

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**JOURNAL**  
-OF THE-  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**JANUARY SESSION** of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the sixth day of January in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.

Volume 125, No. I                      Tuesday, January 6, 1998                      First Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 6, 1998, and is called to order at 3:27 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable John B. Harwood, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 100 members present and 0 members absent as follows:

PRESENT - 100; The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Aiken-Salandria, Ajello, Amaral, Anderson, M., Anderson, S., Anzeveno, Barone, Barr, Benoit, Benson, Bierman, Bramley, Burlingame, Callahan, Cambio, Campbell, Carpenter, Carroll, Carter, Caruolo, Castro, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Crowley, Dennigan, DeSimone, Faria, Farrell, Ferguson, Flaherty, Fleury, Fox, Garvey, George, Giannini, Ginaitt, Heffner, Henseler, Hetherington, Iannitelli, Inman, Iwuc, Jacquard, Kelley, Kelso, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima, Little, Long, Lopes, Lowe, Malik, Martineau, McCauley, McGowan, McNamara, Menard, Mesoilella, Metts, Millard, Montalbano Montanaro, Moura, Munschy, Murphy, Naughton, Palangio, Palumbo, Panciera, Picard, Fires, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Russo, Salisbury, San Bento, Scott, Shavers, Sherlock, Simonian, Slater, Smith, Voccola, Walter, Wasylyk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

ABSENT-0.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Crowley, who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Friday, June 27, 1997, is approved as printed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

January 6, 1998

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Joseph McNamara will be late for today's session, January 6, 1998.

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

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

January 6, 1998

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Due to the passing of Representative Joseph Amaral's father, he will not be in attendance at today's session. Received and ordered to be placed on file.

**1997-1998 PREFILED BILLS**

Representative Cinaitt introduces (98-H 7100) An Act relating to taxation - motor vehicle tax valuation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Ginaitt introduces (98-H 7101) An Act relating to pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly.

Read and referred to the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare.

Representative Fleury introduces (98-H 7102) Joint Resolution to approve and publish, and submit to the electors a proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the State (limitation on local expenditures for education).

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Ginaitt, Moura and Anzeveno introduce (98-H 7103) An Act relating to pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly.

Read and referred to the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare.

Representatives Ginaitt and Naughton introduce (98-H 7104) An Act relating to relating to waters and navigation.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Enviornment and Energy.

Representatives Ginaitt and Flaherty introduce (98-H 7105) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$3,000 for Joseph L. Carolo Community and Senior Center.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Ginaitt and Flaherty introduce (98-H 7106) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Jonah, Inc.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Ginaitt introduces (98-H 7107) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for Rhode Island Elks Handicapped Association.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Rabideau introduces (98-H 7108) An Act relating to unclaimed property.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Rabideau introduces (98-H 7109) An Act relating to levy and assessment of local taxes.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Carpenter introduces (98° H 7110) An Act relating to criminal offenses -weapons.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Carpenter introduces (98-H 7111) An Act relating to weapons.

Read and Referred to the Committee on Juiciary.

Representative Carpenter introduces (98-H 7112) An Act relating to criminal offense.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Carpenter introduces (98-H 7113) An Act relating to criminal offenses -weapons.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Jacquard introduces (98-H 7114) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$1,951.36 to pay the claim of Patricia E. Carter of 38 Chesnut Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02910.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Representative Jacquard introduces (98-H 7115) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$770.01 to pay the claim of Raymond D. Verrocchio of 239 Summer Street, Cranston, Rhode Island 02910.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Representative Cianniniintroduces (98-H 7116) An Act relating to cities and towns.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Giannini introduces (98-H 7117) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles -special stops required.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Ciannini introduces (98-H 7118) An Act relating to domestic relations - denial of visitation rights.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Carpenter introduces (98-H 7119) An Act relating to weapons.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Fleury introduces (98-H 7120) An Act relating to towns and cities low and moderate income housing.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Representative Caruolo introduces (98-H 7121) Joint Resolution of adjournment.

Representative Caruolo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on motion of Representative Caruolo, seconded by Representative Salisbury, and by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

## **GUESTS**

Representative Palumbo welcomes to the House as guests Rosemary Welch, her husband Fri and Jerry Winn.

Also:

Representative Castro welcomes to the Chambers Harold Comes, Junior Light Weight World Champion.

Also:

Representative Lima welcomes to the House of Representatives Michael DiRaimo.

Also:

Representative Lopes welcomes to the House as guests Mary Duarte and her sister Lorraine Ramos.

Also:

Representative Anzeveno welcomes to the House as guests Josephine Mansolillo, mother of John Mansolillo, (the Clerk of Finance), and John's sister, Sandra DeQuattro.

Also:

Representative Crowley welcomes to the Chambers Robert J. McKenna, former Senator, and Councilman Richard Sardella.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Rabideau wishes his sister Kelly Hammerschlag a very happy birthday.

Also:

Representative Henseler announces that the Legislative Commission studying the Department of Health will meet today at the rise of the House in Room 35 of the State House.

## **PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

By unanimous consent, Representatives Pires, Ferguson, Crowley, Lopes, Martineau and Caruolo, address the members of the House on a point of personal privilege in regard to a newspaper article.

## **TRANSMITTAL**

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor, and to the Honorable Senate forthwith.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:08 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Kelley, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John M. Lawrence, former Director of the Division of Agriculture; on motion of Representative Long, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Arsenio N. Amaral, father of Representative Joseph Amaral, on motion of Representative Castro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of George S. Arujo; on motion of Representative Lopes, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of her parents Louis and Julia Monteiro, Selma Lima, Alex Cavalho and Peter Coelho; on motion of Representative Ferguson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Linda Riccio, Secretary of the Bristol Democratic Town Committee, seconded by Representatives Caruolo and Salisbury, the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote. LINDA McELROY Recording Clerk

## **Appendix**

### **INVOCATION**

#### **REPRESENTATIVE PAUL W. CROWLEY**

O Lord, as we begin this legislative year, we have much work to do and difficult decisions to make. Help us govern wisely and to be responsive to the needs of the people of Rhode Island. Amen.

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