

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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-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. 15                      Thursday, February 5, 1998                      Fifteenth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, February 5, 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 94 members present and 6 members absent as follows:

PRESENT 94: The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Aiken-Salandria, Ajello, Amaral, Anderson, M., Anderson, S., Barone, Barr, Benoit, Benson, Bierman, Bramley, Burlingame, Callahan, Cambio, Carpenter, Carroll, Carter, Caruolo, Castro, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Crowley, Dennigan, DeSimone, Faria, Farrell, Ferguson, Flaherty, Fox, Garvey, George, Giannini, Ginaitt, Heffner, Henseler, Hetherington, Iannitelli, Inman, Iwuc, Jacquard, Kelso, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima, Little, Long, Lopes, Lowe, Malik, Martineau, McCauley, McGowan, McNamara, Menard, Mesolella, Metts, 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 - 6: Representatives Anzeveno, Bramley, Campbell, Fleury, Kelley, Millard.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Faria, 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, February 3, 1998, is approved as printed.

CORRECTION

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Wednesday, February 4, 1998, is hereby corrected by recording Representative Watson as being present.

## **NOTICES OF BILL/RESOLUTION**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Representative Watson gives notice that on the next legislative day he will introduce a measure concerning motor vehicle offenses. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

**ROBERT A. WATSON**  
Representative, District 43

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Representative Menard gives notice that on the next legislative day he will introduce a measure concerning sports, racing and athletics. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

**RENE R. MENARD**  
Representative, District 58

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Representative Menard gives notice that on the next legislative day he will introduce a measure concerning employment benefits. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

**RENE R. MENARD**  
Representative, District 58

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

(98-S 2032) An Act relating to smoking in public places.

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

(98-S 2082) An Act relating to education - Adult Education Commission.

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

(98-S 2026 as amended) An Act relating to guardianship.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

Representative Benoit, for the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back the following measure (98-H 7101), with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:

(98-H 7101) An Act relating to pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Benoit, for the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back the following measure (98-H 7103), with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance;

(98-H 7103) An Act relating to pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Representatives Iwuc, Munschy, Malik, Reilly and McNamara introduce (98-H 8377) House Resolution proclaiming the week of February 8-15 to be "Scouting Week in Rhode Island".

Representative Iwuc requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

Representatives Callahan, Pires, Long, Rabideau and Iannitelli introduce (98-H 8378) An Act relating to education teachers' retirement.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Inman, S. Anderson, George, Murphy introduce (98-H 8379) An Act relating to health and safety - refuse disposal.

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

Representatives Callahan, Rabideau, Long, Salisbury and Iannitelli introduce (98-H 8380) An Act relating to Justices of the Supreme, Superior and Family Courts - state police.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Caruolo, Salisbury and Henseler introduce (98-H 8381) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.

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 roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73; The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Aiken-Salandria, Ajello, Anderson, M., Anderson, 5., Barone, Benoit, Bierman, Burlingame, Carpenter, Carroll, Carter, Caruolo, Castro, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Dennigan, Faria, Farrell, Ferguson, Flaherty, Fox, Garvey, George, Giannini, Ginaitt, Henseler, Hetherington, Iannitelli, Iwuc, Kelso, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima, Malik, Martineau, McGowan, McNamara, Menard, Mesolella, Montalbano, Montanaro, Munschy, Murphy, Naughton, Palangio, Palumbo, Picard, Pires, Pisaturo, Quick, Reilly, Rose, Salisbury, San Bento, Scott, Shavers, Sherlock, Simonian, Slater, Smith,

Voccola, Walter, Wasylyk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

NAYS --0.

Representatives Caruolo, Salisbury and Henseler introduce (98-H 8382) House Resolution extending congratulations.

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.

Representatives Caruolo, Salisbury and Henseler introduce (98-H 8383) House Resolution extending condolences.

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 rising vote.

## **GUESTS**

Representatives Castro, Montalbano, Lopes, Metts, Cicilline, Fox, Moura and Pires welcome to the House as guests, youngsters from the Children's Crusade Program along with their President and Director of the Crusaders Mary Sylvia Harrison.

Representative Montalbano also welcomes to the House Chambers Corey Fraeterelli.

Representative Coderre welcomes Jeremy Breault to the House as a guest.

Representative S. Anderson welcomes to the House as a guest Mr. Wilbolt.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representative Faria announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today at the rise of the House.

## **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 3:31 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Lopes, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Claire Reed, seconded by Representatives Caruolo and Salisbury, the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

LINDA McELROY  
Recording Clerk

# Appendix

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## INVOCATION

**REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH L. FARIA**

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

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

Thank you for stopping by!

