

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Fifth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, January 14, 1998, and is called to order at 3:17 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable John B. Harwood, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 99 members present and 1 member absent as follows:

PRESENT - 99: The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives 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, Mesolessa, Metts, Millard, Montalbano, Montanaro, Moura, Munschy, Murphy, Naughton, Palangio, Palumbo, Fanciera, Picard, Pires, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Russo, Salisbury, San Bento, Scott, Shavers, Sherlock, Simonian, Slater, Smith, Voccola, Walter, Wasylyk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

ABSENT - 1: Representative Aiken.Salandria.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative S. Anderson, 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 Tuesday, January 13, 1998, is approved as printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

January 14, 1998

ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to illness, Representative Aiken.Salandria will be absent from today's session. Received and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Representative Faria introduces (98-H 7292) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages taxation on beverages.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Henseler, Carter, Reilly, Montalbano and Benson introduce (98-H 7293) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Battery C 1st Rhode Island Artillery.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Naughton, Kennedy, Ginaitt, Henseler, Dennigan and Mesolella introduce (98-H 7294) An Act relating to taxation- business corporation tax.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Carpenter, Benson, Pisaturo, Cicilline, Fox and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 7295) An Act relating to sentence and execution.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives McNamara, Paulmbo and Reilly introduce (98-H 7296) An Act relating to criminal procedure sentence and execution.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives McNamara, Giannini, Reilly, Garvey and Carpenter introduce (98-H 7297) An Act relating to correctional institutions- parole hearings.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative S. Anderson introduces (98-H 7298) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$126.54 to pay the claim of Elizabeth A. Lavalley, of 81 Park Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02905.

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

Representatives Palumbo, Smith, Williams, DeSimone and Montanaro introduce (98-H 7299) An Act relating to criminal offenses- sexually violent predators.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Walter and Panciera introduce (98-H 7300) An Act relating to the Westerly Fire District.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative Williams introduces (98-H 7301) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$1,134.78 to pay the claim of Kathleen Weber of 105 Snuff Mill Road, Saunderstown, Rhode Island 02874.

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

Representative S. Anderson introduces (98-H 7302) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$207.58 to pay the claim of Alan Warner of 142 Viceroy Road, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886.

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

Representative S. Anderson introduces (98-H 7303) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$855.94 to pay the claim of Jill St. Andre of 1585 Main Street, #10, West Warwick, Rhode Island 02893.

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

Representative S. Anderson introduces (98-H 7304) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$679.00 to pay the claim of Michael Tanzi of 91 Abram Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860.

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

Representative S. Anderson introduces (98(H 7305) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$1,061.79 to pay the claim of Maximillian Robinson of 684 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

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

Representative S. Anderson introduces (98-H 7306) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$283.36 to pay the claim of Patricia M. Kline of 13 Lost Acres Drive, Chepachet, Rhode Island 02814.

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

Representative S. Anderson introduces (98-H 7307) An Act making an appropriation of \$253.30 to pay the claim of Donald P. Gagnon, of 9 Sayles Hill Road, North Smithfield, Rhode Island 02896.

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

Representative Williams introduces (98-H 7308) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$248.00 to pay the claim of Debra L. Piuta of 3 Hawley Street, Central Falls, Rhode Island 02863.

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

Representative S. Anderson introduces (98-H 7309) An Act relating to criminal offenses -commitment of sexually violent predators.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative S. Anderson introduces (98-H 7310) An Act relating to labor and labor relations.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Representatives Lopes, Rose, Coelho and Sherlock introduce (98-H 7311) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$50,000 for United Methodist Elder Care.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Castro, Metts, Lopes, Fox, Carpenter and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 7312) Joint Resolution calling upon the governments of Kuwait, the United States of America and the state of Rhode Island to form a state relationship between Rhode Island and Kuwait.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Representatives Palumbo, Montanaro, McNamara, Giannini, Reilly and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 7313) An Act relating to interception of wire and oral communications.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Lopes introduces (98-H 7314) An Act relating to businesses and professions -solicitations by charitable organizations.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative Williams introduces (98-H 7315) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$83.48 to pay the claim of Linda Jillson of 43 Summit Avenue, North Smithfield, Rhode Island 02896.

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

Representative Williams introduces (98-H 7316) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$752.06 to pay the claim of Michelle Boie, of 25 River Drive, South Attleboro, Massachusetts 02703.

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

Representatives Kennedy, Garvey and Scott introduce (98-H 7317) An Act relating to education.

Representative Kennedy requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on motion of Representative Kennedy, seconded by Representative Caruolo, and by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, 89 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 89: The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Ajello, Anderson, M., Anderson, S., Anzeveno, Barone, Benoit, Benson, Bierman, Burlingame, Callahan, Cambio, Campbell, Carpenter, Carroll, Carter, Caruolo, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Crowley, Dennigan, DeSimone, Farrell, Ferguson, Flaherty, Fleury, Garvey, George, Giannini, Ginaitt, Henseler, Hetherington, Iannitelli, Inman, Iwuc, Kelley, Kelso, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima, Little, Long, Lopes, Lowe, Malik, Martineau, McCauley, McNamara, Menard, Mesoella, Metts, Millard, Montalbano, Montanaro, Moura, Munschy, Murphy, Naughton, Palangio, Falumbo, Panciera, Picard, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Russo, Salisbury, San Bento, Scott, Shavers, Sherlock, Simonian, Slater, Smith, Voccola, Walter, Wasylyk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

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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.

NEW BUSINESS

Representatives Lopes, Mesolella, C. Levesque, Winfield and Pisaturo introduce (98-H 7318) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages retail license.

Representative Lopes requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representative Lopes moves passage, seconded by Representatives Palumbo, Shavers and Benson.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

By unanimous consent, Representative Mesolella addresses the members of the House on a point of personal privilege in regard to a newspaper article.

NEW BUSINESS

Representatives Long and Lopes discuss the act.

Representative Castro objects.

Representatives Fleury and Benson discuss the act.

Representative Salisbury objects to debate.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

By unanimous consent, Representative Benson addresses the members of the House on a point of personal privilege.

Representative Burlingame objects to personal privilege, it is not germane.

NEW BUSINESS

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Representatives Faria, San Bento, Pires, Murphy, Montalbano and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 7319) An Act relating to state affairs and government - video lottery terminal.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Menard, Winfield, Barr and

Also: Montalbano introduce (98-H 7320) An Act relating to education - educational financial support.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Menard and Burlingame introduce (98-H 7321) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$658.69 to pay the claim of Paula L. Berard of 209 Avenue C, Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895.

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

Representatives Castro, Moura, Fox, Carpenter, Metts and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 7322)
An Act relating to equal opportunity and affirmative action.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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.

GUESTS

Representative M. Anderson welcomes to the House as guests the Mayor of Pawtucket, Mayor James Doyle; the Administrative Assistant, Frank Corley; former Councilman Jack Carney; and Rick Goldstein.

Also:

Representative Kilmartin welcomes the Mayor of Pawtucket.

Also:

The Honorable Speaker Harwood welcomes the Mayor of Pawtucket, James Doyle, Frank Corley, Jack Carney and Rick Goldstein.

Representative Dennigan welcomes to the House as a guest Heather Vihaterio.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Lopes announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet Friday, January 16, 1998.

Also:

Representative Ferguson announces that the Committee on Finance- RIPTA will meet tomorrow at the rise of the House in Room 35 of the State House.

Also:

Representative Benson wishes the Honorable Speaker a very happy birthday.

Also:

Majority Leader Caruolo extends a very happy "46th" birthday to the Honorable Speaker and also wishes a happy "1st" birthday to the Speaker's daughter Olivia.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:47 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Kelley, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Mary Davis

Weibel; on motion of Representative Barr, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Raymond Taylor, Jr. and Robert Walker, Sr., seconded by Representatives Caruolo and Salisbury, the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

LINDA McELROY
Recording Clerk

Appendix

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN J. ANDERSON

Lord, we have been sent to these positions of responsibility by the people. Make us mindful that we are their servants. Give us the wisdom and energy to serve them honestly and well. Amen.

As always, your [comments](#) concerning this page are welcomed and appreciated.

Thank you for stopping by!

