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Seventh Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 20, 1998, and is called to order at 5:17 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable John B. Harwood, 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, Carpenter, Carroll, Carter, Caruolo, Castro, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, 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, Falumbo, Panciera, Picard, Pires, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Russo, Salisbury, San Bento, Scott, Shavers, Simonian, Slater, Smith, Voccola, Walter, Wasylyk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

ABSENT - 2: Representatives Crowley, Sherlock.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Watson, 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 Thursday, January 15, 1998, is approved as printed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to a meeting, Representative Benoit will be absent from the session of January 22, 1998.

Also:

Due to legislative meetings in another location, Representative Sherlock will not be attending session on January 20, 21 and 22.

Also:

Representative Christine Callahan has resigned from the Lottery Commission and as a Director of the Economic Development Corporation.

Also:

Today's session will be adjourned in memory of Ruth A. Lynch.

Also:

Representative Metts extends a special thank you to the Rhode Island Martin Luther King State Holiday Commission, the Speaker's Office, the Senate and Representative George Castro.

Representative Bramley also congratulates the Commission and Representative Castro.

Also:

Representative Lopes announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet today at the rise of the House.

Also:

Representative C. Levesque requests the desk be held open in order to receive a Committee Report.

There is no objection.

NEW BUSINESS

Representatives Pires and Faria introduce (98-H 7342) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages - taxation of beverages.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Burlingame, Benoit, Munschy, Martineau and Picard introduce (98-H 7343) An Act relating to situs and ownership of taxable property.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative Voccola introduces (98-H 7344) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$2,000 for Aime J. Forand Senior Citizens of Johnston.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Faria introduces (98-H 7345) An Act relating to the city of Central Falls - Juvenile Hearing Board.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative Jacquard introduces (98-H 7346) An Act relating to payment of wages - payroll deductions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Representative Jacquard introduces (98-H 7347) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Cranston Community Action.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Jacquard introduces (98-H 7348) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$2,000 for FACTS (Family Aids Center for Treatment and Support/Recreational Program).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Ferguson, Pires and Millard introduce (98-H 7349) An Act relating to taxation - investment tax credit.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Barr and Menard introduce (98-H 7350) House Resolution respectfully requesting Governor Almond and the Department of Transportation to establish tourist information centers throughout the state.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Cicilline introduces (98-H 7351) An Act relating to public officers and employees - salaries and traveling expenses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Cicilline and Murphy introduce (98-H 7352) An Act relating to bail and recognizance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Cicilline and Murphy introduce (98-H 7353) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative Cicilline introduces (98-H 7354) An Act relating to courts and civil procedure -courts - mediation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Cicilline, Murphy and Lima introduce (98-H 7355) An Act relating to taxation - sales and use tax.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Giannini, Reilly, Carpenter, McNamara and Slater introduce (98-H 7356) An Act relating to criminal procedure- sentence and execution.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative McGowan introduces (98-H 7357) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for Lincoln Park Association.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Cicilline introduces (98-H 7358) An Act relating to criminal offenses - treason and related offenses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Giannini, Slater, Reilly, Carpenter and McNamara introduce (98-H 7359) An Act relating to criminal procedure- sentence and execution.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Cicilline introduces (98-H 7360) An Act creating a sunset oversight commission.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Kennedy, Garvey and Scott introduce (98-H 7361) An Act relating to the town of Hopkinton Juvenile Hearing Board.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Costantino, Slater, Palangio and Fox introduce (98-H 7362) An Act relating to commercial law - credit report.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Benoit, Burlingame, Crowley, Picard, Martineau and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 7363) An Act relating to education.

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

Representatives Kilmartin and Malik introduce (98-H 7364) An Act relating to the state lottery - aid to education.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Kennedy, Garvey and Scott introduce (98-H 7365) An Act relating to taxation - collection of taxes generally- municipal lien certificates.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Benoit, Burlingame, Picard, Martineau and Munschy introduce (98-H 7366) An Act relating to property- mortgage foreclosure and sale.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative McGowan introduces (98-H 7367) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Impossible Dream.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Russo introduces (98-H 7368) An Act relating to state purchases.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Russo, Voccola and Cambio introduces (98-H 7369) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$54,000 for the Johnston Senior Center.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Russo and Voccola introduce (98-H 7370) An Act relating to businesses and professions - hairdressers and cosmeticians.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Representative Russo introduces (98-H 7371) An Act relating to businesses and professions -automobile body repair shops.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Russo, Voccola and Cambio introduce (98-H 7372) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles - equipment and accessories generally.

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

Representatives Russo, Voccola and Cambio introduce (98-H 7373) House Resolution respectfully requesting the State Traffic Commission to install a traffic light in the town of Johnston.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Highway Safety.

Representatives Lanzi, Winfield, Coderre, Ferguson and Simonian introduce (98-H 7374) An Act relating to disabled american veterans -education benefits.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Representatives Russo and Voccola introduce (98-H 7375) An Act relating to lost or missing children.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative S. Anderson introduces (98-H 7376) An Act relating to businesses and professions - locksmiths.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Representatives Benoit, Burlingame, Carroll, Rabideau, C. Levesque and Henseler introduce (98-H 7377) An Act relating to human services - medical assistance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Lanzi introduces (98-H 7378) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$1,500 for Randall Manor Tenants Association.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative McGowan introduces (98-H 7379) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Pontiac Library.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Carpenter, Giannini, Naughton, Burlingame, Salisbury and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 7380) Joint Resolution creating a special legislative commission to study alternate funding sources for the Rhode Island Crime Victim Compensation Program and to make recommendations therefore.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Lanzi introduces (98-H 7381) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$1,500 for the Knightsville Manor Tenants Association.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Farrell and Faria introduce (98-H 7382) An Act relating to taxation real estate nonutilization tax.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Cicilline, Fox, Giannini and Ajello introduce (98-H 7383) An Act relating to the Dr. John E. Donley Rehabilitation Center.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Representatives Iannitelli and Cicilline introduce (98-H 7384) An Act relating to proceedings in Family Court.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Cicilline introduces (98-H 7385) An Act relating to education.

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

Representatives Lanzi, Williams, Lima, Fox and Lopes introduce (98-H 7386) An Act relating to health and safety vital records.

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

Representatives Costantino, Benoit and Fox introduce (98-H 7387) Joint Resolution extending the reporting date of and amending the special legislative commission to develop and coordinate state policy concerning RIte Care and to make recommendations concerning all issues related to RIte Care.

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

Representatives Costantino and Fox introduce (98-H 7388) An Act relating to institutions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Costantino, Slater, Williams and Fox introduce (98-H 7389) An Act relating to property - absentee landlord on the city of Providence.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Costantino, Slater, Giannini and Fox introduce (98-H 7390) An Act relating to payment of fines.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Costantino and Williams introduce (98-H 7391) An Act relating to human services - anti-poverty funds.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Benson, Carter and Henseler introduce (98-H 7392) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$19,334 to pay the claim of Margaret K. Scott of 247 Boston Neck Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island 02852.

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

Representatives Cicilline, Ajello, Barone, Coderre and Hetherington introduce (98-H 7393) An Act relating to health

and safety- establishing freedom of access to clinic entrances.

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

Representatives Lima, Smith and Cicilline introduce (98-H 7394) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$120,000 for the Silver Lake Annex/Community Center.

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.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Representative Lopes, for the Committee on Special Legislation, reports back the following measure (98-H 7318), with recommendation of passage: (98-H 7318) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages - retail license. Received and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:37 o'clock P.M. on motion of the Honorable Speaker Harwood, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ruth A. Lynch, on motion of Representative Iannitelli, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Nicholas LaGreca; on motion of Representative Kelley, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Kevin Skuce, seconded by Representatives Caruolo and Salisbury, the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

LINDA McELROY
Recording Clerk

Appendix

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT A. WATSON

Thank you God for Your presence here with us and Your blessings on this Assembly today and every day.Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, January 27, 1998:

1. (98-H 7318) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages - retail license. Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

LOUIS D'ANTUONO

Reading Clerk

Tuesday, January 20, 1998

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

Thank you for stopping by!

