGUIRE, 32 BOULDER AVENUE, CHARLESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND 02813-1104.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2901**BY** Senators Levesque, Gallo, Fogarty P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (increase in aid for those students placed by a Rhode Island state agency).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2902**BY** Senators Ciccone, Badeau, DaPonte, Pichardo, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - BENEFITS (eliminate Social Security benefits for those considered "disqualifying income").

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2903**BY** Senators Walaska, Sosnowski, Paiva-Weed, Montalbano J, Lenihan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (create Rhode Island Energy Resources Act).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2904**BY** Senators Sosnowski, Walaska, Sheehan, Paiva-Weed, Montalbano J**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY (guidelines and procedures).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2905**BY** Senators Walaska, Sosnowski, Paiva-Weed, Tassoni, Montalbano J**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (provide for least-cost procurement for gas and electric supply).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2906**BY** Senators Walaska, Sosnowski, Paiva-Weed, Tassoni, Montalbano J**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE ENERGY (Affordable Energy Act).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2907**BY** Senators Badeau, Ruggerio, McBurney, Ciccone, Lanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (deferred deposit transaction fee to10%).

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2908**BY** Senator Revens**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

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

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2909

BY Senator Alves

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (action for injuries).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2910 (Governor)

BY Senator Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - LABOR RELATIONS ACT (prohibit collective bargaining agreement for teachers, city, town and state employees from including a choice for health care services).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2911

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2912

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- PROCEDURE.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2913

BY Senator Badeau

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS (weekly compensation).

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Labor

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2914**BY** Senators Doyle, Polisena, Walaska**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPLEMENT WARNING AND SAFETY DEVICES ALONG THE S-CURVE SECTION OF INTERSTATE 95 IN PAWTUCKET.

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Highway Safety

Also:

Senate Resolution No. 2915**BY** Senators Issa, Roberts, Caprio F**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2006 TO BE "SAVE YOUR VISION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

Senator Issa requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Issa moves passage, seconded by the entire Senate.

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

TRANSMITTAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Goodwin announces that the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 of the State House.

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 Levesque 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Paiva Weed, seconded by Senator Sosnowski, the Senate adjourns at 4:08 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR J. MICHAEL LENIHAN

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your blessings of health and strength. We seek your encouragement in using these qualities to their fullest potential. Amen.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2006:****1 Reappointment of Victor Allienello, Jr of East Providence to the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Review Board for a term expiring January 31, 2009.**

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this reappointment.

2 Reappointment of Paul Beaudette of Warwick to the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Review Board for a term expiring January 31, 2009.

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this reappointment.

3 Appointment of Arthur R. Hurley of Harrisville to the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Review Board for a term expiring January 31, 2009.

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this appointment.

4 Appointment of Frank Messina of Coventry VICE G. Cameron Matheson to the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Review Board for a term expiring January 31, 2009.

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this appointment.

5 Appointment of Alexander J. Biliouris of North Smithfield VICE Joshua Miller to the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2008.

Committee on Financial, Technology, Regulatory recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this appointment.

6 Reappointment of Albert Conti of Wakefield to the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Review Board for a term expiring January 31, 2009.

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

7 Appointment of Joseph T. Unsworth, P.E. of West Greenwich to the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Review Board for a term expiring January 31, 2009.

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

8 2006-S 2207

BY Roberts

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT BUSH TO ADDRESS CONCERNS WITH THE MEDICARE PART D PROGRAM AND ADOPT THE SPECIFIC CHANGES AS LISTED

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

9 2006-S 2299

BY Cote

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE FOR PROPOSING A "REAL-TIME BILL TRACKING SYSTEM"

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

10 2006-S 2382

BY Roberts

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION REINSTATING AND EXTENDING THE COMMISSION LIFE AND AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE CURRENT STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

11 2006-S 2690

BY 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

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

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

2 Reappointment of Jane M. Anthony of Jamestown as Clerk of the Superior Court for Newport County for a term expiring February 1, 2011.

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

3 Reappointment of Courtland R. Chapman of Westerly as Clerk of the Superior Court for Washington County for a term expiring February 1, 2011.

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

4 Reappointment of David Perry of West Warwick as Clerk of the Superior Court for Kent County for a term expiring February 1, 2011.

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

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006:**1 2006-S 2018****BY Bates****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE LOTTERY**

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

2 2006-S 2020**BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO RECREATIONAL AREAS - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

3 2006-S 2693

BY **Montalbano J**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Committee on Constitutional & Gaming Issues recommends passage.

Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate