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CODE ENFORCEMENT

H-5166 **FIRE SAFETY CODE: SCHOOL BUILDINGS** (Mattiello & Others) This act would extend compliance with fire safety code provisions applicable to public school buildings to a date no earlier than January 1, 2011. H.E.W.

H-5211 **LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS** (Carter & Others) This act would require local building officials to file a report with the Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board regarding contractor complaints that the board has forwarded notification of to the building official having jurisdiction. Finance

H-5218A **OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRED HYDRONIC HEATERS** (Gallison & Others) This act would regulate the sale and installation of outdoor wood-fired hydronic heaters. Local building officials would have the authority to enforce provisions regarding types of heaters, manner of installation, and permitted fuels. H.E.W.

H-5284 **ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS** (Edwards & Others) This act would require all future specifications for new structures to be built by the state or any municipality with a cost exceeding \$250,000 be in compliance with the energy and environmental standards promulgated by the LEED Building Rating System of the U. S. Green Building Council. Finance

H-5347 **GREEN BUILDING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY** (Dennigan & Others) This act would create a permanent subcommittee of the Building Codes Standards Committee known as the green building and energy efficiency advisory committee. The subcommittee would be charged with researching and recommending amendments to the State Building Code which effectuate appropriate energy efficiency standards. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5460 **FIRE SAFETY CODE** (Trillo & Others) This act would amend provisions of "The Comprehensive Fire Safety Act of 2003". It would relax certain requirements, and would extend time deadlines for accomplishing certain goals and taking certain actions required under the provisions of the 2003 Act. It would also adopt the National Fire Alarm Code (NFPA 72) as the "Rhode Island Fire Alarm Code". Also it would mandate that local water suppliers cannot prevent residential or commercial users from tying in alternative fire protection sprinkler systems into water distribution piping. Corporations

H-5610 **DEMOLITION PERMITS** (Segal & Others) This act would create additional requirements for issuance of demolition permits in historic districts. The permit approval process would now require submission of plans for post demolition use of the property, and the filing of a 25% performance bond with respect to the cost of construction of the post demolition use. Corporations

H-5728 **WOOD BURNING STOVES** (Handy & Others) This act would require the phase-out of wood stoves without Environmental Protection Agency certification in densely populated residential areas. Local fire authorities would have the responsibility to inspect wood stoves for an EPA certification label, and issue notices of violations with copies sent to local law enforcement authorities. H.E.W.

H-5887 **MINIMUM HOUSING CODE** (McCauley) This act would require the Building Code Standards Committee to adopt a housing and maintenance code based on the international property maintenance code, 2006 edition. This code would replace the existing provisions of the "Minimum Housing Standards" and the "Housing Maintenance and Occupancy Code", and shall apply to all cities/towns. H.E.W.

H-5924 **FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION** (Fierro & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island Fire Safety Commission for purposes which include appointment of the State Fire Marshal, and promulgation of rules pertaining to the operation of the office of the State Fire Marshal. H.E.W.

H-5955 **MORTGAGE AND FORECLOSURE SALE** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would require mortgagees, upon filing a notice of intent to foreclose on a mortgage on residential property, to serve a copy of that notice with the clerk of the city/town in which the property is located, at the same time as service on the mortgagor. If, after the filing of the notice of intent to foreclose, the property becomes vacant prior to vesting of title the municipality may require the mortgagee to correct housing code violations. Judiciary

H-5986 **STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE** (Fox & Others) This act would mandate the adoption of a state energy conservation code by the State Building Code Standards Committee. This committee would develop a plan to achieve compliance in at least 90% of new and renovated residential and commercial building space, and would include active training and enforcement programs. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6126 **BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS** (Lima & Others) This resolution would extend the reporting date of the "Special House Commission to Examine the Issue of Licensing Builders and Contractors". Read and Passed

H-6152 **FIRE ALARM COMPLIANCE DEADLINE** (Silva & Others) This act would extend from July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2010 the time deadline in which an owner of a 3 family dwelling has to comply with the requirement that the dwelling be equipped with hard wired or supervised interconnected U.L. approved wireless smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Corporations

H-6153 **TOXIC MOLD PROTECTION ACT** (Lima & Others) This act would require the Department of Health to adopt permissible exposure limits to mold in indoor environments, procedures for the assessment of the health risk posed by the presence of mold, mold identification guidelines and remediation procedures. H.E.W.

H-6313 **SMOKE DETECTORS** (McCauley & Others) This act would provide that smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector certificates be valid for a period of not less than 120 days from the date of issuance. Corporations

S-191 **FIRE SAFETY: PLACES OF WORSHIP** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would allow the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review to reduce or waive the filing fee for a petition for a variance for a “place of worship”. It would also grant relief, by a time variance, to places of worship from bringing their facilities into compliance with the current provisions of the state fire code. Housing & Municipal Government

S-489 **WOOD BURNING STOVES** (Jabour & Others) This act would require the phase-out of wood stoves without Environmental Protection Agency certification in densely populated residential areas. Local fire authorities would have the responsibility to inspect wood stoves for an EPA certification label, and issue notices of violations with copies sent to local law enforcement authorities. Environment & Agriculture

S-533 **TOXIC MOLD PROTECTION ACT** (Lanzi) This act would require the Department of Health to adopt permissible exposure limits to mold in indoor environments, procedures for the assessment of the health risk posed by the presence of mold, mold identification guidelines and remediation procedures. Health & Human Services

S-557 **FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION** (Tassoni & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island Fire Safety Commission for purposes which include appointment of the State Fire Marshal, and promulgation of rules pertaining to the operation of the office of the State Fire Marshal. Housing & Municipal Government

S-601 **MAINTENANCE OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY** (Pichardo & Others) This act would hold any mortgagee or an affiliate of the mortgagee who has purchased a foreclosed property responsible for the maintenance of the property in accordance with the standards set forth by the Housing Maintenance and Occupancy Code. Judiciary

S-671 **GREEN BUILDING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY** (DiPalma & Others) This act would create a permanent subcommittee of the Building Codes Standard Committee known as the green building and energy efficiency advisory committee. The subcommittee would be charged with researching and recommending amendments to the State Building Code which effectuate appropriate energy efficiency standards. Finance

S-821 **MORTGAGE AND FORECLOSURE SALE** (Metts & Others) This act would require mortgagees, upon filing a notice of intent to foreclose on a mortgage on residential property, to serve a copy of that notice with the clerk of the city/town in which the property is located, at the same time as service on the mortgagor. If, after the filing of the notice of intention to foreclose, the property becomes vacant prior to vesting of title the municipality may require the mortgagee to correct housing code violations. Judiciary

S-863 **STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE** (DeVall & Others) This act would mandate the adoption of a state energy conservation code by the State Building Code Standards Committee. This committee would develop a plan to achieve compliance in at least 90% of new and renovated residential and commercial building space, and would include active training and enforcement programs. Environment & Agriculture

S-872 **FIRE SAFETY CODE: SCHOOL BUILDINGS** (Raptakis & Others) This act extend compliance with fire safety code provisions applicable to public school buildings to a date no earlier than January 1, 2011. Housing & Municipal Government

EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

H-5004 **HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION** (DeSimone) This act would require that appointees to the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation Board of Directors receive the advice and consent of the senate. It would also require that newly appointed board members attend a training course to be developed and approved by the board. Judiciary

H-5046 **TRESPASS WITHIN SCHOOL BUILDINGS** (Corvese & Others) This act would amend the penalty provision for willful trespass within school buildings by mandating a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for 1 year, or both. Judiciary

H-5063 **POWERS AND DUTIES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEES** (Corvese) This act would amend section 16-2-9 of the general laws relating to powers and duties of school committees by broadening their scope of authority. It would also add a new section to the general laws that would give school committees a list of express management rights that could not be bargained away. Finance

H-5065 **TEACHERS' TENURE** (Corvese) This act would push back the date by which school districts would be required to notify teachers that they are not being rehired from March 1st to June 1st of the school year immediately preceding the school year in which the dismissal would become effective. Finance

H-5118A **SCHOOL BUSES** (Gemma & Others) This act would authorize school committees to sell advertising space on the exterior of school buses. H.E.W.

H-5139 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: OPEN MEETINGS** (Melo & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law by permitting school committees to satisfy the publication requirements regarding their meetings either by publication electronically or on an official website maintained by the school committee, and/or by publication in a newspaper. Judiciary

H-5162 **SCHOOL BUS MONITORS** (A. Rice & Others) This house resolution strongly supports retaining legislation requiring school bus monitors on Rhode Island's school buses. H.E.W.

H-5163 **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** (Mattiello & Others) This act would repeal section 16-7.1-10 of the general laws entitled “Professional Development Investment Fund”, therefore eliminating the state mandate for local school districts to expend funds for professional development. H.E.W.

H-5164 **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAMS** (Serpa & Others) This act would make the establishment of school improvement teams by school committees optional for each school district. H.E.W.

H-5165 **CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Mattiello & Others) This act would limit transportation availability for charter school students to days on which the public schools of the school district are regularly scheduled to be in session. H.E.W.

H-5166 **FIRE SAFETY CODE: SCHOOL BUILDINGS** (Mattiello & Others) This act would extend compliance with fire safety code provisions applicable to public school buildings to a date no earlier than January 1, 2011. H.E.W.

H-5168A **SCHOOL BUS MONITORS** (Mattiello & Others) This act would make school bus monitors optional for each school district after a public hearing has been conducted. School districts would be granted the ability to eliminate monitors on specifically chosen routes. H.E.W.

H-5176 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: OPEN MEETINGS** (Serpa & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law by permitting school committees to satisfy the publication requirements regarding their meetings either by publication electronically or on an official website maintained by the school committee, and/or by publication in a newspaper.
Judiciary

H-5216 **COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS** (Gablinske & Others) This act would repeal various sections of the general law chapter 16-3.1 entitled “Cooperative Service Among School Districts”. This act would also make certain exemptions regarding administrative and financial functions for the “Urban Collaborative” renamed as the “DeBlois School”. It would also create the “Cooperative Service Among School Districts Act of 2009” – incorporating sections 16-3.1-14 thru 16-3.1-22. H.E.W.

H-5217 **STATE EDUCATIONAL MANDATES** (DaSilva & Others) This act would require that educational mandates be fully funded. Lack of full and adequate funding shall be an absolute defense against an action seeking enforcement. H.E.W.

H-5223 **WEAPONS** (Flaherty & McNamara) This act would create a buffer zone to prohibit the issuance of a dealer license for weapons if the business is located within 500 ft. of a public, private or parochial school, or a place of public worship. Judiciary

H-5229 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: OPEN MEETINGS** (Shallcross & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law by permitting school committees to satisfy the publication requirements regarding their meetings either by publication electronically or on an official website maintained by the school committee, and/or by publication in a newspaper. Judiciary

H-5232 **SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION** (Gablinske & Others) This act would explicitly prohibit "work to rule" labor actions by public school teachers, and would impose penalties for strikes both on teachers and labor organizations. Labor

H-5270 **CHILDREN WITH AUTISM** (Palumbo) This joint resolution would create a special joint commission to study the education of children with autism in Rhode Island. Read and Passed

H-5280 **SCHOOL BUDGETS: CARUOLO ACT** (Loughlin & Others) This act would amend the "Caruolo Act", to provide that no award of the Superior Court would exceed the school budget increase caps set forth in subsection 16-2-21(d). Finance

H-5283 **SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS** (Melo & Dennigan) This house resolution would support a cap of \$20,000 on the cost of educating each individual special education student at the local level. Finance

H-5286 **BACHELORS DEGREE IN THREE** (McNamara & Others) This act would authorize the "Bachelors Degree in Three" program, a new educational initiative designed to expedite the process so that students can earn a bachelors degree at a state college or university within 3 years. H.E.W.

H-5307 **YOUTH SPORTS OVERSIGHT COUNCIL** (Williamson) This act would create a Rhode Island Youth Sports Oversight Council to provide oversight and mediation to any youth sports organization. Constituent Services

H-5310 **COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS** (Kilmartin) This act would amend various sections of chapter 16-3.1 entitled "Cooperative Service Among School Districts". It would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt rules and regulations governing the operation of these collaboratives, and also require collaboratives to implement a uniform system of accounting. Finance

H-5312 **ARTS HIGH SCHOOL** (Kilmartin) This act would provide that the general assembly annually appropriate \$3,000,000 to any school district that creates an arts high school. Finance

H-5333 **COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS** (Kilmartin) This act would establish a regional county school superintendent in each county of the state, but within Providence County there would be appointed two school superintendents. The mission of each superintendent would be to provide constructive oversight, and to facilitate the combination of resources in each county. H.E.W.

H-5352 **UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM** (Dennigan & Others) This act would establish a "Universal Breakfast Program" for all Rhode Island students regardless of family income. All public schools in which 40% of the children are eligible for free or reduced meals must offer this program beginning September, 2009. Finance

H-5358 **CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS** (Silva) This act would require all elementary and secondary schools, whether public, private, parochial or charter to use environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products. H.E.W.

H-5379 **RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AND BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY** (Gablinske & Others) This act would prohibit any contract or collective bargaining agreement from allowing bumping during the layoff of teachers, and the order of layoffs would be determined by the school principal based on a merit system. Labor

H-5382 **TEACHER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION** (Gablinske & Others) This act would prohibit any teachers' collective bargaining agreement from containing a provision that prohibits the performance evaluation of tenured teachers. Labor

H-5428 **EDUCATIONAL RECORDS** (Serpa) This act would now make it a misdemeanor to alter a transcript, diploma or grade report of a secondary educational institution. This section of the law previously applied only to postsecondary educational institutions. Judiciary

H-5437 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: LABOR CONTRACTS** (Trillo & Gablinske) This act would require that, if a city/town charter or ordinance empowers a city/town council to ratify the collective bargaining agreements of its school committee, then no collective bargaining agreement is effective unless ratified by the city/town council. Labor

H-5467 **HOUSING AID** (Segal & Others) This act would prohibit housing aid from being used to cover the costs of "remediation" as defined in subsection 23-19.14-3, and it would also prohibit locating schools on toxic waste sites. Finance

H-5472 **SCHOOL BUDGETS** (Trillo & Others) This act would limit school budget increases to no more than 3% over the prior fiscal period. Finance

H-5478 **NOTICE TO DIVORCED PARENTS** (Ucci & Gemma) This act would require that teachers provide both parents in divorced families with copies of any mailings relating to their children's education. H.E.W.

H-5481 **MINIMUM STUDENT PERFORMANCE** (Trillo & Others) This act would require children to meet at least a third grade English language skills standard before they can be promoted beyond grade 5. H.E.W.

H-5482 **SUPPORT FOR FAILING SCHOOLS** (McCauley) This act would provide that the provisions of this section (Intervention and Support of Failing Schools – 16-7.1-5) would not alter or affect rights or remedies of school employees provided under federal, state and local laws or collective bargaining agreements, H.E.W.

H-5497 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: OPEN MEETINGS** (Hearn & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law by making public notice of school committee meetings by publication in a newspaper of general circulation optional. Judiciary

H-5505 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LANGUAGE** (Williamson & Others) This act would eliminate all references to “collective bargaining agreements” throughout Title 16 of the general laws. Labor

H-5506 **TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULES** (Williamson & Others) This act would delete the requirement that each community establish a salary schedule for public school teachers recognizing years of service, experience and training. Labor

H-5507 **TEACHERS’ TENURE** (Williamson & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that school districts notify a tenured teacher that the teacher is not being rehired by March 1st of the school year immediately preceding the school year in which the dismissal would become effective. Labor

H-5508 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS** (Williamson & Others) This act would provide throughout Title 16 that collective bargaining agreements would be null and void in those instances in which actual revenue to the school committee and/or district falls short of the projected revenue for the given fiscal year as confirmed in writing by the State Auditor General. Labor

H-5517 **SCHOOL AID: GROUP HOMES** (Loughlin & Others) This act would provide an annual appropriation to cities/towns for the cost of the education of students residing in a group home in the school district under DCYF control. Finance

H-5518 **REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS** (Loughlin & Others) This act would require the state to pay annually for all tuition and costs for students attending state elementary and secondary vocational technical schools. Finance

H-5527 **TEACHER COMPENSATION** (Loughlin & Others) This act would allow school committees to negotiate other means of compensation for teachers including, but not limited to, merit pay, in lieu of being required to establish a minimum salary schedule. Labor

H-5547 **SCHOOL BUDGETS: CARUOLO ACT** (Gemma & Others) This act would repeal the provisions of the so-called “Caruolo Act”. Finance

H-5579 **CLOSING OF SCHOOLS** (Serpa & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that all public elementary and secondary schools throughout the state must close for a statewide primary election. Judiciary

H-5613A TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE (McNamara & Others) This act would create the "Rhode Island Public School Employee Benefit Act" which would establish uniform medical and prescription drug benefit plan designs for school district and charter school employees. Only benefit plan designs approved under this chapter may be specified in future collective bargaining agreements. Corporations

H-5614 ELECTRONIC VIDEO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (Handy & Others) This act would require that commencing on January 1, 2010, publishers and manufacturers of electronic video instructional materials must provide either open or closed captions for these materials offered for sale or adoption in Rhode Island. Corporations

H-5632 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Silva & Others) This act would repeal various sections of general law Chapter 16-77 entitled "Establishment of Charter Public Schools". These sections would be replaced by the following chapters: Chapter 16-77.2 – District Charter School; Chapter 16-77.3 – Independent Charter Schools; and Chapter 16-77.4 – Mayoral Academies. Finance

H-5642 FIRST GRADE (Carnevale & Others) This act would mandate that only children who have completed 6 years of life on or before September 30 of any school year are eligible to attend first grade. H.E.W.

H-5643 HEALTH EDUCATION (Walsh & Others) This act would expand instruction in health education in public schools to include children in kindergarten, and now would also require instruction in human development and sexuality. H.E.W.

H-5644 KINDERGARTEN (Ucci & Others) This act would authorize school departments to admit children into their kindergarten programs even though those children have not reached age 5 by September 1 of the school year. Such admissions would be made in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. H.E.W.

H-5646 TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS (Savage & Others) This act would require all school committees to implement the statewide transportation system to transport students, unless a school committee utilizes district-owned buses and district employees. The implementation of this system would be overseen by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in collaboration with the Office of Statewide Planning. H.E.W.

H-5691 CHILDREN WITH AUTISM (Palumbo) This joint resolution would create a special joint commission to study the education of children with autism in Rhode Island. House Calendar

H-5709 **SCHOOL AID** (Loughlin) This act would provide that, when a category of state aid to education or general revenue sharing is reduced or suspended, school budget compliance with the provisions of subsections 16-2-21.4(a) through 16-2-21.4(c) would be suspended for that year. The Governor would convene a 3 member panel or a municipality or school committee may petition the Governor to convene a 3 member panel to create a remedy. Finance

H-5710 **SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL REALIGNMENT COMMISSIONS** (Ehrhardt) This act would establish the Rhode Island School Realignment Commission and the Rhode Island Municipal Public Safety and Public Works Realignment Commission. These commissions would recommend certain efficiencies including the creation of cost-sharing regional service centers. Finance

H-5724 **TEACHER COMPENSATION** (Gablinske & Others) This house resolution would request the Department of Education to conduct a study of options for creating a restructured performance-based system of teacher compensation in the state. H.E.W.

H-5801 **STATEWIDE PURCHASING SYSTEM** (Watson) This act would repeal the statewide purchasing system as it currently stands, and would institute a new mandatory statewide purchasing system for all public schools in the state including regional school districts. This purchasing system would be developed and implemented by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education together with the Department of Administration. H.E.W.

H-5802 **AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM ACT** (Fox & Others) This act would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to begin planning an initial, demonstration after school and summer learning program that meets high quality standards, and would provide children and youth needed resources to succeed in school and life. H.E.W.

H-5803 **SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS** (Kilmartin) This act would allow the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education to grant waivers to schools or school districts which continuously exceed performance goals outlined in their district plans. H.E.W.

H-5804 **CLOSING OF SCHOOLS** (Ehrhardt & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that all public elementary and secondary schools throughout the state must close for a statewide primary election. Judiciary

H-5843 **SCHOOL BUDGETS** (Kilmartin) This act would establish standards and procedures whereby a school committee may, within 5 days of a negative vote by an appropriating authority, request non-binding fact finding and mediation to be conducted by a special master appointed by the Superior Court. Finance

H-5844 **SCHOOL BUDGETS: CARUOLO ACT** (Kilmartin) This act would repeal the provision of section 16-2-21.4 which permits a school committee to bring an action in Superior Court seeking more funding from the appropriating authority. Finance

H-5855 TEACHER CERTIFICATION (Lima & Others) This act would amend the composition and duties of the Policy Board on Teacher and Administrator Certification. It would also change the status of the board by deleting the term "Advisory" from its title. H.E.W.

H-5878 TEACHERS: EVALUATION AND DISMISSAL (Fox & Others) This act would amend the provisions which govern the procedures by which teachers can be dismissed or suspended. It would also add a new section regarding the evaluation of teachers. Labor

H-5896A TEACHER EDUCATION (Fox & Others) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission to study the establishment of a blueprint for a new generation of teacher education in Rhode Island. Constituent Services

H-5910 SCHOOL BUSES: DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT (Sullivan & Others) This act would make various amendments to "The Diesel Emissions Reduction Act". Among the amended provisions are changes to section 31-47.3-3 – "Reducing Emissions from School Buses" which prioritize allocation of funds for control of school bus emissions according to variously specified categories. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5917 GENOCIDE EDUCATION (Sullivan & Others) This act would give responsibility to the Department of Education to implement a genocide education program in secondary schools. Finance

H-5967aa SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS (Pacheco & Others) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission to be known as "The Task Force On Summer Learning Programs". Constituent Services

H-5978 EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Ajello & Others) This act would establish a new system for the support of public education in Rhode Island based upon an objective assessment of student needs, and designed to assure predictability and accountability in the funding and delivery of meaningful educational opportunity to all students in all communities throughout the state. Finance

H-5983Aaa 2010 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Watson & Others)

ART. 1 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS This article would include in the budget \$1,500,000 to be expended for new Charter Schools and the Mayoral Academy. Finance

H-5983Aaa 2010 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Watson & Others)

ART. 3 SCHOOL AID This article reduces FY 2010 education aid for school districts and charter public schools by the equivalent savings realized due to a reduction of payments to the teachers' retirement system. It would also distribute a portion of federal stabilization funds to school districts and charter public schools which distribution is offset by a corresponding decrease in general revenue sharing. Also, it would suspend FY 2010 payments from the professional development investment fund. Finance

H-6032 DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION (Malik) This act would create “The Diesel Pollution Reduction Fund”. Monies from the fund would be utilized to achieve particulate matter emissions reductions from municipally owned school buses, and to retrofit fleets of diesel heavy duty vehicles. Environment and Natural Resources

H-6033 DEPARTMENT HEAD SALARIES (Fellela) This act would cap department head salaries including deputy superintendents of schools in all cities/towns at \$85,000 per year for the 4 years following passage of the act. Finance

H-6035 ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS (Lally) This act would provide that the Department of Health must promulgate rules and regulations governing the administration of medications, including, but not limited to, psychotropic medications, to children in school settings. H.E.W.

H-6059A RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICES (Lima & Williams) This act would restrict the use of radio frequency identification devices for the purpose of tracking the movement or identity of a student while on school grounds, at school functions or while being transported to and from school grounds or functions. Judiciary

H-6069 TEXTBOOKS (Gablinske & Fierro) This act would require regional collaboratives to loan textbooks. H.E.W.

H-6086 HEALTH INSURANCE WAIVERS (Gablinske & Others) This act would mandate that school committees limit to \$2,500 the amount paid to employees who waive health insurance benefits. Finance

H-6140 SCHOOL BUDGETS: CARUOLO ACT (Kilmartin & Others) This act would require that an action seeking additional appropriations brought in Superior Court pursuant to the “Caruolo Act” must be filed by a school committee no later than 60 calendar days after the commencement of the city’s/town’s fiscal year for the fiscal year for which such additional appropriations are sought. Finance

H-6143 MAYORAL ACADEMIES (Segal & Others) This act would require mayoral academies to use a random selection process to select those students who would be invited to attend the mayoral academy. H.E.W.

H-6204 CHILDREN IN GROUP HOMES (Lima & Others) This act would entitle a child in a residential placement to remain in the original school system should the child be moved to another residential placement located in a different city/town during a school year. This entitlement would extend to subsequent school years under certain circumstances. Finance

H-6227 SCHOOL FINANCES (Corvese) This act would establish a permanent education foundation aid formula for calculating state aid to public education, and amend provisions of the general laws concerning the establishment and implementation of a statewide purchasing system for school districts. Finance

H-6254 **SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT** (Serpa & Others) This act would amend the provisions regarding procedures governing the prosecution of the “School Bus Safety Enforcement” chapter of the general laws. Specifically, the act clarifies the procedures to be used against the owner of a vehicle alleged to have failed to stop or to have passed a school bus when such allegation is based upon evidence obtained from a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system. Finance

H-6276 **GRANTS, GIFTS AND DONATIONS** (Mattiello) This act would allow school districts, school departments and school committees to accept grants, gifts and donations from individuals, public entities or private businesses, and any government or governmental subdivision for such purposes as specified by the donor, and to keep these funds in a restricted receipt interest bearing account until expended. Finance

H-6277 **SCHOOL EXPENDITURES** (Hearn) This act would mandate that the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education make the standard chart of accounts information available in an electronic format. H.E.W.

H-6278A **COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS ACT OF 2009** (Gablinske & Others) The purpose of this act is to encourage a collaborative approach to the dual mission of educational effectiveness and business efficiency which will lead to cost savings. H.E.W.

H-6305 **SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT** (O’Neill & Others) This act would amend the provisions regarding procedures governing the prosecution of the “School Bus Safety Enforcement” chapter of the general laws. Specifically, the act clarifies the procedures to be used against the owner of a vehicle alleged to have failed to stop or to have passed a school bus when the allegation is based upon evidence obtained from a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system. Finance

H-6340 **STATEWIDE STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM** (Williamson) This house resolution requests the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to create a study commission for the purpose of advising the General Assembly on the implementation of a statewide public school student information system. Read and Passed

S-21 **SCHOOL BUSES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would authorize school committees to sell advertising space on school buses. Education

S-36 **PLAYGROUND SAFETY** (Blais) This act would provide grants to cities/towns for projects undertaken specifically to comply with the Department of Education’s and the Department of Health’s joint health and environment recreational facility safety regulations and/or to provide access for people with disabilities. Finance

S-44 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: OPEN MEETINGS** (Picard & Cote) This act would amend the open meetings law by making public notice of school committee meetings by publication in a newspaper of general circulation optional. Judiciary

S-59 **SCHOOL BUS MONITORS** (Walaska & Bates) This act makes school bus monitors for secondary and middle school students optional for each school district. Education

S-60 **STATE EDUCATIONAL MANDATES** (Blais & Others) This act would require that educational mandates be fully funded. Lack of full and adequate funding shall be an absolute defense against an action seeking enforcement. Education

S-66 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS** (Walaska) This act would provide that a city/town council member would be included in any contract negotiations in which a school committee is participating, and would possess the right to vote on contract provisions. Labor

S-101 **SCHOOL BUS MONITORS** (DiPalma & Others) This senate resolution strongly supports retaining legislation requiring school bus monitors on Rhode Island's school buses. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-112 **UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM** (Levesque & Others) This act would establish a "Universal Breakfast Program" for all Rhode Island school students regardless of family income. An implementation schedule is specified to be phased in during the years 2009-2011. Finance

S-113 **SCHOOL BUDGETS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would prohibit litigation under the "Caruolo Act" for the time period commencing January 1, 2009 to and including January 1, 2014. Finance

S-170 **CHILDREN WITH AUTISM** (Doyle) This joint resolution would create a special joint commission to study the education of children with autism in Rhode Island. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-173 **SCHOOL HEALTH** (Walaska & Others) This act would allow, without restriction, the sale of beverages and snacks which are not in compliance with the healthier standards required by recent legislation, if done as part of school fundraising. Education

S-180 **SCHOOL BUDGETS** (Levesque) This act would amend the provisions of the general laws permitting school committees to seek additional appropriations by bringing an action in Superior Court. Instead, school committees would be able to appeal for a hearing at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and, if needed, may seek a final departmental review before the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. Finance

S-233 **COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS** (Felag) This act would repeal various sections of the general law chapter 16-3.1 entitled "Cooperative Service Among School Districts". This act would also make certain exemptions regarding administrative and financial functions for the "Urban Collaborative" renamed as the "DeBlois School". It would also create the "Cooperative Service Among School Districts Act of 2009" – incorporating sections 16-3.1-14 thru 16-3.1-22. Education

S-258 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: OPEN MEETINGS** (Bates & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law by making public notice of school committee meetings by publication in a newspaper of general circulation optional. Judiciary

S-286Aaa **VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS** (Cicccone & Others) This act would extend the provision allowing 24 hour operation of video lottery games on weekends and holidays which is set to expire on June 30, 2009. It also would amend section 42-61.2-7 entitled "Division of Revenue" set to commence June 30, 2009, by adding a provision allocating a portion of the monies derived from the additional hours of operation to the permanent school fund for local aid to education. It also would increase dog track operations to at least 200 days annually. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-296 **FIRST GRADE** (Cicccone & Tassoni) This act would mandate that only children who have completed a state recognized or accredited kindergarten program, and have completed six years of life on or before September 30 of any school year are eligible to attend first grade. Education

S-300 **SCHOOL AID: VOCATIONAL EDUCATION** (Fogarty) This act would require the state to annually pay for 100% of the tuition and related costs for students attending a state elementary or secondary vocational/technological training school. The payments would be made directly to the respective schools. Finance

S-332 **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FINANCES** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would require the advisory council on school finances to require school districts to perform certain actions when expenditures for any account exceed the statewide average by 10% or greater. This would include compelling the attendance of a school committee and a bargaining agent for compulsory mediation of existing bargaining agreements. Labor

S-349 **TEACHER CERTIFICATION** (Maselli & Others) This act would amend the composition and duties of the Policy Board on Teacher and Administrator Certification. It would also change the status of the board by deleting the term "Advisory" from its title. Education

S-350 **SUPPORT FOR FAILING SCHOOLS** (Jabour & Others) This act would provide that the provisions of this section (Intervention and Support for Failing Schools – 16-7.1-5) would not alter or affect rights or remedies of school employees provided under federal laws, state and local laws, or collective bargaining agreements. Education

S-384A **TEACHERS' TENURE** (DiPalma & Others) This act would amend various provisions of Chapter 16-13 entitled "Teachers' Tenure", which provisions primarily deal with notification procedures. Labor

S-394 **ELECTRONIC VIDEO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS** (Walaska & Bates) This act would require that commencing on January 1, 2010, publishers and manufacturers of electronic video instructional materials must provide either open or closed captions for these materials offered for sale or adoption in Rhode Island. Education

S-413A **HEALTH AND EDUCATION BUILDING CORPORATION** (Lenihan & Others) This act would require that appointees to the Rhode Island Health and Education Building Corporation Board of Directors receive the advice and consent of the senate. It would also require that newly appointed board members attend a training course to be developed and approved by the board. Government Oversight

S-424 **CLOSING OF SCHOOLS** (Gallo & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that all public elementary and secondary schools throughout the state must close for a statewide primary election. Judiciary

S-480 **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** (Gallo & Others) This act would require members of school committees to undertake annually a minimum of 6 hours of professional development in the professional development educational program developed by Rhode Island College. Education

S-481 **SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS** (Walaska) This act would allow the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education to grant waivers to schools or school districts which continuously exceed performance goals outlined in their district plans. Education

S-482A **TEXTBOOKS** (Gallo & Others) This act would require regional collaboratives to loan textbooks, and arrange for the delivery of the requested textbooks to the administrative office of the school district in which the student resides. Education

S-483 **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAMS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would make the establishment of school improvement teams by school committees optional for each school district. Education

S-504 **SCHOOL AID** (Raptakis & Others) This act would provide that, in determining local school aid, the state would annually provide each community no less than an amount equal to the aid given in the preceding fiscal year. Finance

S-528Aaa **CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Doyle) This act would repeal various sections of general law Chapter 16-77 entitled "Establishment of Charter Public Schools". These sections would be replaced by the following chapters: Chapter 16-77.2 – District Charter School; Chapter 16-77.3 – Independent Charter Schools; and Chapter 16-77.4 – Mayoral Academies. Finance

S-569 **SCHOOL BUDGETS** (Levesque) This act would establish standards and procedures whereby a school committee may, within 5 days of a negative vote by an appropriating authority, request non-binding fact finding and mediation to be conducted by a special master appointed by the Superior Court. Judiciary

S-599 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: OPEN MEETINGS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law by permitting school committees to satisfy the publication requirements regarding their meetings either by publication electronically or on an official website maintained by the school committee, and/or by publication in a newspaper. Judiciary

S-600 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: OPEN MEETINGS** (Jabour & Others) This act would amend the advertising requirements necessary for school committees under the open meetings law by eliminating the requirement of publication in a newspaper of general circulation.
Judiciary

S-658 **SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION** (Bates) This act would explicitly prohibit "work to rule" labor actions by public school teachers, and would impose penalties for strikes both on teachers and labor organizations. Labor

S-679 **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** (Raptakis & Others) This act would repeal section 16-7.1-10 of the general laws entitled "Professional Development Investment Fund", therefore eliminating the state mandate for local school districts to expend funds for professional development. Finance

S-682 **SCHOOL BUDGETS: CARUOLO ACT** (Doyle & McBurney) This act would repeal the provision of section 16-2-21.4 which permits a school committee to bring an action in Superior Court seeking more funding from the appropriating authority. Finance

S-698 **BOARD OF REGENTS** (Gallo & Others) This act would provide for an elected Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education which would be accomplished by amending Articles IV, V, and XII of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island.
Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-699 **BOARD OF REGENTS** (Gallo & Others) This joint resolution would approve and publish and submit to the electors a proposition of amendments to the Constitution of the State for the election of the members of the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-716 **CHILDREN WITH AUTISM** (Doyle & Others) This joint resolution would create a special joint commission to study the education of children with autism in Rhode Island.
Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-727 **COLLEGE AND CAREER SUCCESS** (Pichardo & Others) This act would require the establishment of clear training guidelines for teachers who will teach advanced placement courses in Rhode Island public schools. These classes will be offered for college credit at the high school level. Education

S-728 **HIGH SCHOOL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT** (Pichardo & Others) This act is entitled the "High School Outcomes Improvement Act of 2009", which purpose would be to collect and analyze data relative to graduation rates of students in public high schools as a step to addressing gaps in educational achievement. Education

S-729 POWERS AND DUTIES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEES (Blais) This act would amend section 16-2-9 of the general laws relating to powers and duties of school committees by broadening their scope of authority. It would also add a new section to the general laws that would give school committees a list of express management rights that could not be bargained away. Education

S-733 STATEWIDE PURCHASING SYSTEM (Blais) This act would repeal the statewide purchasing system as it currently stands, and would institute a new mandatory statewide purchasing system for all public schools in the state including regional school districts. This purchasing system would be developed and implemented by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education together with the Department of Administration. Finance

S-744 SCHOOL AID (Blais) This act would provide that, when a category of state aid to education or general revenue sharing is reduced or suspended, school budget compliance with the provisions of subsections 16-2-21.4(a) through 16-2-21.4 (c) would be suspended for that year. The Governor would convene a 3 member panel or a municipality or school committee may petition the Governor to convene a 3 member panel to create a remedy. Finance

S-777Aaa TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE (Gallo & Others) This act would create the "Rhode Island Public School Employee Benefit Act" which would establish uniform medical and prescription drug benefit plan designs for school district and charter school employees. Only benefit plan designs approved under this chapter may be specified in future collective bargaining agreements. Health & Human Services

S-799 SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL REALIGNMENT COMMISSIONS (Blais) This act would establish the Rhode Island School Realignment Commission and the Rhode Island Municipal Public Safety and Public Works Realignment Commission. These commissions would recommend certain efficiencies including the creation of cost-sharing regional service centers. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-803 KINDERGARTEN (Maselli) This act would authorize school departments to admit children into their kindergarten programs even though those children have not reached age 5 by September 1 of the school year. Such admissions would be made in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Education

S-862 INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT FOR FAILING SCHOOLS (DiPalma) This act would amend the performance goal standards to be met from goals outlined in district strategic plans to goals established by the Board of Regents or a failure to comply with state or federal laws or regulations. Education

S-872 FIRE SAFETY CODE: SCHOOL BUILDINGS (Raptakis & Others) This act would extend compliance with fire safety code provisions applicable to public school buildings to a date no earlier than January 1, 2011. Housing & Municipal Government

S-921 SCHOOL FINANCES (Gallo & Others) This act would establish a permanent education foundation aid formula for calculating state aid to public education, and amend provisions of the general laws concerning the establishment and implementation of a statewide purchasing system for school districts. Finance

S-944aa GRANTS, GIFTS AND DONATIONS (Gallo & Others) This act would allow school districts, school departments and school committees to accept grants, gifts and donations from individuals, public entities or private businesses, and any government or governmental subdivision for such purposes as specified by the donor, and to keep such funds in a restricted receipt interest bearing account until expended. Education

S-954 AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM ACT (Paiva-Weed) This act would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to begin planning an initial, demonstration after school and summer learning program that meets high quality standards, and would provide children and youth needed resources to succeed in school and life. Education

S-1012Aaa CONSOLIDATION OF MUNICIPAL FUNCTIONS (DaPonte & Others) This act would mandate that every school district have one municipal department performing certain specified functions by July 1, 2011. If these functions are not consolidated by October 1, 2011, the Auditor General would have the power to effectuate the consolidation. Finance

S-1041 NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVE (Maselli) This act would allow school districts that participate in the Northern Rhode Island Educational Collaborative, and that do not have their own vocational technical programs, to send students to William E. Davies Vocational High School. Finance

ELECTIONS

H-5005 REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Pacheco) This act would create pre-registration procedures for persons who are 16 or 17 years of age. Judiciary

H-5051 VOTER IDENTIFICATION (Gemma & Others) This act would require all voters to provide a proof of identification document which is defined as a document containing the individual's name, shows a photograph of this individual, includes an expiration date, and was issued by the United States or the State of Rhode Island. Judiciary

H-5052 STRAIGHT PARTY MASTER LEVERS (Gemma & Others) This act would require submission to the electors of the state a non-binding referendum question concerning the removal of "straight party master levers" and "straight party computer ballot marks" from all voting equipment. Judiciary

H-5067 POLITICAL ADVERTISING (Serpa & Others) This act would exempt from the prohibition against political advertising the photographs of an elected official that appear on any official website of the elected official's office. Judiciary

H-5095 **EARLY VOTING** (Brien & Others) This act would create a process by which early voting could be instituted to begin on the fifth business day before the actual election. Judiciary

H-5097 **VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Brien & Others) This act would provide that any person claiming to be a registered and eligible voter who desires to vote shall provide proof of identity, and then lists acceptable forms of identification. It also would establish a procedure for voting by provisional ballot for those who fail to provide proper identification. Judiciary

H-5290 **CLOSING OF POLLS** (O'Neill & Others) This act would amend various sections of the election laws changing the times required for performance of certain electoral functions from the current time of 9 p.m. to 8 p.m. Judiciary

H-5297 **NOMINATION PAPERS** (Melo & Others) This act would require state committees of political parties, when making a final nomination for a state or local office, to file the nomination in the same location as the declaration of candidacy for such office. Judiciary

H-5318 **PARTY LEVERS** (Newberry & Marcello) This act would prohibit straight party voting in elections. Judiciary

H-5326 **ELECTION PROCEDURES** (Ajello & Others) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled "Conduct of Elections and Voting Equipment, and Supplies". Judiciary

H-5331 **VOTER REGISTRATION: HIGHER EDUCATION** (Almeida) This act would require all institutions of higher education to annually notify by electronic transmission the Secretary of State of the names and current addresses of all graduating students and students who have ceased to be enrolled. Judiciary

H-5332 **UPDATING OF VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS** (Almeida) This act would mandate, subject to state and/or federal funding, that the local boards of canvassers annually send a notice to all active registered voters who have not voted in the past 5 calendar years, informing the voter that if the notice is returned as undeliverable a voter registration confirmation process will be initiated. Judiciary

H-5368 **STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS** (Driver & Others) This act would provide a procedure for arguments for and against ballot measures to be printed in the voter handbook distributed to each resident's address prior to each general election. Judiciary

H-5370 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS** (Coderre & Others) This act would expand the list of those persons who may protect the confidentiality of their addresses from the persons against whom domestic violence restraining orders are issued to include members of the victim's household. Judiciary

H-5417 **PARTY DESIGNATION** (Petrarca) This act would repeal the section of law which identified a person's party affiliation based upon participation in a party primary. The local canvassing board would no longer record a person's affiliation based upon party primary participation. Judiciary

H-5426 **POLITICAL PARTIES** (Driver & Fierro) This act would make it easier for a political organization to qualify as a "political party" so that its candidate can be placed on the ballot by reducing the percentage of qualified voter signatures from 5 % to 1% of those votes cast in the state for governor or president in the immediately preceding general election. Judiciary

H-5498 **COMBINING VOTING DISTRICTS** (Slater & Diaz) This act would allow the local board of canvassers to combine precincts during primary elections without regard to general assembly districts when there are no contests in a general assembly district. Judiciary

H-5559 **NOMINATION PAPERS** (Slater & Diaz) This act would mandate that nomination papers be furnished electronically to local boards of canvassers through the central voter registration system, and also mandates the use of the central voter registration system to complete the certification process. Judiciary

H-5563 **COMBINATION OF VOTING DISTRICTS** (Carter) This act would authorize municipalities to combine voting districts when the local board of canvassers deems it advisable due to the anticipated turn out in the election. Judiciary

H-5564 **VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS** (Slater & Diaz) This act would consolidate various provisions of the general laws regarding the election or appointment of moderators and clerks in various municipalities by replacing various sections of Chapter 17-11 entitled "Voting Districts and Officials". Judiciary

H-5571 **COMBINATION OF VOTING DISTRICTS** (Slater) The amended language of this act would allow local boards of canvassers to combine 2 or more voting districts if approved by the Board of Elections. Judiciary

H-5572 **POLLING PLACES** (Slater) This act would change the maximum number of voters to be served by each polling place from 1,900 to 3,000 without creating a polling place serving less than 200 voters. Judiciary

H-5579 **CLOSING OF SCHOOLS** (Serpa & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that all public elementary and secondary schools throughout the state must close for a statewide primary election. Judiciary

H-5580 **COMBINATION OF VOTING DISTRICTS** (Ehrhardt & Others) This act would authorize municipalities to combine voting districts when the local board of canvassers deems it advisable due to the anticipated turn out in the election. Judiciary

- [H-5730Aaa](#) VOTING OFFICIALS: MODERATORS AND CLERKS** (Marcello & Others) This act would consolidate various provisions of the general laws regarding the election or appointment of district moderators and clerks in various municipalities by setting up an altered procedure for local boards of canvassers to follow. Judiciary
- [H-5736](#) PRESIDENTIAL VOTING LOCATIONS** (O'Neill) This act would increase the number of designated Board of Elections locations at which an unregistered voter may vote in a presidential election on election day. Judiciary
- [H-5804](#) CLOSING OF SCHOOLS** (Ehrhardt & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that all public elementary and secondary schools throughout the state must close for a statewide primary election. Judiciary
- [H-5928](#) MAIL BALLOTS** (Pacheco) This act would amend various sections of general law Chapter 17-20 entitled "Mail Ballots". Judiciary
- [H-6074](#) RECOUNT ELIGIBILITY** (San Bento) This act would prevent the State Board of Elections from reviewing a ballot for voter intent during a recount unless the ballot is damaged. Judiciary
- [H-6077](#) PROCEDURE FOR VOTING** (San Bento) This act would amend the procedure for voting, including eliminating the requirement that a voter sign the certified voter list, and directing the pair of bipartisan supervisors to instruct and assist the voter in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Elections. Judiciary
- [H-6078](#) TABULATION AND CERTIFICATION OF RETURNS** (San Bento) This act would eliminate the certificates of the moderators, wardens or clerks referred to in the language governing books of record of the votes. This act also would require the Board of Elections to report a write-in candidate's vote tally as long as it's at least 10% of the winning candidate's total, a change from the current standard. Finance
- [S-80](#) PARTY LEVERS** (Bates & Others) This act would delete from the general laws the obsolete provision that authorizes the use of party levers or mechanisms in elections. Judiciary
- [S-81](#) STRAIGHT PARTY MASTER LEVERS** (Bates & Others) This act would require submission to the electors of the state a non-binding referendum question concerning the removal of "straight party master levers" and "straight party computer ballot marks" from all voting equipment. Judiciary
- [S-83](#) VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Maselli & Others) This act would provide that any person claiming to be a registered and eligible voter who desires to vote shall provide proof of identity, and then lists acceptable forms of identification. It also would establish a procedure for voting by provisional ballot for those who fail to provide proper identification. Judiciary

S-84 **EARLY VOTING** (Maselli & Others) This act would create a process by which early voting could be instituted to begin on the fifth business day before the actual election. Judiciary

S-85 **REGISTRATION OF VOTERS** (Perry & Others) This act would create pre-registration procedures for persons who are 16 or 17 years of age. Judiciary

S-141 **VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Blais & Maher) This act would require all voters to provide a proof of identification document which is defined as a document containing the individual's name, shows a photograph of this individual, includes an expiration date, and was issued by the United States or the State of Rhode Island. Judiciary

S-203Aaa **POLITICAL PARTIES** (Bates & O'Neill) This act would make it easier for a political organization to qualify as a "political party" so that its candidates can be placed on the ballot by amending the signature requirement to 10,000 registered qualified voters. Judiciary

S-205A **CLOSING OF POLLS** (Sosnowski & Sheehan) This act would amend various sections of the election laws changing the times required for performance of certain electoral functions from the current time of 9 p.m. to 8 p.m. Judiciary

S-249 **NOMINATION PAPERS** (Jabour & Others) This act would require state committees of political parties, when making a final nomination for a state or local office, to file the nomination in the same location as the declaration of candidacy for such office. Judiciary

S-251 **NOMINATION PAPERS** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would mandate that nomination papers be furnished electronically to local boards of canvassers through the central voter registration system, and also mandates the use of the central voter registration system to complete the certification process. Judiciary

S-252 **POLLING PLACES** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would change the maximum number of voters to be served by each polling place from 1,900 to 3,000 without creating a polling place serving less than 200 voters. Judiciary

S-253A **STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS** (O'Neill & Others) This act would provide a procedure for arguments for and against ballot measures to be printed in the voter handbooks distributed to each resident's address prior to each general election. Judiciary

S-260 **VOTING OFFICIALS: MODERATORS AND CLERKS** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would amend and/or repeal certain provisions regarding the appointment or election of moderators and clerks in certain towns and districts, pursuant to recommendations from the Board of Elections. Judiciary

S-312 **PUBLICATION OF LOCAL QUESTIONS** (Crowley & Others) This act would permit public questions to be voted upon in a local election to be posted on the website of the Secretary of State or the website of the municipality where the election is to be held, or mailed to the household of each registered voter in lieu of the requirement to place an advertisement in a newspaper of local circulation. Judiciary

S-317 **VOTER REGISTRATION: HIGHER EDUCATION** (Cicccone & Others) This act would require all institutions of higher education to annually notify by electronic transmission the Secretary of State of the names and addresses of all graduating students and students who have ceased to be enrolled. Judiciary

S-322 **UPDATING OF VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS** (Cicccone & Others) This act would mandate, subject to state and/or federal funding, that the local boards of canvassers annually send a notice to all active registered voters who have not voted in the past 5 calendar years, informing the voter that if the notice is returned as undeliverable a voter registration confirmation process will be initiated. Judiciary

S-323 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS** (Goodwin) This act would expand the list of those persons who may protect the confidentiality of their addresses from the persons against whom domestic violence restraining orders are issued to include members of the victims' households. Judiciary

S-325 **COMBINING VOTING DISTRICTS** (Crowley & Others) This act would allow the local board of canvassers to combine precincts during primary elections without regard to general assembly districts when there are no contests in a general assembly district. Judiciary

S-361 **VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Raptakis & Others) This act would provide that any person claiming to be a registered and eligible voter who desires to vote shall provide proof of identity, and then lists acceptable forms of identification. It would also establish a procedure for voting by provisional ballot for those who fail to provide proper identification. Judiciary

S-415 **RECOUNT ELIGIBILITY** (DaPonte & Connors) This act would prevent the State Board of Elections from reviewing a ballot for voter intent during a recount unless the ballot is damaged. Judiciary

S-420 **MAIL BALLOTS** (McCaffrey & Connors) This act would amend various sections of general law Chapter 17-20 entitled "Mail Ballots". Judiciary

S-421 **PROCEDURE FOR VOTING** (McCaffrey & Connors) This act would amend the procedure for voting, including eliminating the requirement that a voter sign the certified voter list, and directing the pair of bipartisan supervisors to instruct and assist the voter in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Elections. Judiciary

S-424 **CLOSING OF SCHOOLS** (Gallo & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that all public elementary and secondary schools throughout the state must close for a statewide primary election. Judiciary

S-435 **VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require all voters to provide a proof of identification document which is defined as a document containing the individual's name, shows a photograph of this individual, includes an expiration date, and was issued by the United State or the State of Rhode Island. Judiciary

S-436 **EARLY VOTING** (Maselli) This act would create a process by which early voting could be instituted to begin on the fifth business day before the actual election. Judiciary

S-437 **VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Maselli & Walaska) This act would provide that any person claiming to be a registered and eligible voter who desires to vote shall provide proof of identity, and then lists acceptable forms of identification. It also would establish a procedure for voting by provisional ballot for those who fail to provide proper identification. Judiciary

S-568 **BALLOT ARRANGEMENT** (McCaffrey & Levesque) This act would require that independent candidates for public office would be listed on the ballot opposite and to the right of the title of the office in a horizontal column. The act also would require that any vertical column containing the names of independent candidates would be marked at the top with the heading "Independent". Judiciary

S-584Aaa **CONDUCT OF ELECTION** (Miller & Others) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled "Conduct of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies". Judiciary

S-603 **CONDUCT OF ELECTION** (Perry & Levesque) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled "Conduct of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies". Judiciary

S-616 **PRSIDENTIAL VOTING LOCATIONS** (McCaffrey) This act would increase the number of designated Board of Elections locations at which an unregistered voter may vote in a presidential election on election day. Judiciary

S-617A **COMBINING OF VOTING DISTRICTS** (Crowley & Others) The amended language of this act would allow local boards of canvassers to combine 2 or more voting districts if approved by the Board of Elections. Judiciary

S-824 **PARTY DESIGNATION** (Connors) This act would repeal the section of law which identified a person's party affiliation based upon participation in a party primary. The local canvassing board would no longer record a person's affiliation based upon party primary participation. Judiciary

ENVIRONMENT

H-5088A **LOCATION OF GAS REGULATORS AND GAS METERS** (Costantino & Others)
This act would establish procedures for the location or relocation of gas regulators and gas meters on residential property by a public utility. It would also make the public utility subject to protections imposed for historical districts. Corporations

H-5099 **COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL** (Schadone & Malik)
This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. Judiciary

H-5284 **ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS** (Edwards & Others) This act would require all future specifications for new structures to be built by the state or any municipality with a cost exceeding \$250,000 be in compliance with the energy and environmental standards promulgated by the LEED Building Rating System of the U.S. Green Building Council. Finance

H-5336Aaa **RIGHTS-OF-WAY** (Kilmartin) This act would require cities/towns to provide free parking on land close to or adjacent to CRMC designated rights-of-way along the Rhode Island shore. Municipal Government

H-5347 **GREEN BUILDING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY** (Dennigan & Others) This act would require that all public buildings, including schools, being constructed or renovated meet the green building rating referred to as the “silver standard” as developed by the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Environment & Natural Resources

H-5355A **GREEN BUILDINGS ACT** (Dennigan & Others) This act would require that all public buildings, including schools, being constructed or renovated meet the green building rating of at least the “LEED certified standard” or an “Equivalent high performance standard” as developed by the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Finance

H-5461A **RENEWABLE ENERGY** (Segal & Others) This act would allow customers of a renewable energy generation facility owned by a city/town either to be billed for zero-kilowatt hour usage or to have the excess credits credited to their accounts. This would occur in situations when the electricity generated by the renewable energy generation facility exceeds the customer’s kilowatt-hour usage during the billing period. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5617 **WORKING WATERFRONTS PROTECTION ACT** (Caprio & Others) This act would establish the “Rhode Island Working Waterfronts Protection Act” so as to preserve and promote working waterfronts as a workplace for commercial shipping, fishing, passenger transportation, boat building and repair, marinas and other activities. The CRMC would be assigned the duty to administer the provisions of this act. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5618 **WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATES** (Carter) This act would grant exclusive authority for issuing water quality certificates to the CRMC, and revoke the authority currently enjoyed by DEM to issue these certificates. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5685A **INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS** (San Bento & Others) This act would maintain that the holders of licenses for installation of individual sewage disposal systems issued by the director of Environmental Management are authorized to make sewer connections to public sewer systems. Municipal Government

H-5688 **COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL** (Schadone & Malik) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. Separation of Powers

H-5707 **UNIFORM RELOCATION PAYMENTS** (Almeida) This act would add to the provision dealing with "moving and related expenses", if a water-dependent use is being acquired, by creating a long list of requirements that need to be satisfied first. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5721 **GREEN HOUSING INVESTMENT INITIATIVE** (Handy & Others) This act would allow the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation to establish a residential loan program for the funding of low and medium level energy retrofitting in owner-occupied properties. Repayment of these loans may take the form of an addition to local property tax bills. Finance

H-5788 **MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEES** (Malik & Others) This act would extend the current tipping fees paid by municipalities to the Resource Recovery Corporation until June 30, 2011. Finance

H-5793 **WATER RESOURCES BOARD** (Watson) This act would remove the nonvoting ex-officio status of the Director of the Economic Development Corporation and the Chief of the Division of Planning in the Department of Administration with regards to their appointments to the Water Resources Board. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5805 **SECURITY OF WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION** (Watson) This act would allow a check for renewable generation credits to be issued on a monthly basis from the electric distribution company to a city/town, educational institution, farm or the Narragansett Bay Commission. This would occur in situations when the electricity generated by the renewable energy generation facility exceeds the customer's kilowatt-hour usage during the billing period. Judiciary

H-5828Aaa **WATER SUPPLY** (Ferri & Others) This act would amend various general law chapters in order to promote a more efficient use of the state's water supply. It also would add the following new chapters: Chapter 39-15.1 – "Water Suppliers Subject to Commission Rate Regulation"; Chapter 45-39.1 – "Municipal Water Supplies"; and Chapter 46-15.8 – "Water Use and Efficiency Act". Environment & Natural Resources

H-5849 **MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEES** (Menard) This act would eliminate the automatic increase in the municipal tipping fee equal to 107.5% of the prior fiscal year's municipal tipping fee through the end of the 2009 fiscal year. Finance

H-5869 **COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL** (Ehrhardt & Others) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. Judiciary

H-5907 **RENEWABLE ENERGY** (Segal & Others) This act would provide that a municipality, educational institution, farm or the Narragansett Bay Commission may apply renewable generation credits to any and all other of its existing electrical accounts. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5910 **SCHOOL BUSES: DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT** (Sullivan & Others) This act would make various amendments to "The Diesel Emissions Reduction Act". Among the amended provisions are changes to section 31-47.3-3 – "Reducing Emission from School Buses" which prioritize allocation of funds for control of school bus emissions according to various specified categories. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5921 **HOUSEHOLD WASTE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL ACT** (M. Rice & Others) This act would require the Department of Environmental Management to establish and maintain throughout the state convenient locations for toxic household waste disposal. DEM in cooperation with cities/towns shall establish toxic household waste collection stations at all municipal or regional solid waste transfer stations. Finance

H-5983A **2010 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson & Others)

ART. 9 **MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEES** This article continues the municipal tipping fee rates set in FY 2009 for an additional year as follows: @\$29.00 to \$32.00 per ton based on the percentage of solid waste recycled. These percentages have been amended in some cases. Finance

H-5986 **STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE** (Fox & Others) This act would mandate the adoption of a state energy conservation code by the State Building Code Standards Committee. This committee would develop a plan to achieve compliance in at least 90% of new and renovated residential and commercial building space, and would include active training and enforcement programs. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6032 **DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION** (Malik) This act would create "The Diesel Pollution Reduction Fund". Monies from the fund would be utilized to achieve particulate matter emissions reductions from municipally owned school buses, and to retrofit fleets of diesel heavy duty vehicles. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6097 **WATER USE AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2009** (Malik)
This act would amend the standards which would enable all of Rhode Island to make a more efficient use of its water supply. It would make various amendments to the following three chapters of the general laws: Chapter 46-15.1 – “Water Supply Facilities”; Chapter 46-15.3 – “Public Drinking Water Supply System Protection”; and Chapter 46-15.6 – “Clean Water Infrastructure”. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6142 **REFUSE DISPOSAL** (Melo & Others) This act would require any construction and demolition debris processing facility to comply with additional licensure requirements including a letter of approval from the host municipality. Corporations

H-6207 **RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS** (M. Rice & Others) This act would allow cities/towns to enter into cooperative renewable energy projects with other cities and towns. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6241aa **LEAVES AND YARD DEBRIS** (Malik & McNamara) This act would require the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation to establish a municipal leaf and yard debris borrowing program that would allow municipalities to share portions of their unutilized cap tonnage with municipalities that are in excess of their cap tonnage. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6292 **COASTAL RESOURCES** (Naughton & Others) This act would dissolve the current Coastal Resources Management Council, and replace it with a new executive department to be known as the Department of Coastal Resources Management. Separation of Powers & Oversight

H-6301aa **HIGHWAY ABANDONMENTS** (Kilmartin & Ehrhardt) This act would require the prior approval of the General Assembly when a city/town is transferring any highway or driftway to a private entity if the highway or driftway is within 200 feet of a waterway subject to the jurisdiction of the Coastal Resources Management Council or the Department of Environmental Management. Municipal Government

H-6319 **PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY** (Carnevale & Others) This act would extend the date to June 30,2010, by which community and non-transient, non-community public water systems serving more than 500 people must submit certification of compliance with cross-connection control regulation. H.E.W.

S-107A **LOCATION OF GAS REGULATORS AND GAS METERS** (Jabour & Others)
This act would establish procedures for the location or relocation of gas regulators and gas meters on residential property by a public utility. It would also make the public utility subject to protections imposed for historical districts. Corporations

S-232Aaa GREEN BUILDINGS ACT (DiPalma & Others) This act would create “The Green Buildings Act”. It would require that all public buildings, including schools, being constructed or renovated meet the green building rating of at least the “LEED certified standard” or an “Equivalent high performance standard” as developed by the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Environment & Agriculture

S-351aa LEAVES AND YARD DEBRIS (Sosnowski & Others) This act would require the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation to establish a municipal leaf and yard debris borrowing program that would allow municipalities to share portions of their unutilized cap tonnage with municipalities that are in excess of their cap tonnage. Environment & Agriculture

S-396 INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS (McBurney) This act would require that the annual license for installers of individual sewage disposal systems issued by the director of Environmental Management must specifically include the right to make sewer connections into municipal sewer systems. Environment & Agriculture

S-414Aaa COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Sosnowski & Others) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. It would also create the Permanent Joint Committee on Coastal Resources consisting of 8 members. Government Oversight

S-485A RENEWABLE ENERGY (Miller & Others) This act would allow customers of a renewable energy generation facility owned by a city/town either to be billed for zero-kilowatt hour usage or to have the excess credits credited to their accounts. This would occur in situations when the electricity generated by the renewable energy generation facility exceeds the customer’s kilowatt-hour usage during the billing period. Environment & Agriculture

S-494 COASTAL RESOURCES: REGIONAL BENEFITS (Walaska) This act would require the Coastal Resources Management Council to develop a management program for uses of regional benefit in order to conserve critical energy, waste treatment, transportation and public recreational resources in the coastal zone. Environment & Agriculture

S-522 MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEES (Sosnowski & Others) This act would extend the current tipping fees paid by municipalities to the Resource Recovery Corporation until June 30, 2011. Finance

S-529 COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Sosnowski & Others) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. Government Oversight

S-594 SECURITY OF WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION (Blais) This act would exclude from the purview of the "Access to Public Records Act" documents and details of a public water system in the possession of the Department of Health, disclosure of which could jeopardize public health and safety of citizens. Access may be granted on a case-by-case basis by the water supplier. Judiciary

S-671 GREEN BUILDING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY (DiPalma & Others) This act would require that all public buildings, including schools, being constructed or renovated meet the green building rating referred to as the "silver standard" as developed by the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Finance

S-731Aaa WASTE RECYCLING (Sosnowski & Others) This act would provide for municipal oversight of recycling with respect to commercial and multi-family entities. Environment & Agriculture

S-732Aaa WATER USE AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2009 (Sosnowski & Others) This act would amend various general law chapters in order to promote a more efficient use of the state's water supply. It also would add the following new chapters: Chapter 39-15.1 – "Water Suppliers Subject to Commission Rate Regulation"; Chapter 45-39.1 – "Municipal Water Supplies"; and Chapter 46-15.8 – "Water Use and Efficiency Act". Environment & Agriculture

S-758 WORKING WATERFRONTS PROTECTION ACT (Walaska & Connors) This act would establish the "Rhode Island Working Waterfronts Protection Act" so as to preserve and promote working waterfronts as a workplace for commercial shipping, fishing, passenger transportation, boat building and repair, marinas and other activities. The CRMC would be assigned the duty to administer the provisions of this act. Housing & Municipal Government

S-759 UNIFORM RELOCATION PAYMENTS (Ciccione) This act would add to the provision dealing with "moving and related expenses" if a water-dependent use is being acquired, by creating a long list of requirements that need to be satisfied first. Housing & Municipal Government

S-816 DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE (Maselli) This act would establish a time frame by which the Resource Recovery Corporation must submit a proposed contract to each municipality, and the time frame in which the municipality must return the fully executed contract. The act also establishes that any municipality that fails to fully execute a contract would be charged a commercial contract rate until the contract is returned fully executed. Housing & Municipal Government

S-863 STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE (DeVall & Others) This act would mandate the adoption of a state energy conservation code by the State Building Code Standards Committee. This committee would develop a plan to achieve compliance in at least 90% of new and renovated residential and commercial building space, and would include active training and enforcement programs. Environment & Agriculture

FINANCE & TAXATION

H-5066 **MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS** (Petrarca & Others) This act would expand the definition of "owners of motor vehicles" for registration and property tax purposes, to include partnerships, firms, associations, corporations, and limited liability companies authorized to do business in this state which vehicles operate on state roads for more than 30 days. Finance

H-5092 **REAL ESTATE TAX REFORM ACT OF 2009** (Carter & Serpa) This act would provide local communities with an optional method for the determination of local real estate taxes. Finance

H-5116 **TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX** (Loughlin & Others) This act would allow cities/towns to reduce their tangible personal property tax to zero percent (0%), and to eliminate the classification and depreciation table for business tangible personal property. Finance

H-5123 **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES** (Carnevale & Others) This act would require a mortgagee to notify the municipal tax collector of a pending mortgage foreclosure sale and date for property located within that community. The tax collector would be required to create and maintain a list of these properties to be made available for public inspection. Municipal Government

H-5129 **TAXATION ON BOATS** (Corvese) This act would remove the property tax exemption for boats, and make all boats subject to personal property taxation, which tax would be imposed by the city/town in which the owner resides and not where the boat is stored/docked. Finance

H-5130 **REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX** (Pacheco & Others) This act would increase the amount of monies which municipalities receive from the real estate conveyance tax from \$1.10 to \$1.40 per every \$2.00 of the face value of the stamps. Finance

H-5158 **VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS** (Winfield & Fierro) This act would give cities/towns the option of totally exempting from local taxation the homestead of a totally disabled veteran or his/her surviving spouse. Finance

H-5205 **REVALUATIONS AND STATISTICAL UPDATES** (Schadone) This act would change the current schedule for the required assessment revaluation of municipal real estate so that the revaluation would be required every 8 years instead of the current 9 years, and updated 4 years from the last revaluation rather than the current 3 years. Finance

H-5236 **SEWAGE CHARGES** (Flaherty & Others) This act would exempt any building used exclusively for religious worship, and up to 5 acres immediately surrounding that building, from municipal sewage charges. Municipal Government

H-5237A **TAXATION OF NEW REAL ESTATE CONSTRUCTION** (Carter & Walsh) This act would consolidate all applicable statutes regarding the assessment and taxation of new real estate construction in order to provide consistency in connection with all municipalities. Municipal Government

H-5238A **TAX COLLECTIONS: INTEREST CHARGES** (McCauley & Others) This act would give municipalities the authority to require immediate payment of taxes on any late installment, and to impose an interest charge only on that late installment. Municipal Government

H-5239 **VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS** (Gallison & Others) This act would provide honorably discharged or, in some cases, disabled veterans exemptions from certain enumerated fees and taxes. Included would be a property tax exemption based on the veteran's disability rating percentage, and a total exemption from the motor vehicle excise tax. Veterans' Affairs

H-5258 **VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS** (Carter & Others) This act would grant a 100% real property tax exemption to veterans who are totally and permanently disabled from injuries incurred on active duty. The exemption would also be granted to the unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran who died while on active duty. Veterans' Affairs

H-5279 **PROPERTY EXEMPT: PRIVATE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES** (Winfield & Petrarca) This act would permit any city/town council to make subject to taxation 20% of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property owned by private colleges and universities located within the municipality. Finance

H-5295 **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE** (Carnevale & Others) This act would require a bank or other mortgagee named in the first foreclosure notice to pay to the city/town in which the property is located the outstanding property taxes and all other assessments on the property on or before publishing the first foreclosure notice. Judiciary

H-5313 **FINANCIAL TOWN MEETINGS: RESIDENCY** (Kilmartin) This act would impose the state income tax on a property owner who is not domiciled in this state if that person votes at a financial town meeting. Finance

H-5316 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES** (Menard & Others) This act would repeal the exemption from or stabilization of sales and use taxes for municipal economic development zones. Finance

H-5320 **TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO TRUST** (Caprio & Others) This act would protect the tax exempt status of real property transferred by eligible individuals to an irrevocable trust. Judiciary

H-5338 **SEWER CHARGES** (Menard & Others) This act would make unpaid sewer charges a lien upon the real estate of the users in all municipalities, which lien previously existed only in specified municipalities. Municipal Government

H-5349 **PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX** (Malik & Edwards) This act would provide that, for each filing of a telegraph, cable, telecommunications or express company doing business within the State of Rhode Island relating to tangible personal property, as of December 1, 2008, and thereafter, the tax rate applied by the tax administrator would not be less than the rate applied in the prior year. Finance

H-5411 **HOTEL TAX** (Jackson & Others) This act would eliminate the distribution of the 7% hotel tax currently given to the Greater Providence Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau, and redirect 3.5% of it to the local city/town where the hotel is located and 3.5% to RIPTA which would engage a private contractor to run a ferry service between Providence and Newport. Finance

H-5446 **TAX FREEZE: ELDERLY** (Trillo) This act would permit cities/towns to implement a property tax freeze on property owned by persons who are 65 or older or totally disabled when the increase in taxes is the result of a revaluation or statistical update. Municipal Government

H-5516 **MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES** (Ucci & Others) This act would make it a misdemeanor for state and municipal employees to make or authorize expenditures exceeding appropriations. Finance

H-5521 **TAX EXEMPTIONS: TRANSFER OF PROPERTY** (Jackson & Others) This act would provide that tax exemptions created by the general laws, public laws or municipal ordinances would not be affected by the transfer of an ownership interest in the property if the transferor retains a life estate in the property, leases the property, or continues to reside in the property. Judiciary

H-5543 **HISTORIC TAX CREDITS** (Segal & Others) This act would restore historic tax credits to the level of 25% of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures for any certified structure for projects involving substantial rehabilitation of a certified historic structure, if 80% is devoted to residential housing of which 25% is affordable housing. Finance

H-5544 **EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES** (Pollard) This act would limit the value a municipal taxing authority can place on a new vehicle or trailer to that amount that the Division of Motor Vehicles sets for purposes of the imposition of the state sales tax. Finance

H-5611 **INVESTMENT POWERS** (Lally & Brien) This act would amend the "Additional Investment Powers" section (35-10-11) of general law Chapter 35-10 entitled "State Investment Commission". It would now allow state agencies and cities/towns to invest funds in certificates of deposit obtained in accordance with conditions specified in the act. Corporations

H-5635 **MAXIMUM LEVY** (Gallison) This act would authorize a city/town, after establishing the maximum tax levy for the fiscal year, to add to the levy limit the amount of new growth in the community. Finance

H-5639 **LOCAL TAXES: STATE-OWNED PROPERTY** (Lima & Others) This act would remove state-owned property from the exemption from local property taxes. Finance

H-5682 **PRO RATA REIMBURSEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES** (Segal & Others) This act would permit municipalities to seek reimbursement from tax exempt public and private institutions for public safety services on a pro rata basis according to assessed property value serviced. Municipal Government

H-5687 **MUNICIPAL INSURANCE** (A. Rice) This act would create the term "Eligible Entities", defines it, and allows the entity as an instrumentality of a city/town to establish agreements for obtaining insurance from a jointly established insurance corporation. Municipal Government

H-5718 **TAX EXPENDITURE REPORTING** (Caprio & Others) This act would amend the contents of the tax expenditure report the state Office of Revenue Analysis must provide to the General Assembly. It would now specifically include in the report all exemptions of property from local taxation by cities/towns. Finance

H-5721 **GREEN HOUSING INVESTMENT INITIATIVE** (Handy & Others) This act would allow the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation to establish a residential loan program for the funding of low and medium level energy retrofitting in owner-occupied properties. Repayment of these loans may take the form of an addition to local property tax bills. Finance

H-5809 **TAX SALES** (Watson) This act would require that tax collectors give not less than 40 days notice of tax sales of property to the Department of Elderly Affairs if the property is owned by persons 65 years of age or older. Judiciary

H-5837 **EXEMPTION OR STABILIZING OF TAXES** (Jacquard) This act would provide that the city/town council of any city/town that provides an exemption or stabilization of taxes must prepare and publicly release an analysis of the impact of the proposed project receiving the exemption prior to determining if the tax relief will be granted. Finance

H-5838 **FOREST LAND** (Marcello & Others) This act would exempt any land owned or used by a private, public or quasi-public entity in connection with production of water for sale from being classified as forest land. Finance

H-5840 **GUBERNATORIAL AUTHORITY** (Ehrhardt) This act would give the Governor authority to reduce or suspend appropriations in response to budget shortfalls, and would also expand the Governor's authority relating to interfund transfers. Finance

H-5884 **MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES** (Jacquard & Handy) This act would require obtaining a municipal lien certificate certifying the payment of all tangible personal property taxes upon the sale or transfer of more than 50% of the assets or ownership interest of a business. Municipal Government

H-5916 **MAXIMUM LEVY** (Pacheco & Others) This act would affect the maximum tax levy applied to cities/towns that experience growth in their tax base as a result of major new construction. Finance

H-5920 **PROPERTY TAX FREEZE** (MacBeth & Others) This act would authorize cities/towns to provide a property tax freeze for persons 65 years of age or older or for persons who are disabled whose eligibility will be determined by various specified criteria. Finance

H-5931 **TAX SALES: RIHMFC** (Almeida & Others) This act would require tax collectors to notify the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation of pending tax sales. It also would amend the section pertaining to petitions for foreclosure of redemption as it affects properties acquired by RIHMFC. Judiciary

H-5983A **2010 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson & Others)

ART. 6 **STATE AID** This article would specify the amount of video lottery terminal revenues dedicated to state aid; concerning general revenue sharing, it states that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 and thereafter funding shall be determined by appropriation; also it would amend section 29-6-3 of the "State Aid to Libraries" chapter of the general laws. Finance

H-6033 **DEPARTMENT HEAD SALARIES** (Fellela) This act would cap department head salaries including deputy superintendent of schools in all cities/towns at \$85,000 per year for the 4 years following passage of this act. Finance

H-6040 **MUNICIPAL INSURANCE** (Jackson & Others) This act would create the term "Eligible Entities", defines it, and allows the entity as an instrumentality of a city/town to establish agreements for obtaining insurance from a jointly established insurance corporation. Municipal Government

H-6205 **STUDENT ASSESSMENT FEE FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES** (Fox & Others) This act would provide for the assessment of a fee of \$150 per semester or \$100 per trimester upon private colleges and universities for each full-time non-resident student. The fee would be apportioned to the municipality where the students are located to off-set costs for police, fire, rescue and other municipal services. Finance

H-6214 **PROPERTY EXEMPT: HOSPITALS AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES** (Slater & Others) This act would allow cities/towns to adopt ordinances to subject the real property holdings of hospitals and private universities and colleges valued in excess of \$20,000,000 to taxation. This would be in the form of an impact fee assessed at a rate not to exceed 25% of the applicable real estate property tax rate as set by the municipality. Finance

H-6322 **DATE OF ASSESSMENT** (Jackson & Others) This act would change the date for assessed valuations to be determined to December 31, of the year of the last update or revaluation for real estate when cities/towns are levying a tax. Municipal Government

S-32 VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS (Tassoni & Others) This act would give cities/towns the option of totally exempting from local taxation the homestead of a totally disabled veteran or his/her surviving spouse. Finance

S-61 REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT: STATISTICAL UPDATES (Walaska & Others) This act would reduce the frequency of the performance of statistical updates of real property from every 3 years to every 5 years from the last revaluation. Housing & Municipal Government

S-99 MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES (DiPalma & Others) This resolution would create a special senate commission to make a comprehensive study of municipal services and of the concept and feasibility of municipal shared services. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-181 PROPERTY EXEMPT: PRIVATE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES (Tassoni & Others) This act would permit any city/town council to make subject to taxation 20% of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property owned by private colleges and universities located within the municipality. Finance

S-218 TAX EXEMPTIONS: TRANSFER OF PROPERTY (McBurney) This act would provide that tax exemptions created by the general laws, public laws or municipal ordinances would not be affected by the transfer of ownership interest in the property, if the transferor retains a life estate in the property, leases the property, or continues to reside in the property. Judiciary

S-238 RESOURCE RECOVERY: LEASED LAND (Maselli) This act would make land leased by the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation to a private entity subject to taxation by the municipality within which it is located. Finance

S-241 SODA TAX ACT (Sosnowski & Others) This act would authorize cities/towns to impose an additional local sales (beverage) tax on sugar sweetened beverages, which beverage tax would not exceed 20%. Finance

S-246A TAXATION OF NEW REAL ESTATE CONSTRUCTION (Maher & Algieri) This act would consolidate all applicable statutes regarding the assessment and taxation of new real estate construction in order to provide consistency in connection with all municipalities. Housing & Municipal Government

S-247 SEWER CHARGES (Crowley & Others) This act would make unpaid sewer charges a lien upon the real estate of the users in all municipalities, which lien previously existed only in specified municipalities. Housing & Municipal Government

S-286Baa VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS (Cicccone & Others) This act would extend the provision allowing 24 hour operation of video lottery games on weekends and holidays which is set to expire on June 30, 2009. It would also amend section 42-61.2-7 entitled "Division of Revenue" set to commence June 30, 2009, concerning the allocation of net terminal income to cities/towns. It also would increase dog track operations to at least 200 days annually.
Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-411 GUBERNATORIAL AUTHORITY (Bates) This act would grant the governor the power to reduce the payment of aid to local governments that is appropriated within line items contained in department budgets. Finance

S-496 INVESTMENT POWERS (Sosnowski & Others) This act would amend the "Additional Investment Powers" section (35-10-11) of general law Chapter 35-10 entitled "State Investment Commission". It would now allow state agencies and cities/towns to invest funds in certificates of deposit obtained in accordance with conditions specified in the act. Finance

S-500 PERFORMANCE AUDITS (Sheehan & Others) This act would establish a performance audit division within the Auditor General's office. Among its duties would be making performance audits of units of local government when directed by the Speaker of the House or President of the Senate. Finance

S-507 PROPERTY EXEMPT: PRIVATE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES (Metts) This act would remove the tax exempt status granted the real and personal property of private colleges and universities. Finance

S-515 TAX SALE PROHIBITION (Connors) This act would prohibit municipalities from conducting tax sales of property when litigation is pending which disputes the amount of taxed owed on the property. Finance

S-516 PERFORMANCE AUDITS (Sheehan & Others) This act would establish a performance audit division within the Auditor General's office. Among its duties would be making performance audits of units of local government when directed by the Speaker of the House or President of the Senate. Finance

S-519 EXCISE TAX PHASE-OUT (Jabour & Others) This act would create an exemption from the motor vehicle excise tax for FY 2011 of \$10,000, and the state reimbursement for the exemption would also be \$10,000. It would also eliminate an increase in the exemption for fiscal year 2010. Finance

S-527 HOTEL TAX (DiPalma & Others) This act would increase from 25% to 32% the share of the hotel tax given to a city/town in which the hotel is located, and would eliminate the 7% distribution to the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau.
Finance

S-580 **TAX SALES** (Algiere & Blais) This act would require the tax collector to give not less than 40 days notice of tax sales of property to the Department of Elderly Affairs if the property is owned by persons 65 years of age or older. Judiciary

S-606Aaa **TAX SALES: RIHMFC** (Metts & Others) This act would require tax collectors to notify the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation of pending tax sales. It also would amend the section pertaining to petitions for foreclosure of redemption as it affects properties acquired by RIHMFC. Judiciary

S-653 **HISTORIC STRUCTURES – TAX CREDIT** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would make amounts expended for “qualified rehabilitation expenditures” over \$1,000 for historic structures subject to the prevailing wages requirements of public works projects. Labor

S-757 **TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would allow public- private partnerships which are contractual agreements formed between a public agency and a private sector entity that would allow for greater private sector participation in the delivery of transportation projects. “Transportation facilities” as defined in the act would be exempt from real and tangible personal property taxes and special assessments levied against property by the state and local municipality. Housing & Municipal Government

S-781 **MUNICIPAL INSURANCE** (Levesque & Others) This act would create the term “Eligible Entities”, defines it, and allows the entity as an instrumentality of a city/town to establish agreements for obtaining insurance from a jointly established insurance corporation. Housing & Municipal Government

S-946 **PROPERTY EXEMPT: HOSPITALS AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES** (Goodwin) This act would allow cities/towns to adopt ordinances to subject the real property holdings of hospitals and private universities and colleges valued in excess of \$20,000,000 to taxation. This would be in the form of an impact fee assessed at a rate not to exceed 25% of the applicable real estate property tax rate as set by the municipality. Finance

S-947 **STUDENT ASSESSMENT FEE FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES** (Goodwin) This act would provide for the assessment of a fee of \$150 per semester or \$100 per trimester upon private colleges and universities for each full-time non-resident student. The fee would be apportioned to the municipality where the students are located to off-set costs for police, fire, rescue and other municipal services. Finance

HOUSING

H-5115A **FORECLOSED PROPERTY UPKEEP ACT** (Lima & Others) This act would establish the “Rhode Island Foreclosed Property Upkeep Act” which mandates that the purchaser of a property at foreclosure maintain the property according to the provisions of the housing maintenance and occupancy code. It would also require that the purchaser file a foreclosed property upkeep bond with the city/town clerk’s office at the time the foreclosure deed is recorded. Finance

[H-5137](#) TENANTS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY (Edwards & Others) This act would prohibit mortgagees who acquire residential real estate at a foreclosure sale from evicting tenants residing in these properties for a period of 60 days, provided the tenant pays any rent due to the mortgagee. Judiciary

[H-5175](#) RENTAL AGREEMENTS (Savage & Others) This act would make termination of a rental agreement less burdensome for a tenant who is 62 years of age or older, reducing the current age requirement from 65 years of age. Judiciary

[H-5177](#) MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (DaSilva & Others) This act would require a mortgagee to notify a residential tenant of the time and place of the foreclosure sale by certified mail at least 30 days prior to the first publication notice of the sale. Judiciary

[H-5322](#) LANDLORD AND TENANT (Kilmartin & Others) This act would provide grounds and procedures for eviction from federally assisted housing, including violent acts against persons or property, and the possession or use of illegal drugs on the rental premises. Judiciary

[H-5375](#) RIGHTS OF TENANTS (Almeida & Others) This act would grant tenants in foreclosed residential property a grace period of 90 days (30 days if the security deposit is returned) after the foreclosure sale before they could be evicted. Judiciary

[H-5418](#) FORECLOSURES (Segal & Others) This act would impose an immediate 180 day moratorium on foreclosure sales and initiation of eviction proceedings against tenants in any foreclosed property. Also, during this moratorium period registrars of deeds would not be able to accept for recording a foreclosure deed pursuant to a foreclosure sale. Judiciary

[H-5424](#) LANDLORD PAYMENT OF FUEL OIL (Ajello & Others) This act would require a landlord to pay a departing tenant the value of fuel oil left in the tank upon the tenant vacating the premises. Judiciary

[H-5492](#) MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES (Segal & Others) This act would require foreclosing lenders to give notice to mortgagors of the availability of mediation provided at no cost at a location in the city/town where the real estate is located or in an adjacent city/town. Judiciary

[H-5494](#) FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES (Segal & Others) This act would make it an unlawful housing practice to discriminate against a person based upon his/her source of income in any residential real estate transactions. Judiciary

[H-5543](#) HISTORIC TAX CREDITS (Segal & Others) This act would restore the historic tax credits to the level of 25% of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures for any certified structure for projects involving substantial rehabilitation of a certified historic structure, if 80% is devoted to residential housing of which 25% is affordable housing. Finance

H-5557 **SAVE RHODE ISLAND HOMES ACT OF 2009** (Pollard & Others) This act would set up procedures by which creditors would be required to provide 3 year extensions to borrowers either prior to the initial interest rate reset of an introductory rate mortgage or when an intention to foreclose upon an introductory rate mortgage has been issued. Judiciary

H-5561 **IMMIGRATION STATUS** (Slater & Others) This act would prohibit a landlord from asking the immigration status of a prospective tenant, or from being compelled to do so by a local municipality or housing agency. Judiciary

H-5576 **TENANTS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY** (Edwards & Others) This act would prevent eviction of residential tenants in the case of a foreclosure sale until the property transfers from the mortgagee to another non-financial institution. In addition, all utilities that are the responsibility of the owner must be paid by the mortgagee as long as the tenant pays all rent due to the mortgagee. Judiciary

H-5721 **GREEN HOUSING INVESTMENT INITIATIVE** (Handy & Others) This act would allow the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation to establish a residential loan program for the funding of low and medium level energy retrofitting in owner-occupied properties. Repayment of these loans may take the form of an addition to local property tax bills. Finance

H-5741 **FORECLOSURE DEEDS** (Almeida & Others) This act would require foreclosure deeds to be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale with the failure to do so rendering the sale null and void. This act would also establish a monthly periodic tenancy, subject to the provisions of the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act". Judiciary

H-5742 **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE** (Almeida & Others) This act would require a mortgagee to notify tenants of the date, time and place of a foreclosure sale along with contact information for Rhode Island Legal Services and HUD approved counseling agencies. It would also require that any successor in interest continue to provide essential services such as heat, running water, hot water, electric or gas. Judiciary

H-5745 **LANDLORD AND TENANT** (Carnevale & Others) This act would provide that any property left behind by a tenant who abandons a dwelling unit would be deemed abandoned property after 30 days, and may be disposed of by the landlord. Judiciary

H-5933 **RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT** (Almeida & Others) This act would add two sections to the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act". These sections would set up procedures to be followed for the eviction of tenants and former owner occupants who become tenants at sufferance when a property is sold at a foreclosure sale. It would also require that the purchaser of property sold at a foreclosure sale give notice within 7 days to every household residing in a dwelling unit in that property. Judiciary

H-5987 **NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM** (Fox & Others) This act would establish and fund the neighborhood opportunities program to address the housing and revitalization needs of the state's deteriorating neighborhoods. Finance

H-6058A **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Lally & Others) This act would also include in the definition of low and moderate income housing any rental unit utilizing the HUD section 8 program which is reported to the Rhode Island Office of Housing and Community Development on January 1, of any given year. Municipal Government

H-6079 **HOME ENERGY RATE AFFORDABILITY ACT** (Handy & Others) This act would create the "Home Energy Rate Affordability Act". A program would be implemented by the Governor's Office of Energy Resources which purpose it would be to insure that utility rates are affordable for households of limited means. Finance

H-6309 **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Kennedy) This act would extend the expiration date for the Housing Act of 2004 Implementation Oversight Commission to March 31, 2010. Read and Passed

S-40A **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE** (Pichardo & Others) This act would require a mortgagee to notify tenants of the date, time and place of a foreclosure sale, along with contact information for Rhode Island Legal Services and HUD approved counseling agencies in Rhode Island. It would also require that any successor in interest continue to provide essential services such as heat, running water, hot water, electric or gas. Judiciary

S-129 **FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES** (Metts & Others) This act would make various amendments to the "Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act" which prohibit discrimination based upon "government assistance recipient status". Housing & Municipal Government

S-132 **LANDLORD PAYMENT OF FUEL OIL** (Perry & Others) This act would require a landlord to pay a departing tenant the value of fuel oil left in the tank upon the tenant vacating the premises. Housing & Municipal Government

S-146 **IMMIGRATION STATUS** (Metts & Pichardo) This act would prohibit a landlord from asking the immigration status of a prospective tenant, or from being compelled to do so by a local municipality or housing agency. Judiciary

S-250 **FORECLOSURES** (Levesque & Others) This act would impose an immediate 180 day moratorium on foreclosure sales and initiation of eviction proceedings against tenants in any foreclosed property. Also, during this moratorium period registrars of deeds would not be able to accept for recording a foreclosure deed pursuant to a foreclosure sale. Judiciary

S-490 **HOME ENERGY RATE AFFORDABILITY ACT** (Miller & Others) This act would create the "Home Energy Rate Affordability Act". A program would be implemented by the Governor's Office of Energy Resources which purpose it would be to insure that utility rates are affordable for households of limited means. Environment & Agriculture

S-580 **TAX SALES** (Algiere & Blais) This act would require the tax collector to give not less than 40 days notice of tax sales of property to the Department of Elderly Affairs if the property is owned by persons 65 years of age or older. Judiciary

S-601 **MAINTENANCE OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY** (Pichardo & Others) This act would hold any mortgagee or an affiliate of the mortgagee who has purchased a foreclosed property responsible for the maintenance of the property in accordance with the standards set forth by the Housing Maintenance and Occupancy Code. Judiciary

S-613aa **LANDLORD AND TENANT** (Cicccone & Others) This act would provide that any property left behind by a tenant who abandons a dwelling unit would be deemed abandoned property after 15 days from the notice being sent, and may be disposed of by the landlord. Judiciary

S-684 **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES** (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish a "Central Foreclosure Registry" within the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, and in partnership with the Housing Resources Commission. The purposes of the registry would include capturing the actual number of foreclosures in every municipality. To this end all municipalities would provide to the registry copies of all foreclosure deeds filed in the land evidence records at least once per month. It also mandates that foreclosure deeds be recorded within 30 days of the date of sale, reducing the current 45 days time frame. Housing & Municipal Government

S-755 **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING: MOBILE HOMES** (Blais & Others) This act would require that year-round mobile homes be included in year-round housing units, and rented year-round mobile homes be included in year-round rental housing units for purposes of determining the need for low and moderate income housing units. Housing & Municipal Government

S-972 **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Sheehan) This act would also include in the definition of low and moderate income housing rental units, including naturally occurring, in which the amount of rent charged falls within the appropriate amounts as defined by the applicable federal or state statutes. It would also include units which utilize the HUD Section 8 program. Housing & Municipal Government

S-997A **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Tassoni) This act would extend the expiration date for "The Housing Act of 2004 Implementation Oversight Commission" to March 31, 2010, and also would expand the membership of the commission to 15 members. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

H-1002A **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE** (Crowley & Others) This act would provide that notice be mailed to a mortgagor 45 days prior to initiating foreclosure proceedings, and this notice must advise the mortgagor of the availability of counseling through HUD-approved mortgage counseling agencies. Judiciary

LABOR RELATIONS

H-5063 **POWERS AND DUTIES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEES** (Corvese) This act would amend section 16-2-9 of the general laws relating to powers and duties of school committees by broadening their scope of authority. It would also add a new section to the general laws that would give school committees a list of express management rights that could not be bargained away. Finance

H-5142 **SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION** (Gemma) This act would expand the scope of the binding arbitration process to include monetary issues for teachers, and it would also streamline the actual binding arbitration process itself. It would also make the mediation and binding arbitration process available for non-teacher employee disputes. Labor

H-5232 **SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION** (Gablinske & Others) This act would explicitly prohibit "work to rule" labor actions by public school teachers, and would impose penalties for strikes both on teachers and labor organizations. Labor

H-5300 **LIMITATION ON SCOPE OF CONTRACTS** (Gablinske & Trillo) This act would restrict collective bargaining by municipal employees, including teachers, to matters concerning salary, wages and benefits. Other matters would be declared to be management prerogatives. Labor

H-5335 **ARBITRATION OF LABOR CONTROVERSIES** (San Bento & Others) This act would acknowledge arbitration as the preferred alternative labor dispute resolution mechanism, and limit instances in which an arbitration award can be vacated. Labor

H-5379 **RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AND BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY** (Gablinske & Others) This act would prohibit any contract or collective bargaining agreement from allowing bumping during the layoff of teachers, and the order of layoffs would be determined by the school principal based on a merit system. Labor

H-5380 **UNION MEMBERSHIP** (Gablinske & Others) This act would forbid discrimination against any government employees because of their membership in a labor or employee organization. Also, employees who elect not to join a labor union would not be required to pay a service charge in lieu of union dues. Labor

H-5435 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS** (Trillo & Gablinske) This act would make any future collective bargaining agreements between the state or municipalities and their employees unenforceable, and null and void under the "Labor Relations Act". Labor

H-5437 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: LABOR CONTRACTS** (Trillo & Gablinske) This act would require that, if a city/town charter or ordinance empowers a city/town council to ratify the collective bargaining agreements of its school committee, then no collective bargaining agreement is effective unless ratified by the city/town council. Labor

H-5505 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LANGUAGE** (Williamson & Others) This act would eliminate all references to “collective bargaining agreements” throughout Title 16 of the general laws. Labor

H-5508 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS** (Williamson & Others) This act would provide throughout Title 16 that collective bargaining agreements would be null and void in those instances in which actual revenue to the school committee and/or district falls short of the projected revenue for the given fiscal year as confirmed in writing by the State Auditor General. Labor

H-5510 **ETHICS** (Trillo & Gablinske) This amendment to the “Code of Ethics” would prohibit general assembly members who are employed by a public employees’ labor organization from participating in floor or committee debate or voting on any legislation concerning state or municipal unionized government employees’ rights or benefits. Labor

H-5588 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES’ ARBITRATION** (Lally & Others) This act would make several procedural and substantive amendments to general law Chapter 28-9.4 entitled “Municipal Employees’ Arbitration”. Labor

H-5589 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES’ ARBITRATION** (Flaherty) This act would make several procedural and substantive amendments to general law Chapter 28-9.4 entitled “Municipal Employees’ Arbitration”. Labor

H-5590 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES’ ARBITRATION** (Flaherty) This act would amend the definition of a “municipal employee” by eliminating one of the exceptions – employees of authorities not under direct management by a municipality who work less than 20 hours per week. Labor

H-5761 **SCHOOL TEACHERS’ ARBITRATION** (Gablinske) This act would prohibit public school teachers from negotiating payments for medical insurance waivers in their contracts. It would also require teachers hired after July 1, 2009, to obtain health insurance coverage through their spouses’ or domestic partners’ employers if that coverage is available. Labor

H-5762 **SCHOOL TEACHERS’ ARBITRATION** (Palumbo) This act would provide that, if a successor collective bargaining agreement has not been agreed to by the parties, then the terms and conditions of the existing teachers’ contract would remain in full force and effect until a new agreement is reached during the mediation process. Labor

H-5763 **FIREFIGHTERS’ ARBITRATION** (Palumbo) This act would require, at the conclusion of the 30 day period the rights or benefits conferred on employees by an expiring collective bargaining agreement would continue until a new agreement is reached or an arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

H-5817 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS** (Watson) This act would require cities/towns and school committees to post proposed collective bargaining agreements and impact statements on the appropriate city/town website 30 days prior to contract ratification. Labor

H-5820 **SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION** (Gablinske & Gemma) This act would prevent payment to teachers and municipal employees for a waiver of health insurance coverage, and would require spouses and domestic partners of these employees to obtain health insurance from their employers if that coverage is available. Labor

S-66 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS** (Walaska) This act would provide that a city/town council member would be included in any contract negotiations in which a school committee is participating, and would possess the right to vote on contract provisions. Labor

S-156 **FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES** (Metts & Others) This act would prohibit the state and its municipalities from either refusing to hire a person or denying an individual a license to work in a particular trade based solely on previous conviction of a criminal offense. Labor

S-332 **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SCHOOL FINANCES** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would require the advisory council on school finances to require school districts to perform certain actions when expenditures for any account exceed the statewide average by 10% or greater. This would include compelling the attendance of a school committee and a bargaining agent for compulsory mediation of existing bargaining agreements. Labor

S-335 **ARBITRATION OF LABOR CONTROVERSIES** (McCaffrey) This act would acknowledge arbitration as the preferred alternative labor dispute resolution mechanism, and limit instances in which an arbitration award can be vacated. Labor

S-442 **FIREFIGHTERS' AND POLICE OFFICERS' ARBITRATION** (Blais) This act would alter the rights of firefighters and police officers to bargain collectively, by specifically excepting the following issues: levels and deployment of personnel; the types of equipment utilized; and the number of or location of any vehicles, facilities or stations. Labor

S-443 **POLICE AND FIRE ARBITRATION** (Blais) This act would make various amendments to the hearings sections of the arbitration statutes for both firefighters and municipal police officers. Labor

S-444 **HEALTH CARE BENEFITS** (Bates) This act would mandate that no collective bargaining agreement covering public school teachers, firefighters, police officers, and municipal employees of any city/town, school district or fire district provide for an employee contribution of less than 25% of the premium costs of health care and dental benefits. Labor

S-625 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Ruggerio) This act would require the state to pay the cost of mediation expenses when unresolved issues are submitted to compulsory mediation between the negotiating or bargaining agents and the municipalities. Finance

S-626 SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION (Ruggerio & Others) This act would remove the \$5,000 cap on the payment of mediation expenses by the state pertaining to unresolved issues that are submitted to compulsory mediation between the negotiating or bargaining agent and the school committee. Finance

S-658 SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION (Bates) This act would explicitly prohibit "work to rule" labor actions by public school teachers, and would impose penalties for strikes both on teachers and labor organizations. Labor

S-694 FIREFIGHTERS' AND POLICE ARBITRATION (Blais) This act would amend both the Firefighters' and Municipal Police Arbitration laws. It would add factors to be given weight by the arbitrators when arriving at a decision, and would add a new section limiting new or increased expenditures by a city/town to maximum levy percentage caps. Labor

S-713 SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION (Perry & Others) This act would provide that, if a successor collective bargaining agreement has not been agreed to by the parties, then the existing contract would continue in effect until such time as an agreement has been reached between the parties. Labor

S-784 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS (Blais) This act would require cities/towns and school committees to post proposed collective bargaining agreements and impact statements on the appropriate city/town website 30 days prior to contract ratification. Labor

LIQUOR CONTROL & LICENSES

H-5096 RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES (A. Rice & Others) This act would permit the holders of retail liquor licenses who sell both alcohol and food to prohibit patrons under age 21 from entering or remaining within the establishment when the business ceases offering food for sale. Judiciary

H-5203 FISH AND WILDLIFE – LICENSING (M. Rice & Others) This act would increase the fees for hunting and fishing licenses. It would also create a saltwater fishing license. Finance

H-5223 WEAPONS (Flaherty & McNamara) This act would create a buffer zone to prohibit the issuance of a dealer license for weapons if the business is located within 500 ft. of a public, private or parochial school, or a place of public worship. Judiciary

H-5249 WEAPONS: LICENSE OR PERMIT FEE (Corvese) This act would increase the fee for a weapons license or permit from \$40 to \$100, and would provide that nonresident licenses or permits would be valid for one year only. Finance

H-5302 ELECTRICIANS: LIMITED MAINTENANCE LICENSE (Corvese & Melo) This act would amend language regarding municipalities which are issued a Certificate D – a limited maintenance license for electricians. It allows holders of a Certificate M – a limited maintenance journeyman’s license to work on certain municipal electrical projects. Labor

H-5401 CLASS P LICENSES: CATERERS (Slater & Others) This act would allow caterers who hold Class P licenses to purchase alcoholic beverages at any Rhode Island licensed wholesale or retail establishment. Corporations

H-5668 HOTELS AND PUBLIC PLACES (Lally) This act would exclude alcoholic beverage establishments licensed pursuant to Title 3 of the general laws from the criminal offense of discrimination if there is a refusal to admit persons under the age of 21, except if accompanied by a parent, grandparent or legal guardian, when the refusal was for the purpose of limiting access to alcohol for under-aged individuals. Judiciary

H-5685A INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS (San Bento & Others) This act would maintain that the holders of licenses for installation of individual sewage disposal systems issued by the director of Environmental Management are authorized to make sewer connections to public sewer systems. Municipal Government

H-5750 REGULATED METALS (Watson) This act would establish a new chapter of the general laws entitled “Purchase and Sale of Regulated Metals”, but would be known as the Copper Theft Prevention Act. It would require all businesses involved in the selling or recycling of regulated metals to obtain a license from the Department of Attorney General. The licensee would be required to complete report forms for all transactions, which forms would be delivered or mailed weekly to the chief of police of the city/town in which the business is located and to the Attorney General. Judiciary

H-5825 CLASS T LEGITIMATE THEATER LICENSE (Costantino) This act would amend the definition of “legitimate theaters” for the purpose of obtaining a Class T liquor license by including any facility management corporation that is contractually authorized to manage buildings owned or under the authority of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority. Corporations

H-6038 WINE AND BEER SAMPLINGS (Williamson) This act would allow Class A license holders to conduct intoxicating beverage samplings of up to 3 servings not to exceed ¼ ounces each. Judiciary

H-6088 PUB CRAWLS (Lima & Others) This act would now prohibit liquor licensees from knowingly allowing the use of their premises as part of an organized pub crawl. The current provision authorizes cities/towns to enact ordinances to accomplish this end. Judiciary

H-6103 CLASSES B AND ED LICENSES (Williams & Others) This act would allow local licensing boards to approve and designate districts within cities/towns in which the board may issue holders of Class B or Class ED licenses an extended hours permit to extend closing times by one hour on certain specified days. These permits would not allow the sale of alcohol or the admittance of new patrons during the extended one-hour period. Judiciary

S-102 CLASS P LICENSES: CATERERS (Jabour & Others) This act would allow a Class P license holder who also holds a Class T license and a Class B license to purchase alcoholic beverages at wholesale. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-285 WINE AND BEER SAMPLINGS (DiPalma & Others) This act would allow Class A license holders to conduct intoxicating beverage samplings of up to 3 servings not to exceed ¼ ounces each. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-359 SMOKING IN BARS AND RESTAURANTS (Jabour & Others) This act would allow cities/towns to issue a special license for smoking in any establishment which holds an alcoholic beverage retail license or a victual license. There would be a one time fee of \$1,000 for issuance of the license. Health & Human Services

S-396 INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS (McBurney) This act would require that the annual license for installers of individual sewage disposal systems issued by the director of Environmental Management must specifically include the right to make sewer connections into municipal sewer systems. Environment & Agriculture

S-427 WEAPONS: LICENSE OR PERMIT FEE (Metts & Others) This act would increase the fee for a weapons license or permit from \$40 to \$100, and would provide that nonresident licenses or permits would be valid for one year only. Judiciary

S-438 HOTELS AND PUBLIC PLACES (Picard) This act would exclude alcoholic beverage establishments licensed pursuant to Title 3 of the general laws from the criminal offense of discrimination if there is a refusal to admit persons under the age of 21, except if accompanied by a parent, grandparent or legal guardian, when the refusal was for the purpose of limiting access to alcohol for under-aged individuals. Judiciary

S-460 PUB CRAWLS (Felag) This act would prohibit any liquor licensee from knowingly allowing the use of its premises as part of an organized pub crawl. Currently this prohibition is left to cities/towns to address through local ordinances. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-621 CLASS P LICENSES: CATERERS (Ruggerio & Others) This act would allow a Class P license holder who also holds a Class T license and a Class B license to purchase alcoholic beverages at wholesale. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-696 ELECTRICIANS: LIMITED MAINTENANCE LICENSE (Ruggerio & Others) This act would amend language regarding municipalities which are issued a Certificate D – a limited maintenance license for electricians. It allows holders of a Certificate M – a limited maintenance journeyman’s license to work on certain municipal electrical projects. Labor

S-714 **REGULATED METALS** (Blais & Connors) This act would establish a new chapter of the general laws entitled "Purchase and Sale of Regulated Metals", but would be known as the Copper Theft Prevention Act. It would require all businesses involved in the selling or recycling of regulated metals to obtain a license from the Department of Attorney General. The licensee would be required to complete report forms for all transactions, which forms would be delivered or mailed weekly to the chief of police of the city/town in which the business is located and to the Attorney General. Judiciary

S-811A **BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEES** (Tassoni) This act would now enable all cities/towns to require the registration of any business entity which maintains a place of business within the city/town, and to require the payment of registration fees. Housing & Municipal Government

S-992 **REGULATED METALS** (Crowley & Blais) This act would establish a new chapter of the general laws entitled "Purchase and Sale of Regulated Metals", but would be known as the Copper Theft Prevention Act. It would require all businesses involved in the selling or recycling of regulated metals to obtain a license from the Department of Attorney General. The licensee would be required to complete report forms for all transactions, which forms would be delivered or mailed weekly to the chief of police of the city/town in which the business is located and to the Attorney General. Judiciary

PLANNING & ZONING

H-5080 **ZONING ORDINANCES: NONCONFORMING USE** (Azzinaro & Fox) This act would amend variance requirements by removing the prohibition that the zoning board of review cannot consider nonconforming use of neighboring land or structures in the same district, and permitted use of land or structures in an adjacent district. Municipal Government

H-5593 **ZONING** (Gallison & San Bento) This act would provide that in instances when a city/town has not yet amended its zoning ordinances to reflect amendments to the city's/town's comprehensive plan, any conflicts or inconsistencies contained therein would be resolved in favor of the provisions of the current zoning ordinances and zoning map. Municipal Government

H-5670 **SUBDIVISION OF LAND** (Carter) This act would add a definition of "land suitable for development" which means the total land area of a lot including slopes and wetlands, considering the requirements of pertinent federal, state and local regulations. Judiciary

H-5684 **SUBDIVISION OF LAND** (San Bento & Others) This act would make various amendments to general law Chapter 45-23 entitled "Subdivision of Land". The changes generally involve making information more readily available to the applicants, and requiring approvals or denials to be in writing. Municipal Government

H-5686A PERMITS AND APPROVALS: EXPIRATION PERIODS (San Bento & Others) This act would toll expiration periods pertaining to any approval or permit issued by the state or local agencies pursuant to certain specified state statutes. The tolling need not be recorded in the land evidence records to be valid, but notice must be posted in the municipal planning department, municipal clerk's office or near the land evidence records. Municipal Government

S-392 SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Maselli & Others) This act would add a definition of "land suitable for development" which means the total land area of a lot including slopes and wetlands, considering the requirements of pertinent federal, state and local regulations. Housing & Municipal Government

S-393 ZONING (Maselli & Others) This act would provide that in instances when a city/town has not yet amended its zoning ordinances to reflect amendments to the city's/town's comprehensive plan, any conflicts or inconsistencies contained therein would be resolved in favor of the provisions of the current zoning ordinances and zoning map. Housing & Municipal Government

S-556 EDC: COMPREHENSIVE PLANS (Sheehan & Others) This act would expedite the process whereby the Economic Development Corporation is seeking a determination whether a planned project complies with a city's/town's comprehensive plan. Housing & Municipal Government

S-563 SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Maselli & Others) This act would make various amendments to general law Chapter 45-23 entitled "Subdivision of Land". The changes generally involve making information more readily available to the applicants, and requiring approvals or denials to be in writing. Housing & Municipal Government

S-754Aaa PERMITS AND APPROVALS: EXPIRATION PERIODS (Maselli) This act would toll expiration periods pertaining to any approval or permit issued by the state or local agencies pursuant to certain specified statutes. The tolling need not be recorded in the land evidence records to be valid, but notice must be posted in the municipal planning department, municipal clerk's office or near the land evidence records. Housing & Municipal Government

PUBLIC SAFETY (POLICE & FIRE)

H-5006A DRUG OR ALCOHOL TEST (Mattiello) This act would create the misdemeanor criminal offense of "defrauding the administration of a drug or alcohol test". It would also be an offense to sell or manufacture instruments, tools, devices or substances designed to defraud the administration of a drug or alcohol test. Judiciary

H-5021 TEXT MESSAGING (McNamara & Others) This act would prohibit a motor vehicle operator from using any electronic wireless communication device to send, read, or write a text message while driving. Corporations

H-5022 MOBILE TELEPHONE USE (Giannini & Others) This act would make it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle while using a mobile telephone that is not equipped with a hands-free device to engage in a call or text message. Corporations

H-5026 FIREFIGHTER PLATES (Malik & Others) This act would allow special motor vehicle registration plates for firefighters to be issued for trucks which are owned by an individual firefighter and are not used for business/commercial purposes. Constituent Services

H-5039A SEARCH WARRANTS: MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Gablinske & Brien) This act would allow a peace officer to request a search warrant which would allow the taking of blood, breath or urine, or the performance of a chemical test if probable cause exists to believe that an individual has been driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics. Judiciary

H-5044A PROSTITUTION AND LEWDNESS (Giannini & Others) This act would define the crime of prostitution to include any location, would create punishments for individuals who attempt to procure the services of a prostitute, and would define the crime of permitting prostitution within premises that an individual has possession of or control over. Judiciary

H-5047 UTILITY PROPERTY (Corvese & Schadone) This act would make it a felony to trespass upon the property of a utility after being forbidden to do so, and would set punishments of a term of imprisonment of not more than 3 years, by a fine not exceeding \$1,500, or both. Judiciary

H-5048 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (Corvese & Schadone) This act would add the hallucinogenic drugs Salvia Divinorum (Salvinorin A or Divinorin A) and Datura Stramonium (gypsum weed or jimson weed) to the "Uniform Controlled Substances Act", Schedule I. Judiciary

H-5050 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (Gemma & Others) This act would create the offense of distributing a controlled substance to someone without their knowledge with the intent to commit a crime of violence against that person. Judiciary

H-5056Aaa FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES (Gemma & Others) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited these fees by enactment of an ordinance. Municipal Government

H-5069 UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE (Brien & Others) This act, known as the "Unborn Victims of Violence Act", would delineate crimes and impose penalties for violence to an unborn child. Judiciary

H-5070 ASSAULT UPON A PREGNANT WOMAN (Brien & Others) This act would make an assault upon a pregnant woman causing her to suffer a miscarriage or stillbirth punishable by up to 30 years imprisonment, and if the fetus is determined to be 12 weeks or older punishable by life in prison. Judiciary

H-5074Aaa RULES OF THE ROAD (Gemma & Others) This act would create the motor vehicle offense of unsafe passing of a person operating a bicycle, and sets up criteria to which motor vehicle drivers must adhere. Judiciary

H-5098 CAPITOL POLICE (Carter) This act would grant capitol police officers broadened authority including the power to arrest persons for violations of city/town ordinances. Judiciary

H-5108 RACIAL PROFILING PREVENTION (Almeida & Others) This act would amend the law banning racial profiling in traffic stops by state and municipal law enforcement agencies by fine tuning the system requiring law enforcement agencies to collect data and complete regular reports of findings and statistics regarding traffic stops. It would also add a new provision to Chapter 14-1 of the general laws ("Proceedings in Family Court") governing the search of juveniles without a warrant. Judiciary

H-5109 BREAKING AND ENTERING (Melo & Others) This act would provide for increased penalties if breaking and entering is committed when there is someone within the premises, and would require mandatory jail sentences if an occupant of the premises is assaulted during the break-in. Judiciary

H-5120 FIRE ALARMS (Gallison & Others) This act would make the following actions illegal: Failure to evacuate a building when a fire alarm is activated; tampering with fire protection equipment; and accessing fire alarm panels if not fire department personnel or a licensed individual. Judiciary

H-5134 CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS (Walsh & Others) This act would require the electronic recording of custodial interrogations in their entirety in cases when the potential sentence is one of life imprisonment. Judiciary

H-5172 POLITICAL SURVEILLANCE (Driver & Others) This act would require that state and municipal law enforcement agencies neither collect nor maintain information about political, religious or social views, and associations or activities of anyone unless there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the subject of the information is involved in criminal conduct, and the information directly relates to the investigation of that criminal activity. Judiciary

H-5198 USE OF CELL PHONES (McNamara & Malik) This act would prohibit a minor, while operating a motor vehicle, from using any electronic wireless communication device that sends, reads or writes a text message. Corporations

H-5219 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Edwards & Others) This act would require sexual offender registration and public notification upon conviction regardless of the status of any appeal. In the event a conviction is reversed, there would be public notification that such conviction was reversed on appeal, and said individual would be removed from any public notification list. Judiciary

H-5220 **DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** (Diaz & Others) This act would require that sellers of drug paraphernalia verify that the purchaser is at least 18 years of age. Included under the definition of drug paraphernalia would be cigar “blunts” and rolling papers. Judiciary

H-5221 **RHODE ISLAND DUPLICATE LICENSES** (Gablinske & Others) This act would make it unlawful for retail liquor license holders to refuse to accept a valid Rhode Island duplicate license for purposes of serving alcohol. Judiciary

H-5222 **DNA DETECTION** (A. Rice & Others) This act would add felony arrestees to the list of offenders who must submit a DNA sample under the “DNA Detection of Sexual and Violent Offenders” chapter of the general laws. The DNA information would be purged and destroyed if the person is not convicted of the crime that caused the DNA sample to be taken. Judiciary

H-5224 **FETAL PROTECTION ACT** (Schadone & Others) This act would establish the “Fetal Protection Act” which would define and impose penalties for violence to an unborn child. Judiciary

H-5225 **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE** (Schadone & Others) This act would make it a felony to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor or drugs with a passenger under the age of 16. Judiciary

H-5241 **INATTENTIVE DRIVING** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would create a secondary motor vehicle offense of inattentive driving which occurs simultaneously to the commission of a primary moving violation. Corporations

H-5242 **MOBILE TELEPHONE USE** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would make it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle or bicycle while using a mobile telephone that is not equipped with a hands-free device to engage in a call. Corporations

H-5251 **POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS INJURED ON DUTY** (Gemma & Others) This act would allow firefighters and police officers who are wholly or partially incapacitated by reason of injuries or sickness contracted in the performance of their duties to receive 80% of their salaries or wages together with benefits; a reduction from the currently allowed full salary or wages. Finance

H-5253 **SENIOR CITIZEN ALERT** (Ajello & Others) This act would expand the scope of the “Senior Citizen Alert Program” to also include persons with a diagnosis of dementia. H.E.W.

H-5254 **PROSTITUTION AND LEWDNESS** (DaSilva & Others) This act would define the crime of prostitution including within business establishments. It would also create penalties for maintaining a brothel and for solicitation. Judiciary

H-5287 **NURSING HOME PATIENTS** (Palumbo & Others) This act would require nursing home administrators to report abuse of residents to the state police or the police department of the municipality in which the abuse occurred. H.E.W.

H-5289aa **ALCOHOL BOATING SAFETY** (Gallison & Others) This act would potentially significantly increase the penalties for persons under the age of 21 who operate a watercraft while under the influence of intoxicating liquor as well as changing the evidence of intoxication to .02% or more for persons under 21 years of age. Judiciary

H-5298 **TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT** (Palumbo & Others) This act would create the "Rhode Island Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act of 2009" which would enact various laws designed to require state agencies and local municipalities to cooperate with federal immigration authorities in enforcing federal immigration laws, and would amend various existing state statutes relative to eligibility for drivers licenses. Judiciary

H-5303A **TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS** (Vaudreuil & Others) This act would give cities/towns the discretion to have sums deducted from benefits payable to police officers and firefighters due to line of duty illness or injury if temporary disability insurance benefits were also received. However, if they are also unable to perform the duties of their second job, they would still be eligible to receive temporary disability insurance benefits if available through that job. Labor

H-5321 **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Kilmartin) This act would permit any person who is required to register or verify an address under the sex offender registration and community notification provisions, and who has owned and resided in a residential property, to remain there notwithstanding the fact that the home is located within 300 ft. of a school, provided that the person owned and lived in the home prior to July 2, 2008. Judiciary

H-5325 **IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY** (Ajello & Others) This act would amend the law granting immunity from liability for administration of CPR or automated external defibrillation in an emergency situation by removing the provision that this immunity would only apply to persons who have been trained according to certain standards. Judiciary

H-5330 **MOTORCYCLES** (Menard) This act would prohibit the removal of a motorcycle muffler baffle. Judiciary

H-5350 **INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE** (DaSilva & Others) This act would provide services and protections to victims of human trafficking including additional responsibilities for and training by local law enforcement agency personnel. Finance

H-5359A **MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (Slater & Others) This act would make various changes to the "Medical Marijuana Act", including the creation and regulation of compassion centers which purposes are to aid qualifying patients and their registered primary caregivers with respect to the dispensing of marijuana and the supplying of educational materials. It would also set up a procedure for the issuance of identification cards to qualifying patients and primary caregivers. H.E.W.

[H-5360Aaa](#) **FIRE DEPARTMENTS: NFPA 1500** (Gallison & Others) This act would amend the process by which fire departments implement the requirements of NFPA 1500. It also would amend the composition of the NFPA 1500 Implementation Plan Review Committee. H.E.W.

[H-5362](#) **WEAPONS** (Segal & Driver) This act would make it unlawful to manufacture, distribute, transport or sell "antipersonnel mines", "cluster munitions", or "explosive submunitions". Judiciary

[H-5365](#) **CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would create a new chapter within Title 11 entitled "Government Integrity and Public Accountability Act of 2009" that punishes the theft of honest services. This act also would extend the statute of limitations to 10 years for violations of this new chapter and section 11-41-27 – "Wrongful Conversion by Officer or State or Municipal Employee". Judiciary

[H-5377](#) **NON-ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW** (Segal & Others) This act would prohibit state and local law enforcement authorities from inquiring as to the immigration status of any person, whether witness or arrestee, unless the arrestee was arrested for a felony, and the arresting officer or agency has reasonable grounds to believe that the person's status is a violation of immigration law. Judiciary

[H-5432](#) **HATE CRIMES** (Ajello & Others) This act would add crimes based on gender identity or expression to the list of hate crimes which are monitored by the State Police. Judiciary

[H-5465](#) **CHILDREN: TOBACCO PRODUCTS** (Diaz & Others) This act would prohibit sales of tobacco products to persons under the age of 21, raising the present prohibition of under the age of 18. Finance

[H-5477](#) **MUNICIPAL COURTS** (Ucci & Others) This act would require municipal courts to assess a hearing fee in the amount of \$50.00, an increase to the current fee of \$35.00, and it would amend the schedule of violations by increasing the fines imposed for various traffic offenses. Finance

[H-5502](#) **GRATUITOUS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE** (Ferri & Others) This act would grant immunity from liability for gratuitous emergency assistance to federally credentialed physician assistants, and would allow physician assistants to participate in disaster and emergency care with such physician supervision as is available or without physician supervision if none is available. Judiciary

[H-5524](#) **BRENDAN'S LAW** (Giannini & Others) This act would amend the definition of second degree child abuse by eliminating the word "serious" as it pertains to physical injury. The law would be further amended by including willful or reckless conduct by a caretaker that exposes a child to the risk of serious bodily injury or death. Judiciary

H-5558 **CRIMINAL STREET GANG ENHANCEMENT** (Carnevale & Others) This act would establish a sentence enhancement for those who commit misdemeanors or felonies for the benefit, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street gang or criminal street gang member. Judiciary

H-5604 **TEXT MESSAGING** (McCauley) This act would prohibit a motor vehicle operator from using any electronic wireless communication device to send, read, or write a text message while driving. Corporations

H-5658 **R.I. NATIONAL GUARD: FORFEITURE OF MONEY AND ASSETS** (Sullivan & Others) This act would allow the Rhode Island National Guard to participate in the forfeiture of money and assets seized through counterdrug operations in which members of the National Guard support federal, state or municipal efforts. Judiciary

H-5660 **UNATTENDED CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES** (Giannini & Others) This act would make leaving a child under 12 years of age unattended in a motor vehicle a crime, and also would make it a crime to allow a child under 8 years of age to be locked or confined in a building or dwelling when the person charged with care is absent. Judiciary

H-5661A **INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE** (Giannini & Others) This act would establish a new section of the general laws – 11-67-6 entitled “Sex Trafficking of a Minor”. It would make trafficking of a minor for communal sex acts a felony with punishments varying dependent upon the age of the minor. Judiciary

H-5663 **SOLICITING FROM MOTOR VEHICLES** (Giannini & Others) This act would make solicitation from motor vehicles of a person under the age of 18 for indecent purposes a felony punishable by up to 2 years imprisonment. Judiciary

H-5671 **R.I. NATIONAL GUARD: FORFEITURE OF MONEY AND ASSETS** (Carter & Others) This act would allow the Rhode Island National Guard to participate in the forfeiture of money and assets seized through counterdrug operations in which members of the National Guard support federal, state or municipal efforts. Judiciary

H-5710 **SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL REALIGNMENT COMMISSIONS** (Ehrhardt) This act would establish the Rhode Island School Realignment Commission and the Rhode Island Municipal Public Safety and Public Works Realignment Commission. These commissions would recommend certain efficiencies including the creation of cost-saving regional service centers. Finance

H-5726 **NATURAL GAS EMERGENCIES** (Handy & Almeida) This act would require that all natural gas emergency cases be reported to a dispatch office located in Rhode Island staffed by professionally trained gas dispatchers. H.E.W.

H-5728 WOOD BURNING STOVES (Handy & Others) This act would require the phase-out of wood stoves without Environmental Protection Agency certification in densely populated residential areas. Local fire authorities would have the responsibility to inspect wood stoves for an EPA certification label, and issue notices of violations with copies sent to local law enforcement authorities. H.E.W.

H-5731 BREAKING AND ENTERING (Mattiello & Others) This act would expand the scope of the crime of breaking and entering to include breaking into automobiles, cargo-vans, minivans, pick-up trucks, recreational vehicles and passenger cabs. Judiciary

H-5732 MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Lally) This act would establish that Traffic Tribunal and municipal court judges have the ability to impose not only monetary penalties for traffic violations, but also other sanctions including license suspension and community service for motorists under the age of twenty. Judiciary

H-5733 WEAPONS (Driver & Others) This act would repeal the provision of the law which criminalizes the sale of weapons other than firearms to persons under the age of 18 without written authorization from parent or legal guardian. Judiciary

H-5737 SEXUAL ASSAULT PROTECTIVE ORDERS (Ajello & Others) This act would create the parameters relative to sexual assault protective orders, including forms for such orders, penalties, notification of law enforcement agencies and methods of service. Judiciary

H-5743 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Palumbo & Others) This act would require any person who is a landlord and is by law required to register as a sex offender to disclose the status as a sex offender in the lease. Judiciary

H-5748 COMPUTER CRIME (Watson) This act would include within the crimes of cyberstalking and cyberharassment the posting of any information on a website or network for the purpose of harassing persons or their families. It would also eliminate the requirement that the prohibited communication be part of a course of conduct. Judiciary

H-5749A SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Palumbo) This act would require convicted sex offenders to be monitored by the Department of Corrections through a global positioning system when released from incarceration in cases when risk re-offense level has yet to be determined or is pending, or if the determination of their risk re-offense level is under appeal. It would also deem it sufficient probable cause for the police to enforce court orders or parole restrictions if the offender is found to have been loitering for such a prolonged period as to be merely traversing the prescribed area. Judiciary

H-5750 **REGULATED METALS** (Watson) This act would establish a new chapter of the general laws entitled "Purchase and Sale of Regulated Metals", but would be known as the Copper Theft Prevention Act. It would require all businesses involved in the selling or recycling of regulated metals to obtain a license from the Department of Attorney General. The licensee would be required to complete report forms for all transactions. These forms would be delivered or mailed weekly to the chief of police of the city/town in which the business is located and to the Attorney General. Judiciary

H-5786A **CHILD RESTRAINTS** (Watson) This act would qualify Rhode Island to receive federal funds under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users. In order to qualify for a grant under SAFETEA-LU, the state must have a restraint law that covers children up to age 8, as opposed to the current age of 7. Finance

H-5798Aaa **STROKE PREVENTION** (Naughton & Others) This act would create the "Stroke Prevention and Treatment Act of 2009". Under this act the Department of Health would provide to each licensed emergency medical service a list of primary stroke centers, distribute a nationally recognized standardized assessment tool, and establish pre-hospital care protocols. H.E.W.

H-5807 **R.I. NATIONAL GUARD: FORFEITURE OF MONEY AND ASSETS** (Carter & Watson) This act would allow the Rhode Island National Guard to participate in the forfeiture of money and assets seized through counterdrug operations in which members of the National Guard support federal, state or municipal efforts. Judiciary

H-5808 **WEAPONS** (Watson) This act would create a new section under the "Weapons" chapter of the general laws. It would deal with crimes involving hoax devices or hoax substances that are used to cause anxiety or fear. Judiciary

H-5810 **INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS** (Savage) This act would give the State Police and local law enforcement agencies administrative subpoena power to acquire information from "Internet service providers". Judiciary

H-5856 **WEAPONS** (Walsh) This act would prohibit cities/towns from providing the name, address or date of birth of any person who has applied for a license or permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver. Judiciary

H-5857 **WEAPONS** (Walsh) This act would prohibit individuals from wearing or carrying concealed upon their persons any instrument or weapon of the kind commonly known as a billy, bludgeon, baton, stun gun or any razor or knife of any description having a blade of more than 3 inches in length. Judiciary

H-5858 **AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SPEED ENFORCEMENT** (McCauley) This act would authorize municipalities to operate a system to issue speeding violations using automated traffic speed enforcement. Judiciary

H-5862 **WEAPONS** (Walsh) This act would exempt from the application and 7 day waiting period requirement for the sale of rifles and shotguns a person who is exchanging a functional rifle or shotgun as part of or as the entire purchase price of another rifle or shotgun. Judiciary

H-5863 **WEAPONS** (Walsh) This act would exempt retired police officers and those persons issued protective orders due to domestic assault or abuse situations from the weapons safety requirements of section 11-47-35 of the general laws. Judiciary

H-5864 **WEAPONS** (Walsh) This act would exempt any person who at the time of purchase is exchanging a functional concealable firearm as part of or as the entire purchase price of another concealable firearm from the requirement of obtaining a basic pistol/revolver safety certificate. Judiciary

H-5865 **WEAPONS** (Walsh) This act would expand the scope of the general law section governing issuance of licenses or permits to carry a pistol or revolver to include people who have been issued protective orders due to domestic assault and abuse, and would require that the permits be delivered to applicants within 10 business days, except for people with protective orders, in which case the permits must be delivered within 3 days. Judiciary

H-5875 **FORFEITED FIREARMS** (MacBeth & Others) This act would allow police departments that have custody of confiscated firearms the option of keeping the seized weapons for their own use. It would also expand the ability of the police department to conduct auctions for sale of these firearms. Judiciary

H-5876 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Loughlin & Newberry) This act would require that a person who is subject to sexual offender community notification in another state who moves or returns to Rhode Island would be subject to sexual offender community notification in this state at the same level of notification as in the state where the offense was committed. Judiciary

H-5918 **OIL SPILL PREVENTION** (Almeida) This act would require the director of the "Oil Spill Prevention, Administration and Response Fund" to appropriate monies both to obtain items necessary to provide for statewide firefighter training for flammable liquid fires, and to maintain the foam training simulator so as to provide for large scale firefighter foam training and drills. Finance

H-5930 **MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES** (Baldelli-Hunt & Others) This act would increase the penalties for those convicted of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs resulting in either death or serious bodily injury, and establish a new criminal offense of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs resulting in personal injury. Judiciary

H-5932 **DISABILITY PARKING SIGNS** (Ucci & Others) This act would require that disability parking signs contain the words "report violators", as well as the non-emergency telephone number of the local police department. Judiciary

H-5984 FIREFIGHTER PLATES (Williamson) This act would provide for the issuance of a special motor vehicle registration plate to all active and retired IAFF firefighters for any vehicle having a gross weight of less than 10,000 lbs. Constituent Services

H-6055 HOMICIDE BY MOTOR VEHICLE (Pacheco) This act would establish the crime of homicide by motor vehicle for motor vehicle violations that cause the death of another person. Judiciary

H-6096 INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (Almeida & Others) This act would create the interoperable communications committee (ICC) within the Emergency Management Agency which would provide for a statewide interoperable communications system. The system is to be installed, operated and maintained in cities/towns and entities which have organized systems. Corporations

H-6118 WEAPONS (Diaz & Slater) This act would make it unlawful for any person to knowingly receive, transport or possess any firearm on which the importer's or manufacturer's serial number has been tampered, but would exempt antique and collectible weapons legally possessed by collectors and dealers. It would also make the mere possession of a firearm by minors unlawful unless they hold a valid permit, and are in the presence of a parent, guardian or supervising adult. This act would also establish criminal penalties for the unlawful discharge of a firearm on school grounds. Judiciary

H-6165 IDENTITY OF POLICE OFFICER (Vaudreuil & Others) This act would prohibit the release of the identity of a police officer involved in a deadly force incident until the culmination of a grand jury proceeding. Judiciary

H-6210A INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS (Martin & Others) This act would allow law enforcement agencies and the Attorney General administrative subpoena power to obtain information from "Internet service providers" relative to the distribution or storage of child pornography, as well as the exploitation of children or online child enticement. Judiciary

H-6215 DRIVERS' LICENSES (Serpa & Others) This act would make it a felony for any person to operate any vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, when the license to operate is suspended, revoked or cancelled for operating under the influence of a narcotic drug or intoxicating liquor. This act would also require the sentencing court to order alcohol and/or drug treatment for the individual. Judiciary

H-6242A SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Mattiello & Others) This act would make it a felony for persons to knowingly set foot in a playground, day care establishment, or public or private educational institution when they have been convicted of first or second degree child molestation, and are required to register as sex offenders. Judiciary

H-6247 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Mattiello & Others) This act would require the state to reimburse any local community for the costs associated with community notification requirements whenever an individual subject to these notification requirements is housed on state-owned property. Judiciary

H-6254 **SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT** (Serpa & Others) This act would amend the provisions regarding procedures governing the prosecution of the “School Bus Safety Enforcement” chapter of the general laws. Specifically, the act clarifies the procedures to be used against the owner of a vehicle alleged to have failed to stop or to have passed a school bus when such allegation is based upon evidence obtained from a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system. Finance

H-6280 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Mattiello) This act would provide that no more than 2 unrelated persons who have been identified as either tier 2 or tier 3 level sex offenders would be permitted to reside in a homeless shelter during any 24 hour period. Judiciary

H-6305 **SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT** (O’Neill & Others) This act would amend the provisions regarding procedures governing the prosecution of the “School Bus Safety Enforcement” chapter of the general laws. Specifically, the act clarifies the procedures to be used against the owner of a vehicle alleged to have failed to stop or to have passed a school bus when the allegation is based upon evidence obtained from a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system. Finance

H-6337 **TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COUNCIL** (Pacheco) This act would create a Transportation Review Council, of which the Lieutenant Governor would serve as chairperson. Among its required duties would be the reviewing of the plans and operations of the various cities/towns for emergency transportation preparedness. Constituent Services

S-7 **PROSTITUTION AND LEWDNESS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would define the crime of prostitution to include any location, would create punishments for individuals who attempt to procure the services of a prostitute, and would define the crime of permitting prostitution within premises that an individual has possession or control over. Judiciary

S-8 **TEXT MESSAGING** (Tassoni & Others) This act would prohibit a motor vehicle operator from using a “wireless handset” to compose, read, or send text messages while driving. Judiciary

S-27 **FIREFIGHTER PLATES** (Felag) This act would allow special motor vehicle registration plates for firefighters to be issued for trucks that are owned by an individual firefighter and are not used for business/commercial purposes. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-37 **INVESTIGATIVE COSTS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require any person who enters a plea or is found guilty after trial to pay, as part of the sentence, the investigating agencies’ actual costs in investigating and prosecuting the individual including the investigative costs incurred by a law enforcement agency and by fire departments for arson investigations. Judiciary

S-56 **NURSING HOME PATIENTS** (Lanzi) This act would require nursing home administrators to report abuse of residents to the state police or the police department of the municipality in which the abuse occurred. Health & Human Services

S-77 **PROPERTY HELD BY POLICE DEPARTMENTS** (Fogarty & Others) This act would provide that police departments or local drug control divisions would be allowed to keep confiscated property, and any income derived from such property would be used for police related community functions, to replace stolen property, or for law enforcement purposes. Finance

S-128aa **TRAFFICKING IN DEXTROMETHORPHAN** (Blais) This act would make possession of one gram or more of pure dextromethorphan by a person other than a medical facility, medical practitioner, pharmacist or licensed pharmacy, and a registrant under section 510 of the "Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act" a drug violation. Health & Human Services

S-140 **SENIOR CITIZEN ALERT** (Perry & Others) This act would expand the scope of the "Senior Citizen Alert Program" to also include persons with a diagnosis of dementia. Judiciary

S-145A **EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS** (Walaska) This act would repeal the current law relating to the sale, use or possession of fireworks and explosives, and creates new language by adding sections concerning destructive devices and components of destructive devices. Judiciary

S-153 **POLITICAL SURVEILLANCE** (Levesque & Others) This act would require that state and municipal law enforcement agencies neither collect nor maintain information about political, religious or social views, and associations or activities of anyone unless there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the subject of the information is involved in criminal conduct, and the information directly relates to the investigation of that criminal activity. Judiciary

S-155 **RACIAL PROFILING PREVENTION** (Perry & Others) This act would amend the law banning racial profiling in traffic stops by state and municipal law enforcement agencies by fine tuning the system requiring law enforcement agencies to collect data and complete regular reports of findings and statistics regarding traffic stops. It would also add a new provision to Chapter 14-1 of the general laws ("Proceedings in Family Court") governing the search of juveniles without a warrant. Judiciary

S-185aa **MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (Perry & Others) This act would make various changes to the "Medical Marijuana Act", including the creation and regulation of compassion centers which purposes are to aid qualifying patients and their registered primary caregivers with respect to the dispensing of marijuana and the supplying of educational materials. It would also set up a procedure for the issuance of identification cards to qualifying patients and primary caregivers. Health & Human Services

S-202 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: MINORS (Sosnowski & Others) This act would make it a felony when death or serious injury occurs as the result of a minor consuming alcoholic beverages which have been furnished or purchased by an adult for underage persons. Judiciary

S-204A TEXT MESSAGING (Sosnowski & Others) This act would make it unlawful for a person to use a wireless handset to compose, read or send text messages while operating a motor vehicle on any public highway within Rhode Island. Judiciary

S-208 CHILDREN: TOBACCO PRODUCTS (Sosnowski & Others) This act would prohibit sales of tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age, raising the present prohibition of under 18 years of age. Judiciary

S-209 SECONDHAND SMOKE (Sosnowski & Others) This act would create the "Rhode Island Protection From Secondhand Smoke For Children Act of 2009" that prohibits smoking in any vehicle in which a child is required to be restrained in a child passenger safety seat. Judiciary

S-212 CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS (Levesque) This act would require the electronic recording of custodial interrogations in their entirety in cases when the potential sentence is one of life imprisonment. Judiciary

S-213 IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Levesque) This act would establish procedures for identification lineups in criminal investigations, specifically including requirements of photographing or otherwise recording the identification, as well as other protective procedural measures. It would also establish an improvement of lineup procedures task force. Judiciary

S-214 REHABILITATION, RE-ENTRY AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT OF 2009 (Levesque) This act would allow a person convicted of a crime to petition the court for the issuance of a "certificate of rehabilitation". This certificate would enable those who have successfully completed their court imposed sentences to more easily gain reentry into society. Judiciary

S-248 GRATUITOUS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (Levesque) This act would grant immunity from liability for gratuitous emergency assistance to federally-credentialed physician assistants, and would allow physician assistants to participate in disaster and emergency care with any such physician supervision as is available or without physician supervision if none is available. Judiciary

S-262 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Felag & Others) This act would require sexual offender registration and public notification upon conviction regardless of the status of any appeal. In the event a conviction is reversed there would be public notification that such conviction was reversed on appeal, and the individual would be removed from any public notification list. Judiciary

S-263 **DRIVERS' LICENSES** (Raptakis & Others) This act would require that the license plates of a vehicle be confiscated by the arresting officer if the owner was arrested for driving with a license that was suspended, revoked or cancelled for refusing to submit to a chemical test. Judiciary

S-264 **MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES** (Raptakis & Others) This act would increase the penalties for those convicted of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs resulting in either death or serious bodily injury, and establish a new criminal offense of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs resulting in personal injury. Judiciary

S-269A **DRIVERS' LICENSES** (Raptakis & Others) This act would make it a felony for any person to operate any vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, when the license to operate is suspended, revoked or cancelled for operating under the influence of a narcotic drug or intoxicating liquor. This act would also require the sentencing court to order alcohol and/or drug treatment for the individual. Judiciary

S-272 **DRUG OR ALCOHOL TEST** (Doyle & Others) This act would create the misdemeanor criminal offense of "defrauding the administration of a drug or alcohol test". It would also be an offense to sell or manufacture instruments, tools, devices or substances designed to defraud the administration of a drug or alcohol test. Judiciary

S-287 **FIREFIGHTER PLATES** (Goodwin) This act would provide for the issuance of a special motor vehicle registration plate to all active and retired IAFF firefighters for any vehicle having a gross weight of less than 10,000 lbs. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-288 **NATURAL GAS EMERGENCIES** (Cicccone & Tassoni) This act would require that all natural gas emergency cases be reported to a dispatch office located in Rhode Island staffed by professionally trained gas dispatchers. Corporations

S-308 **MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (Blais) This act would amend the "Medical Marijuana Act". Firstly, it would further limit locations where marijuana may be smoked, and it would also impose the requirement that the Department of Health notify state and local law enforcement of the names and addresses of qualified patients and caregivers. Health & Human Services

S-320 **STATE MARIJUANA POLICY** (Blais) This act would decriminalize the possession of one ounce or less of marijuana, and provide for civil penalties. Offenders under the age of 18 would be required to complete a drug awareness program and perform community service. Judiciary

S-326 **BRENDAN'S LAW** (Lanzi & Others) This act would amend the definition of second degree child abuse by eliminating the word "serious" as it pertains to physical injury. The law would be further amended by including willful or reckless conduct by a caretaker that exposes a child to the risk of serious bodily injury or death. Judiciary

S-360 **WEAPONS** (Blais & Maselli) This act would exempt retired police officers and those persons issued protective orders due to domestic assault or abuse situations from the weapons safety requirements of section 11-47-35 of the general laws. Judiciary

S-362 **CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST** (Ciccone & Others) This act would create a new chapter within Title 11 entitled "Government Integrity and Public Accountability Act of 2009" that punishes the theft of honest services. This act would also extend the statute of limitations to 10 years for violations of this new chapter and section 11-41-27 – "Wrongful Conversion by Officer or State or Municipal Employee". Judiciary

S-364 **WEAPONS** (Blais & Maselli) This act would exempt any person who at the time of purchase is exchanging a functional concealable firearm as part of or as the entire purchase price of another concealable firearm from the requirement of obtaining a basic pistol/revolver safety certificate. Judiciary

S-365 **WEAPONS** (Blais & Maselli) This act would exempt from the application and 7 day waiting period requirement for the sale of rifles and shotguns a person who is exchanging a functional rifle or shotgun as part of or as the entire purchase price of another rifle or shotgun. Judiciary

S-367 **WEAPONS** (Blais & Maselli) This act would prohibit persons from wearing or carrying concealed upon their persons any instrument or weapon of the kind commonly known as billy, bludgeon, baton, stungun or any razor or knife of any description having a blade of more than 3 inches in length. Judiciary

S-368 **WEAPONS** (Blais & Maselli) This act would expand the scope of the general law section governing issuance of licenses or permits to carry a pistol or revolver to include people who have been issued protective orders due to domestic assault and abuse, and would require that the permits be delivered to applicants within 10 business days, except for people with protective orders, in which case the permits must be delivered within 3 days. Judiciary

S-370 **WEAPONS** (Blais & Maselli) This act would prohibit cities/towns from providing the name, address or date of birth of any person who has applied for a license or permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver. Judiciary

S-375 **BREAKING AND ENTERING** (Maselli & Others) This act would expand the scope of the crime of breaking and entering to include breaking into automobiles, cargo-vans, minivans, pick-up trucks, recreational vehicles and passenger cabs. Judiciary

S-377 **CRIMINAL STREET GANG ENHANCEMENT** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would establish a sentence enhancement for those who commit misdemeanors or felonies for the benefit, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street gang or criminal street gang member. Judiciary

S-380 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Doyle & Others) This act would require any person having a duty to register as a sex offender, who has temporarily resided in this state for a period of 14 days, to register by appearing in person within 24 hours at the local law enforcement agency in the city/town in which they reside. Judiciary

S-382 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Doyle & Others) This act would require sexual offender registration and public notification upon conviction regardless of the status of any appeal. In the event a conviction is reversed, there would be public notification that such conviction was reversed on appeal, and the individual would be removed from any public notification list. Judiciary

S-388 **OIL SPILL PREVENTION** (Maselli) This act would require the director of the "Oil Spill Prevention, Administration and Response Fund" to appropriate monies both to obtain items necessary to provide for statewide firefighter training for flammable liquid fires, and to maintain the foam training simulator so as to provide for large scale firefighting foam training and drills. Corporations

S-416 **SEARCH WARRANTS: MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would allow a peace officer to request a search warrant which would allow the taking of blood, breath or urine, or the performance of a chemical test if probable cause exists to believe that an individual has been driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics. Judiciary

S-423A **MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would increase the penalties for those convicted of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs resulting in either death or serious bodily injury, and establish a new criminal offense of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs resulting in personal injury. Judiciary

S-432 **WEAPONS** (Metts & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any person to knowingly receive, transport or possess any firearm on which the importer's or manufacturer's serial number has been tampered, but would exempt antique and collectible weapons legally possessed by collectors and dealers. It would also make the mere possession of a firearm by minors unlawful unless they hold a valid permit, and are in the presence of a parent, guardian or supervising adult. This act would also establish criminal penalties for the unlawful discharge of a firearm on school grounds. Judiciary

S-433 **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would create the offense of distributing a controlled substance to someone without their knowledge with the intent to commit a crime of violence against that person. Judiciary

S-434 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Doyle & Algieri) This act would require convicted sex offenders to be monitored through a global positioning system placed on the offenders by the Department of Corrections when released from incarceration, if either their risk re-offense level is pending or if the determination of their risk re-offense level is under appeal. Judiciary

S-489 WOOD BURNING STOVES (Jabour & Others) This act would require the phase-out of wood stoves without Environmental Protection Agency certification in densely populated residential areas. Local fire authorities would have the responsibility to inspect wood stoves for an EPA certification label, and issue notices of violations with copies sent to local law enforcement authorities. Environment & Agriculture

S-503 POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS INJURED ON DUTY (Blais) This act would allow firefighters and police officers who are wholly or partially incapacitated by reason of injuries or sickness contracted in the performance of their duties to receive 80% of their salaries or wages together with benefits; a reduction from the currently allowed full salary or wages. Finance

S-566 COMPUTER CRIME (Blais & Tassoni) This act would include within the crimes of cyberstalking and cyberharassment the posting of any information on a website or network for the purpose of harassing a person or his/her family. It would also eliminate the requirement that the prohibited communication be part of a course of conduct. Judiciary

S-572 SEXUAL ASSAULT PROTECTIVE ORDERS (Perry & Others) This act would create parameters relative to sexual assault protective orders, including forms for such orders, penalties, notification of law enforcement agencies, and methods of service. Judiciary

S-582 DRUG PARAPHERNALIA (Miller) This act would require that sellers of drug paraphernalia verify that the purchaser is at least 18 years of age. Included under the definition of drug paraphernalia would be cigar "blunts" and rolling papers. Judiciary

S-590 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Algiere & Blais) This act would require that a person who is subject to sexual offender community notification in another state who moves or returns to Rhode Island would be subject to sexual offender community notification in this state at the same level of notification as in the state where the offense was committed. Judiciary

S-591A CHILD RESTRAINTS (Bates) This act would qualify Rhode Island to receive federal funds under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users. In order to qualify for a grant under SAFETEA-LU, the state must have a restraint law that covers children up to age 8, as opposed to the current age of 7. Judiciary

S-593 WEAPONS (Blais) This act would create a new section under the "Weapons" chapter of the general laws. It would deal with crimes involving hoax devices or hoax substances that are used to cause anxiety or fear. Judiciary

S-596A PROSTITUTION AND LEWDNESS (Jabour & Others) This act would repeal Chapter 11-34 of the general laws entitled "Prostitution and Lewdness", and replace it with Chapter 11-34.1 entitled "Commercial Sexual Activity". These changes would define the crime of prostitution to include any location, would create punishments for individuals who attempt to procure the services of a prostitute, and would define the crime of permitting prostitution within premises that an individual has possession of or control over. Judiciary

S-605Aaa INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE (Perry & Others) This act would amend the provisions regarding human trafficking by broadening the definitions and actions which constitute a felony. It also would increase the penalties for forced labor and involuntary commercial sex acts, expand training of law enforcement officers on human trafficking, and create a trafficking of persons oversight committee. Judiciary

S-614aa MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (McCaffrey) This act would establish that Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal judges, magistrates, and municipal court judges have the ability to impose not only monetary penalties, but other sanctions including license suspension and community service for motorists under the age of 20. Judiciary

S-631 TOWING (Ruggerio & Others) This act would require that a vehicle being towed on a public highway be registered, unless being towed by a vehicle which is properly registered, and displays a valid registration plate and valid tow truck registration certificate. Housing & Municipal Government

S-634 RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS (Ruggerio & Others) This act would add reserve police officers of any municipal police department to the definition of "peace officer" who shall be permitted to carry firearms while in the performance of their duties. Judiciary

S-680 R.I. NATIONAL GUARD: FORFEITURE OF MONEY AND ASSETS (Algiere & Bates) This act would allow the Rhode Island National Guard to participate in the forfeiture of money and assets seized through counterdrug operations in which members of the National Guard support federal, state or municipal efforts. Finance

S-712 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS (Algiere) This act would give the State Police and local law enforcement agencies administrative subpoena power to acquire information from "Internet service providers". Judiciary

S-714 REGULATED METALS (Blais & Connors) This act would establish a new chapter of the general laws entitled "Purchase and Sale of Regulated Metals", but would be known as the Copper Theft Prevention Act. It would require all businesses involved in the selling or recycling of regulated metals to obtain a license from the Department of Attorney General. The licensee would be required to complete report forms for all transactions. These forms would be delivered or mailed weekly to the chief of police of the city/town in which the business is located and to the Attorney General. Judiciary

S-752A STROKE PREVENTION (Doyle & Others) This act would create the "Stroke Prevention and Treatment Act of 2009". Under this act the Department of Health would provide to each licensed emergency medical service a list of primary stroke centers, distribute a nationally recognized standardized assessment tool, and establish pre-hospital care protocols. Health & Human Services

S-762 IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE IN CRIME FIGHTING (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish the "Immigrant Assistance in Crime Fighting Act" to promote the safety and health of all residents by making it more likely that immigrants will report violations of state and local law by prohibiting law enforcement agencies from inquiring into the immigration status of the complainant or witness. Judiciary

S-773 R.I. NATIONAL GUARD: FORFEITURE OF MONEY AND ASSETS (Tassoni) This act would allow the Rhode Island National Guard to participate in the forfeiture of money and assets seized through counterdrug operations in which members of the National Guard support federal, state or municipal efforts. Finance

S-799 SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL REALIGNMENT COMMISSIONS (Blais) This act would establish the Rhode Island School Realignment Commission and the Rhode Island Municipal Public Safety and Public Works Realignment Commission. These commissions would recommend certain efficiencies including the creation of cost-sharing regional service centers. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-808 FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES (Doyle & Others) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited these fees by enactment of an ordinance. Finance

S-907 IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY (Doyle & Others) This act would amend the law granting immunity from liability for administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation or automated external defibrillation in an emergency situation by removing the provision that this immunity would apply only to persons who have been trained according to certain standards. Judiciary

S-928 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Gallo & Others) This act would require the state to reimburse any local community for the costs associated with community notification requirements when an individual subject to these notification requirements is housed on state-owned property. Judiciary

S-930A SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Gallo & Others) This act would make it a felony for persons to knowingly set foot in a playground, day care establishment, or public or private educational institution when they have been convicted of first or second degree child molestation, and are required to register as sex offenders. Judiciary

S-970 INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (Algieri) This act would create the Interoperable Communications Committee (ICC) within the Emergency Management Agency which would provide for a statewide interoperable communications system. The system is to be installed, operated and maintained in cities/towns and entities which have organized systems. Finance

S-992 REGULATED METALS (Crowley & Blais) This act would establish a new chapter of the general laws entitled "Purchase and Sale of Regulated Metals", but would be known as the Copper Theft Prevention Act. It would require all businesses involved in the selling or recycling of regulated metals to obtain a license from the Department of Attorney General. The licensee would be required to complete report forms for all transactions, which forms would be delivered or mailed weekly to the chief of police of the city/town in which the business is located and to the Attorney General. Judiciary

S-1018 ADJUDICATION OF SUMMONSES (DaPonte & Others) This act would specify the assessment of a \$35.00 hearing fee per citation for each guilty plea or finding of guilty of a traffic offense or violation. It would be assessed by both municipal courts and the traffic tribunal. Judiciary

S-1032 MARIJUANA (Miller & Others) This resolution would create a special senate commission to study the prohibition of marijuana. Read and Passed

RETIREMENT

H-5100 COLA BENEFITS (Gallison & Others) This act would disqualify state and municipal/public employees who participate in the state retirement system under Titles 16, 36 and 45 from receiving COLA benefits or cost of living increases if the retiree receives a retirement income of \$100,000 or more. Labor

H-5240 PENSIONS (Williamson) This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the "Special House Commission to Study All Aspects of the State Pension or Retirement System". Read and Passed

H-5476 CITY OR TOWN COUNCIL SERVICE (Marcello & Others) This act would repeal the section of law (45-21-14.1) granting one full retirement credit year for service in excess of 6 months in any one year on a city/town council. Finance

H-5503 OPTIONAL RETIREMENT: POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS (Ucci) This act would amend the provisions for determination by a city/town of a police officer's or firefighter's qualification for an accidental disability retirement by adding job-related illness as a cause of such disability. Labor

H-5549 RELIEF OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Lally & Others) This act would require cities/towns to continue to pay for certain medical expenses upon the retirement of a police officer or firefighter who is wholly or partially incapacitated by reason of a line of duty injury or illness. Finance

H-5634 REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED MEMBERS: POLICE AND FIRE (Fellela & Others) This act would exempt firefighters and police officers from the 75 day rule as it applies to reemployment of retired members of the municipal employees' retirement system. Finance

H-5834 **HEALTH CARE COVERAGE OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES** (Vaudreuil & Others)
This act would permit retired state employees and school teachers who receive at least 90% of the health care benefit subsidized by the state, and are covered by a spouse's health plan to waive the coverage and receive 10% of the total cost of the benefit. Finance

H-5983Aaa **2010 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson & Others)
ART. 7 **PENSION REFORM: TEACHERS' RETIREMENT** This act would affect certain changes for teachers eligible to retire on or after October 1, 2009. It would redefine "average compensation" to mean the average of the highest 5 consecutive years of compensation rather than 3; 62 would become the minimum age of retirement, and a proportional formula to determine actual minimum retirement age would be employed; and also it would implement schedules to determine the amount of retirement allowance. Also, purchase of service credits would be at full actuarial cost. Finance

S-299 **REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED MEMBERS: POLICE AND FIRE** (Blais)
This act would exempt firefighters and police officers from the 75 day rule as it applies to reemployment of retired members of the municipal employees' retirement system. Finance

S-502 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT** (Blais) This act would establish a new chapter of the general laws entitled "Municipal Employees Retirement Act" mandating pension reform for those employees not vested prior to July 1, 2009. This act would also substantively amend various sections of both Chapter 45-21 – "Retirement of Municipal Employees" and Chapter 45-21.2 – "Optional Retirement for Members of Police Force and Firefighters". Also section 45-19-19 would be amended by providing that city/town ordinances would provide for disability retirement allowances for police officers and firefighters of no less than 50% (currently at 66 2/3%) of a retiree's annual salary at the time of retirement. Finance

S-509 **RELIEF OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS** (DiPalma) This act would require cities/towns to continue to pay for certain medical expenses upon the retirement of a police officer or firefighter who is wholly or partially incapacitated by reason of a line of duty injury or illness. Finance

S-627 **OPTIONAL RETIREMENT: POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would amend the provisions for determination by a city/town of a police officer's or firefighter's qualification for an accidental disability by adding job related illness as a cause of such disability. Finance

S-1048 **MUNICIPAL PENSIONS** (DaPonte & Connors) This resolution would create a special senate commission to study municipal pensions. Read and Passed

TOWN & CITY CLERKS

H-5115A **FORECLOSED PROPERTY UPKEEP ACT** (Lima & Others) This act would establish the “Rhode Island Foreclosed Property Upkeep Act” which mandates that the purchaser of a property at foreclosure maintain the property according to the provisions of the housing maintenance and occupancy code. It would also require that the purchaser file a foreclosed property upkeep bond with the city/town clerk’s office at the time the foreclosure deed is recorded. Finance

H-5136aa **PUBLIC RECORDS** (Ajello & Others) This act would amend various sections of the “Access to Public Records Act”. Among its provisions is a requirement that public employee employment contracts are public in their entirety. Also, proposed changes include a reduction of the time period for compliance with or denial of the request for records from 10 business days to 7 business days, the waiver of copying and search fees if there is a failure to produce requested records in a timely manner, and an increase in the amount of fines for either willful or reckless violation. It would also require the identification of a designated public records officer, and the establishment of procedures for making a public records request which must be posted. Judiciary

H-5203 **FISH AND WILDLIFE – LICENSING** (M. Rice & Others) This act would increase the fees for hunting and fishing licenses. It would also create a saltwater fishing license. Finance

H-5249 **WEAPONS: LICENSE OR PERMIT FEE** (Corvese) This act would increase the fee for a weapons license or permit from \$40 to \$100, and would provide that nonresident licenses or permits would be valid for one year only. Finance

H-5256 **ELECTRONIC RECORDING** (Corvese) This act would specifically authorize municipal recorders of deeds to accept electronic documents for recording, to index and store those documents, and to perform various other functions relating to electronic documents. Judiciary

H-5418 **FORECLOSURES** (Segal & Others) This act would impose an immediate 180 day moratorium on foreclosure sales, and initiation of eviction proceedings against tenants in any foreclosed property. Also, during this moratorium period registrars of deeds would not be able to accept for recording a foreclosure deed pursuant to a foreclosure sale. Judiciary

H-5427 **BIRTH CERTIFICATES: ADOPTED PERSONS** (A. Rice & Others) This act would allow adult adoptees or their representatives to obtain an uncertified copy of their original birth certificate. The birth parents will complete a contact preference form and a medical history form which must be attached to the original birth certificate. Judiciary

H-5490 **CONSERVATION EASEMENT** (Lally & Jackson) This act would allow an executor or administrator of an estate to donate a conservation easement on real estate to obtain the benefit of a federal estate tax exclusion, if certain conditions are met. Judiciary

H-5496 **ADOPTION RECORDS** (A. Rice) This act would make various amendments both to general law chapter 15-7.2, including changing its title to "Adoption Information and Voluntary Reunion Registry Act", and to chapter 23-3 entitled "Vital Records", which changes are designed to provide more access for adoptees. Judiciary

H-5575 **PUBLIC RECORDS** (Dennigan & Others) This act would amend the "Access to Public Records Act" by providing that records identifiable to consultants would be public information including names and addresses, amount of remuneration paid, and the time period during which services were provided. Judiciary

H-5686A **PERMITS AND APPROVALS: EXPIRATION PERIODS** (San Bento & Others) This act would toll expiration periods pertaining to any approval or permit issued by the state or local agencies pursuant to certain specified state statutes. The tolling need not be recorded in the land evidence records to be valid, but notice must be posted in the municipal planning department, municipal clerk's office or near the land evidence records. Municipal Government

H-5741 **FORECLOSURE DEEDS** (Almeida & Others) This act would require foreclosure deeds to be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale with the failure to do so rendering the sale null and void. This act would also establish a monthly periodic tenancy subject to the provisions of the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act" for bona fide tenants of a mortgagor. Judiciary

H-5744 **PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY** (Handy & Others) This act would broaden the definition of persons eligible to marry to include persons of the same gender. This act would also provide that members of the clergy would not be required to officiate at any particular marriage. Judiciary

H-5795 **ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANTS** (Malik) This act would establish rules and regulations relating to environmental covenants. All environmental covenants, and any amendment to or termination of the covenant must be recorded in every city/town in which any portion of the real property subject to the covenant is located. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5894 **ELECTRONIC RECORDING** (Corvese & Others) This act would specifically authorize municipal recorders of deeds to accept electronic documents for recording, to index and store those documents, and to perform various other functions relating to electronic documents. Corporations

H-5906A **CONDOMINIUM MANAGEMENT** (Serpa & Others) This act would require a condominium unit owners' association which is organized as an unincorporated association to record with the land records department of the city/town in which the condominium is located a certificate evidencing the names of the executive board members and the mailing address for the association. Corporations

H-5955 **MORTGAGE AND FORECLOSURE SALE** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would require mortgagees, upon filing a notice of intent to foreclose on a mortgage on a residential property, to serve a copy of that notice with the city/town clerk where the property is located, at the same time as service on the mortgagor. If, after filing of the notice of intention to foreclose, the property becomes vacant prior to vesting of title the municipality may require the mortgagee to correct housing code violations. Judiciary

H-6004 **DISCHARGE OF LIS PENDENS** (Williamson) This act would require a fee of \$10.00 to be paid in order to discharge a lis pendens recorded by a bailbondsman. Judiciary

H-6036 **DISCHARGE OF LIS PENDENS** (Naughton & Others) This act would require a fee of \$10,00 to be paid in order to discharge a lis pendens recorded by a bailbondsman. Judiciary

H-6173 **PROBATE NOTICE AND FEES** (Jackson & Others) This act would revise certain notice requirements in the probate courts, and would also increase certain fees collected by the probate courts. Judiciary

H-6302 **ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS: EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS** (DaSilva & Kilmartin) This act would require public access to all provisions of individual employment contracts of public employees. Judiciary

S-136 **PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY** (Blais) This act would prohibit same sex marriages in the state, and would prohibit the state from recognizing a relationship between persons of the same sex as marriage regardless as to whether such relationship is recognized as a marriage under the laws of any other state. Judiciary

S-147 **PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY** (Perry & Others) This act would broaden the definition of persons eligible to marry to include persons of the same gender. This act would also provide that members of the clergy would not be required to officiate at any particular marriage. Judiciary

S-250 **FORECLOSURES** (Levesque & Others) This act would impose an immediate 180 day moratorium on foreclosure sales and initiation of eviction proceedings against tenants in any foreclosed property. Also, during this moratorium period registrars of deeds would not be able to accept for recording a foreclosure deed pursuant to a foreclosure sale. Judiciary

S-256 **DISCHARGE OF LIS PENDENS** (McCaffrey) This act would require a fee of \$10.00 to be paid in order to discharge a lis pendens recorded by a bailbondsman. Judiciary

S-261 **CONSERVATION EASEMENT** (DiPalma & Others) This act would allow an executor or administrator of an estate to donate a conservation easement on real estate to obtain the benefit of a federal estate tax exclusion, if certain conditions are met. Judiciary

S-374Aaa PUBLIC RECORDS (Lenihan & Others) This act would amend various sections of the "Access to Public Records Act". Among its provisions would be an expansion of the circumstances when an award of attorneys' fees may be made. Also, proposed changes include a reduction of the time period for compliance with or denial of the request for records from 10 business days to 7 business days, the waiver of copying and search fees if there is a failure to produce requested records in a timely manner, and an increase in the amount of fines for either willful or reckless violation. It would also require the identification of a designated public records officer, and the establishment of procedures for making a public records request which must be posted. Judiciary

S-418 ELECTRONIC RECORDING (Maselli) This act would specifically authorize municipal recorders of deeds to accept electronic documents for recording, to index and store those documents, and to perform various other functions relating to electronic documents. Judiciary

S-426 PUBLIC RECORDS (Lenihan & Connors) This act would amend various sections of the "Access to Public Records Act". Among its provisions would be an expansion of the circumstances when an award of attorneys' fees may be made. Also, proposed changes include a reduction of the time period for compliance with or denial of the request for records from 10 business days to 7 business days, the waiver of copying and search fees if there is a failure to produce requested records in a timely manner, and an increase in the amount of fines for either willful or reckless violation. Judiciary

S-486 ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANTS (Felag & Sosnowski) This act would establish rules and regulations relating to environmental covenants. All environmental covenants, and any amendment to or termination of the covenant must be recorded in every city/town in which any portion of the real property subject to the covenant is located. Environment & Agriculture

S-536 BIRTH CERTIFICATES: ADOPTED PERSONS (Walaska & Others) This act would allow adult adoptees or their representatives to obtain an uncertified copy of their original birth certificate. The birth parents will complete a contact preference form and a medical history form which must be attached to the original birth certificate. Health & Human Services

S-564 ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Cicccone & Others) This act would amend the "Access to Public Records Act". It would add advisory group, task force, and steering committee to the definition of what constitutes an "agency" or "public body". It would also define "public records" to include all supporting and background documents and worksheets in their original electronic format showing all formulas, sources of information citations, methodologies and calculations. Judiciary

S-565 PROBATE: INTTESTATE SUCCESSION (Jabour & McCaffrey) This act would amend the rules governing intestate succession, and also amends sections of the general laws relating to wearing apparel and personal property. The act would also establish a new chapter of the general laws (33-28) entitled "Elective Share". Judiciary

S-684 MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish a “Central Foreclosure Registry” within the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation and in partnership with the Housing Resources Commission. The purpose of the registry would include capturing the actual number of foreclosures in every municipality. To this end all municipalities would provide to the registry copies of all foreclosure deeds filed in land evidence records at least once per month. It also mandates that foreclosure deeds be recorded within 30 days of the date of sale, reducing the current 45 day time frame. Housing & Municipal Government

S-686 DISCHARGE OF LIS PENDENS (McCaffrey) This act would require a fee of \$10.00 to be paid in order to discharge a lis pendens recorded by a bailbondsmen. Judiciary

S-754Aaa PERMITS AND APPROVALS: EXPIRATION PERIODS (Maselli) This act would toll expiration periods pertaining to any approval or permit issued by the state or local agencies pursuant to certain specified state statutes. The tolling need not be recorded in the land evidence records to be valid, but notice must be posted in the municipal planning department, municipal clerk’s office or near the land evidence records. Housing & Municipal Government

S-764A ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (DiPalma & Others) This act would require that advance notice of rulemaking by all state agencies and departments be provided via electronic media to the clerk of each city/town, and would also require the office of Secretary of State to format its website in order to afford all interested persons reasonable opportunity to view advance notices of proposed rulemaking. Judiciary

S-779 ADOPTION RECORDS (Perry & Others) This act would make various amendments both to general law chapter 15-7.2, including changing its title to “Adoption Information and Voluntary Reunion Registry Act”, and to chapter 23-3 entitled “Vital Records”, which changes are designed to provide more access for adoptees. Health & Human Services

S-821 MORTGAGE AND FORECLOSURE SALE (Metts & Others) This act would require mortgagees, upon filing a notice of intent to foreclose on a mortgage on residential property, to serve a copy of that notice with the city/town clerk where the property is located, at the same time as service on the mortgagor. If, after filing of the notice of intention to foreclose, the property becomes vacant prior to vesting of title the municipality may require the mortgagee to correct housing code violations. Judiciary

MISCELLANEOUS

H-5009 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES (Slater) This act would amend the section of the general laws relating to the enumeration of powers granted to redevelopment agencies. Municipal Government

H-5056Aaa FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES (Gemma & Others) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited these fees by enactment of an ordinance. Municipal Government

H-5111 **EXCAVATION NEAR UTILITIES** (Pacheco & Others) This act would require public utilities to be responsible for any cost incurred by municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation of utility infrastructure during public works projects within municipal rights of way. Municipal Government

H-5144 **COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING** (Winfield & Others) This act would give priority to bidders on municipal contracts whose businesses are owned/operated and located in Rhode Island, if their bids are up to 3% higher than the lowest bid or the lowest evaluated or responsive bid. Municipal Government

H-5213 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS** (Gallison & Others) This act would require the approval of both the senate finance committee and the house finance committee prior to the issuance of any community development block grant. Finance

H-5231 **DESECRATION OF GRAVES** (Gallison & Others) This act would increase the fines to \$5,000 for the defacing of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument or any other public statue, monument or gravesite, and would also provide for full restitution of the cost of the damages incurred. Judiciary

H-5337 **CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP** (Menard & Others) This act would require municipalities to provide the same trash collection services that are provided to single family residences to condominiums, or in the alternative to reimburse condominiums the costs incurred providing these services. Municipal Government

H-5356 **LIBRARIES** (Dennigan & Others) This act would place the Office of Library and Information Services under the direction of a Chief Library Officer rather than a Chief Information Officer. It would also replace the Cooperating Libraries Automated Network (CLAN) with Ocean State Libraries (OSL). Finance

H-5371 **JUDGMENTS AGAINST CITIES OR TOWNS** (Gemma & Others) This act would not allow prejudgment interest for damages against the state, cities/towns or governmental employees in civil actions, and would provide for the calculation of post judgment interest at the rate of 12% commencing 4 weeks after the date the judgement was entered. Also, it would limit instances in which governmental employees can be sued in their individual capacities. Finally, it would also limit the liability of governmental entities under the "joint tortfeasors" law. Judiciary

H-5372A **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Pollard & Others) This act would expand the scope of the provisions against unnecessary cruelty to animals. Judiciary

H-5374 **VICIOUS DOGS** (Serpa & Others) This act would add the director of the Defenders of Animals or designee to the hearing panel that decides whether a dog should be declared vicious. Judiciary

H-5429 **LEADERSHIP POSITION PROHIBITIONS** (Trillo) This act would prohibit members of the general assembly holding a leadership position from doing business or entering into a contract with the State of Rhode Island, any political subdivisions, or any major business or non-profit entity. Judiciary

H-5458 **UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS** (Williamson) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the Department of Environmental Management in order to install, repair or replace underground utilities. It would also require that a bond be furnished by the underground utility contractor which would indemnify the local cities/towns. This act would also repeal section 5-20-11 of the general laws entitled "Licensing of Drainlayers and Installers". Corporations

H-5463 **PETROLEUM MARINE TERMINALS** (San Bento & Others) This act would impose special requirements on a local relocation agency seeking to acquire a petroleum marine terminal for public use including providing an alternative marine terminal site. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5470 **INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Ehrhardt & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

H-5480A **SMOKING BARS** (Segal & Others) This act would provide that no "smoking bar", as defined in the "Public Health and Workplace Safety Act", shall be permitted in any building in which people reside. H.E.W.

H-5541 **DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS** (Sullivan & Others) This act would create a new chapter of the general laws requiring the safe destruction of documents containing personal information. It would apply to all governmental entities as well as to private businesses. It would also set up penalties for violation of the requirements created by this chapter. Corporations

H-5581 **PREVAILING WAGES** (Lally) This act would require contractors and subcontractors who are awarded contracts for public works projects to furnish payroll records to the director of Labor and Training on a monthly basis. Current law applies only to contracts in excess of \$1,000, and records must be furnished on a weekly basis. Labor

H-5602 **EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES** (San Bento & Others) This act would make various and substantial amendments to Chapter 39-1.2 entitled "Excavation Near Underground Utility Facilities". These amendments would include application of these regulations to "private utility facilities", and an extensive section on premarking requirements. Corporations

H-5638 **ACCESS TO AUDIO CLIPS** (Naughton & Others) This act would require that all video clips and voice-recorded clips on all state and public-sponsored websites be made accessible to people with hearing impairment. Finance

H-5674 **PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS** (Lally) This act would expand the definition of “public works” to include projects of any nature paid for in whole or in part out of public funds. It also would increase the contract price level from in excess of \$1,000 to in excess of \$50,000, at which level the contractor would now be required to pay employees on a weekly basis. Labor

H-5679 **APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS** (Pacheco) This act would forbid city/town councils and mayors from appointing a municipal officer for more than a 3 year term regardless of home rule charter provisions. Municipal Government

H-5725 **DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS** (O’Neill) This act would exempt the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals from certain provisions regarding the disposition of animals when engaged in euthanizing large numbers of animals for public health and/or safety purposes. H.E.W.

H-5787 **TAXPAYER FUNDED PROGRAMS** (Slater & Others) This act would limit the number of taxpayer funded seminars or programs an elected or appointed state or municipal officer or official may attend to one per quarter in any calendar year. Finance

H-5814 **PREVAILING WAGES** (Watson) This act would amend the payroll furnishing requirement to now require contractors and subcontractors performing prevailing wage work on public works contracts in excess of \$1,000 to furnish a copy of the Department of Labor and Training certified weekly payroll form to the awarding authority instead of the director of Labor and Training. Labor

H-5816 **CONTRACTORS: PREVAILING WAGES** (Watson) This act would provide that contractors who are awarded a public works contract would determine the applicable prevailing wages by referring to the Department of Labor and Training’s website instead of contacting the department. Labor

H-5859 **OPEN MEETINGS** (Marcello) This act would amend the “Open Meetings” law by making the minutes of meetings previously closed available to the public upon the completion of certain conditions. Judiciary

H-5874 **MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY** (Mattiello & Others) This act would extend from 30 to 60 days the period of time an acquiring authority has to accept a second offer to purchase or lease land following a waiver of an offer by the party in which the property was vested at the time of taking. Judiciary

H-5902A **DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS** (Sullivan & Others) This act would create a new chapter of the general laws requiring the safe destruction of documents containing personal information. It would apply to all governmental entities as well as to private businesses. It would also set up penalties for violation of the requirements created by this chapter. Corporations

H-5941 **OPEN CONTRACTING ACT** (Williams) This act would establish “The Open Contracting Act” which would prohibit the inclusion of certain contract specifications in bids for public works projects. Labo

H-5971 **PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS** (Lima & Others) This act would change the definition of “owner” to exclude the state and municipalities for the purpose of limiting their liability relating to public use of private lands. Judiciary

H-5975A **BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT ACT** (Corvese) This act would create the “Broadband Deployment and Investment Act” designed to implement proper regulations and oversight of the Internet. This act also would forbid the state and municipalities from enacting or adopting any regulations affecting Voice-over-Internet Protocol Service or Internet Protocol-enabled Service. Corporations

H-6028A **EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES** (Malik) This act would amend provisions regarding excavation near underground utility facilities, including, but not limited to, the time frame for giving notice of excavation and the markings that must be made to identify where the excavation will take place. The act would also increase the penalties for violation of this chapter. Also, it would require all cities/towns to maintain as-built drawings and plans which would be submitted to the local sewer authority. Corporations

H-6041 **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS** (Serpa & Others) This act would require certification by the Department of Environmental Management of any person hired as an animal control officer subsequent to January 1, 2011. It would also require DEM to act in conjunction with Defenders of Animals, Inc. to develop and conduct a program for training and certification as an animal control officer. Municipal Government

H-6080 **DISTRESS AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION** (Gallison & Others) This act redefines the criteria for certification as a “qualified business” under the “Distressed Areas Economic Revitalization Act”. Finance

H-6109 **MOTORCYCLES: DESIGNATED PARKING** (Gallison) This act would require the state and municipalities to provide designated parking spaces for motorcycles at public buildings. Municipal Government

H-6133 **PREVENTION OF FARM ANIMAL CRUELTY** (Driver & Others) This act would prohibit the cruel confinement of farm animals in a manner that does not allow them to turn around freely, to lie down, to stand up and to fully extend their limbs. Judiciary

H-6135 **DOGS** (A. Rice & Others) This act would provide guidelines and penalties for any person who keeps a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise confined without adequate shelter from the elements; and would also add definitions of “proper food”, “proper water”, “proper veterinary care”, and “shelter for a dog” to the Chapter entitled “Cruelty to Animals”. Judiciary

H-6188A **CONTRACT PROCUREMENT ASSISTANCE** (Brien & Others) This act would establish within the Economic Development Corporation an expanded program to assist Rhode Island companies to secure new business with federal, state and local governments. Finance

H-6198 **ALTERATION OF ROADWAYS** (Costantino & Others) This act would require any person, firm or corporation, including utilities and contractors, who alters a portion of a roadway to restore the roadway from curb to curb. Finance

H-6209 **INDEMNITY OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS** (Lally) This act would now make it mandatory that cities, towns and fire districts indemnify officials for claims arising out of the performance of their official duties. Judiciary

H-6266 **DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES** (Jackson & Others) This act would include city/town managers within the definition of "chief elected officer" for purposes of defining who exercises day-to-day executive authority over a municipality's affairs. Judiciary

H-6302 **ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS: EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS** (DaSilva & Kilmartin) This act would require public access to all provisions of individual employment contracts of public employees. Judiciary

H-6320 **PREVAILING WAGES** (Edwards & Others) This act would require contractors and subcontractors who are awarded contracts for public works projects to furnish payroll records to the director of the Department of Labor and Training on a monthly basis, and to the awarding authority on a weekly basis. Labor

S-10 **DESECRATION OF GRAVES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would increase the fines to \$5,000 for the defacing of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument or any other public statue, monument or gravesite, and would also provide for full restitution of the cost of the damages incurred. Judiciary

S-16 **COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING** (Tassoni & Others) This act would give priority to bidders on municipal contracts whose businesses are owned/operated and located in Rhode Island, if their bids are up to 3% higher than the lowest bid or the lowest evaluated or responsive bid. Finance

S-23Aaa **DOGS** (Tassoni) This act would provide guidelines and penalties for any person who keeps a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise confined without adequate shelter from the elements; and would also add definitions of "proper food", "proper water", "proper veterinary care" and "shelter for a dog" to the Chapter entitled "Cruelty to Animals". Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-24 **VICIOUS DOGS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would add the executive director of the defender of animals or his/her designee to the hearing panel which decides whether a dog should be declared vicious. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-104 EXCAVATION NEAR UTILITIES (Fogarty & Connors) This act would require public utilities to be responsible for any cost incurred by municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation of utility infrastructure during public works projects within municipal rights-of-way. Corporations

S-119 DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION (Levesque & Others) This act redefines the criteria for certification as a “qualified business” under the “Distressed Areas Economic Revitalization Act”. Finance

S-133A MOTORCYCLES: DESIGNATED PARKING (Tassoni & Others) This act would require the state and municipalities to provide designated parking spaces for motorcycles at public buildings. The Department of Transportation shall provide the signs to the cities/towns. Housing & Municipal Government

S-137 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIVACY ACT (Perry & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any state or local government agency to deny any individual any right, benefit or privilege provided by law because of an individual’s refusal to disclose a social security number. Judiciary

S-150 CODE OF ETHICS (Cicccone & Others) This act would expand the definition of employees of state and local governments to those employees of companies that have contracts with the state, local governments, and their boards, commissions or agencies. Judiciary

S-171 PETROLEUM MARINE TERMINALS (McBurney) This act would impose special requirements on a local relocation agency seeking to acquire a petroleum marine terminal for public use including providing an alternative marine terminal site. Corporations

S-211aa RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICES (Cicccone & Others) This act would restrict the use of radio frequency identification devices for the purpose of tracking the movement or identity of a student while on school grounds, at school functions or while being transported to and from school grounds or functions. Judiciary

S-219 OPEN CONTRACTING ACT (Metts & Others) This act would establish “The Open Contracting Act” which would prohibit the inclusion of certain contract specifications in bids for public works projects. Labor

S-304 ENTERPRISE ZONES (Goodwin) This act would allow the Enterprise Zone Council to designate a federal enterprise zone or an enterprise community upon its expiration, after a request by the appropriate governing authority whether state or city/town. Finance

S-324 INDEMNITY OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS (Maselli & Others) This act would now make it mandatory that cities, towns and fire districts indemnify officials for claims arising out of the performance of their official duties. Judiciary

S-399 **INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Sheehan & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

S-400 **INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Sheehan & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

S-439 **PREVAILING WAGES** (Blais) This act would amend the payroll furnishing requirement to now require contractors and subcontractors performing prevailing wage work on public works contracts in excess of \$1,000 to furnish a copy of the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training certified weekly payroll form to the awarding authority instead of the director of Labor and Training. Labor

S-454 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Tassoni) This act would expand the scope of the provisions against unnecessary cruelty to animals. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-464 **UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS** (Walaska & Bates) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the Department of Environmental Management in order to install, repair or replace underground utilities. It would also require that a bond be furnished by the underground utility contractor which would indemnify the local cities/towns. This act would also repeal section 5-20-11 of the general laws entitled "Licensing of Drainlayers and Installers". Corporations

S-474 **EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES** (DeVall & Others) This act would amend provisions regarding excavation near underground utility facilities, including, but not limited to, the time frame for giving notice of excavation and the markings that must be made to identify where the excavation shall take place. The act would also increase the penalties for violation of this chapter. Corporations

S-476 **EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would make various and substantial amendments to Chapter 39-1.2 entitled "Excavation Near Underground Utility Facilities". These amendments would include application of these regulations to "private utility facilities", and an extensive section on premarking requirements. Corporations

S-514 **INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Raptakis & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

S-531 **PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS: BONDS** (Lenihan & Others) This act would prohibit waiver of the bonding requirement on contracts for public works in excess of \$50,000. Government Oversight

S-544 SMOKING BARS (Perry & Others) This act would provide that no “smoking bar”, as defined in the “Public Health and Workplace Safety Act”, shall be permitted in any building in which people reside. Health & Human Services

S-589A DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS (Raptakis & Others) This act would create a new chapter of the general laws requiring the safe destruction of documents containing personal information. It would apply to all governmental entities as well as to private businesses. It would also set up penalties for violation of the requirements created by this chapter. Judiciary

S-641 PREVAILING WAGES (Ruggerio & Others) This act would require contractors and subcontractors who are awarded contracts for public works projects to furnish payroll records to the director of Labor and Training on a monthly basis. Current law applies only to contracts in excess of \$1,000, and records must be furnished on a weekly basis. Labor

S-642 CONTRACTORS: HEALTH CARE BENEFITS (Ruggerio & Others) This act would prohibit contractors and subcontractors on public works projects from making payment of the cash equivalent of any applicable health care benefit directly to their employees in lieu of actually purchasing the health care benefits for said employee for the applicable time period. Labor

S-653 HISTORIC STRUCTURES – TAX CREDIT (Ruggerio & Others) This act would make amounts expended for “qualified rehabilitation” over \$1,000 for historic structures subject to the prevailing wages requirements of public works projects. Labor

S-655 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS (Ruggerio & Others) This act would expand the definition of “public works” to include projects of any nature paid for in whole or in part out of public funds. It would also increase the contract price level from in excess of \$1,000 to in excess of \$50,000, at which level the contractor would now be required to pay employees on a weekly basis. Labor

S-656aa PUBLIC WORKS: APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS (Ruggerio & Others) This act would provide that, prior to bidding on public works projects valued at \$1,000,000 or more, all general contractors and subcontractors have an approved indentured apprenticeship program with the Department of Labor and Training for all licensed and unlicensed work to be performed. Labor

S-660 CONTRACTORS: PREVAILING WAGES (Blais) This act would provide that contractors who are awarded a public works contract would determine the applicable prevailing wages by referring to the Department of Labor and Training’s website instead of contacting the department. Labor

S-661 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS (Tassoni & Others) This act would require all contractors and their subcontractors bidding on public works projects to provide a certification that all workers are covered by current workers’ compensation coverage. Labor

S-687 **JUDGEMENTS AGAINST CITIES OR TOWNS** (Blais) This act would not allow prejudgment interest for damages against the state, cities/towns or governmental employees in civil actions, and would provide for the calculation of post judgment interest at the rate of 12% commencing 4 weeks after the date the judgement was entered. Also, it would limit instances in which governmental employees can be sued in their individual capacities. Finally, it would also limit the liability of governmental entities under the “joint tortfeasors” law. Judiciary

S-719 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Lynch & Others) This act would expand the scope of the provisions against unnecessary cruelty to animals. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-750 **ACCESS TO AUDIO CLIPS** (Walaska) This act would require that all video clips and voice-recorded clips on all state and public-sponsored websites be made accessible to people with hearing impairment. Health & Human Services

S-808 **FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES** (Doyle & Others) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited these fees by enactment of an ordinance. Finance

S-809 **APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS** (Fogarty & Others) This act would forbid city/town councils and mayors from appointing a municipal officer for more than a 3 year term regardless of home rule charter provisions. Housing & Municipal Government

S-817 **REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES** (Goodwin & Ruggerio) This act would amend certain sections of the general laws relating to the designation of redevelopment areas, and the powers of redevelopment agencies. Housing & Municipal Government

S-849 **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS** (Tassoni) This resolution would create a special senate task force to develop a plan for the utilization of Eleanor Slater Hospital to disseminate prescription drugs to state and municipal workers. Immediate Consideration

S-870 **MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY** (Lanzi & Others) This act would extend from 30 days to 60 days the period of time a city/town has to accept an offer to purchase land from the state acquiring authority, which land was acquired by purchase, devise or gift. Housing & Municipal Government

S-893 **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS** (Tassoni & Others) This resolution would create a special senate task force to develop a plan for the utilization of Eleanor Slater Hospital to disseminate prescription drugs to state and municipal workers. Immediate Consideration

S-932 **DESECRATION OF GRAVES** (Tassoni) This act would add to the actions that constitute the crime of willful injury to public statues and monuments by including the words “cover or keep covered” in the statute. Judiciary

S-968 BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT ACT (Miller & Others)
This act would create the "Broadband Deployment and Investment Act" designed to implement proper regulations and oversight of the Internet. This act also would forbid the state and municipalities from enacting or adopting any regulations affecting Voice-over-Internet Protocol Service or Internet Protocol-enabled Service. Corporations

S-1000 DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES (Paiva-Weed & DiPalma) This act would include city/town managers within the definition of "chief elected officer" for purposes of defining who exercises day-to-day executive authority over a municipality's affairs. Housing & Municipal Government

S-1009 PREVAILING WAGES (Ruggerio & Others) This act would require contractors and subcontractors who are awarded contracts for public works projects to furnish payroll records to the director of the Department of Labor and Training on a weekly basis, and to the awarding authority on a monthly basis. Labor

S-1024 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Lenihan & Others) This act would amend various sections of the general laws by prohibiting the waiver of bonding requirements for public works contracts which exceed \$50,000. Immediate Consideration

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S-1008 Composition of Newport County Convention and Visitors' Bureau

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S-782 Issuance of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Certificate

S-1008 Composition of Newport County Convention and Visitors' Bureau

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S-1008 Tourism District Composition Altered

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H-5992A Abbey Lane Community Association, Inc. Water District – Amended

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H-6256 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification

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S-561aa Tax Relief for Emergency Medical Services and Volunteer Fire Dept.

S-602 Juvenile Hearing Board – Creation

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