

## 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.

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Thursday, January 15, 1998

## Sixth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, January 15, 1998, and is called to order at 3:13 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Frank J. Anzeveno, Jr., Deputy Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 98 members present and 2 members absent as follows:

PRESENT - 98: 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, Carroll, Carter, Caruolo, Castro, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Crowley, Dennigan, DeSimone, Faria, 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, Panciera, 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 - 2: Representatives Carpenter, Farrell.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Deputy Speaker presents Representative Giannini, 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 Wednesday, January 14, 1998, is approved as printed.

# COMMUNICATION

The Honorable Deputy Speaker announces the receipt of the following communication:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 15, 1998

Hon. John B. Harwood, Speaker  
RI House of Representatives  
325 State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Speaker Harwood:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the House of Representatives sessions on Wednesday and Thursday, January 21 and 22, due to a professional commitment which will take me out of state.

Sincerely,

MELVOID J. BENSON  
Representative , District 45  
North Kingstown

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

January 14, 1998

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Due to trial, Representative Williamson was absent from yesterday's session on January 13th as well as from today's session.

Also:

Representative Castro announces there will be a celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday on Monday, January 19, 1998.

Also:

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

## **NOW PRESIDING**

At 3:18 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Deputy Speaker yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative San Bento wishes Joyce Kareemo a very happy "21st" birthday.

Also:

Representative Palangio congratulates James Wendoloski, a page, on being chosen Most Outstanding Participant in the North Providence High School Teen Court Program.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Representatives McNamara, Garvey, Caruolo and Reilly introduce (98-H 7323) An Act relating to motor vehicles.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Highway Safety.

Representatives Picard and Henseler introduce (98-H 7324) An Act relating to insurance - health care liability.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Lanzi, Pisaturo, S. Anderson, Montanaro and Kilmartin introduce (98-H 7325) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles -habitual offenders.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Pisaturo, Lima, Lanzi, Montanaro, Palumbo and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 7326) An Act relating to insurance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Lanzi, Williams, Pisaturo, Palumbo and Smith introduce (98-H 7327) An Act relating to towns and cities- optional retirement for members of police force and fire fighters.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative S. Anderson introduces (98-H 7328) An Act relating to elections - general provisions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Representatives McNamara, Garvey and Reilly introduce (98-H 7329) An Act relating to motor vehicles offenses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Henseler, Kennedy, Ginaitt, Naughton and Cambio introduce (98-H 7330) An Act relating to agriculture and forestry.

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

Representatives McNamara, Garvey and Reilly introduce (98-H 7331) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Highway Safety.

Representatives Kennedy and Garvey introduce (98-H 7332) An Act relating to the town of Charlestown - Juvenile Hearing Board.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Lanzi, Pisaturo, S. Anderson, Montanaro and Kilmartin introduce (98-H 7333) An Act relating to motor vehicles- mandatory revocation of license.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Lanzi, Palumbo, S. Anderson, Montanaro and Kilmartin introduce (98-H 7334) An Act relating to motor vehicle offenses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Faria introduces (98-H 7335) An Act relating to towns and cities - Central Falls Municipal Court.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Faria introduces (98-H 7336) An Act relating to education - compulsory attendance - jurisdiction of Family Court.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Faria introduces (98-H 7337) An Act relating to real estate nonutilization tax -Central Falls.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative Faria introduces (98-H 7338) An Act relating to sports, racing and athletics -boxing, kickboxing and wrestling.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Representative Salisbury introduces (98-H 7339) An Act providing for remodeling, renovating, equipping and furnishing and making certain additions and improvements to the existing Clayville Elementary School by the town of Scituate and authorizing the financing thereof, including the issue of not more than \$2,353,000 bonds therefor.

Representative Salisbury requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on motion of Representative Salisbury, seconded by Representatives Garvey, Walter and Kelley, and by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS 68: The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Aiken-Salandria, Ajello, Amaral, Anderson, M., Anderson, S., Barone, Benson, Bramley, Burlingame, Callahan, Campbell, Carroll, Carter, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Crowley, Dennigan, Faria, Ferguson, Flaherty, Fleury, Fox, Garvey, George, Giannini, Ginaitt, Hetherington, Iannitelli, Iwuc, Jacquard, Kelley, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima, Little, Lopes, Lowe, Malik, McNamara, Metts, Millard, Montalbano, Montanaro, Munschy, Naughton, Palangio, Palumbo, Picard, Pisaturo, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Russo, Salisbury, San Bento, Shavers, Sherlock, Simonian, Slater, Walter, Watson, Williams.

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Representative Hensler introduces (98-H 7340) House Resolution extending congratulations.

Representative Hensler requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

Representative Hensler introduces (98-H 7341) House Resolution extending condolences.

Representative Hensler requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on motion of Representative Hensler, seconded by Representative Long, and by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

## 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 3:28 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Barr, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Teresa A. Sousa, seconded by Representatives Hensler and Long, the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

LINDA McELROY  
Recording Clerk

## Appendix

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## INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE JOANNE M. GIANNINI

Dear God, we are grateful for the privilege of serving in this House of Representatives. Keep us ever mindful that we are here to serve those who elected us and all of the people of Rhode Island. Amen.

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

Thank you for stopping by!

