

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. 17                      Wednesday, February 11, 1998                      Seventeenth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, February 11, 1998, and is called to order at 3:13 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 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, Mesoella, Metts, Millard, Montalbano, Montanaro, Moura, Munsch, 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 - 1: Representative Crowley.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Garvey, 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 10, 1998, is approved as printed.

NOTICES OF BILL/RESOLUTION

INTRODUCTION

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

JOSEPH L. FARIA  
Representative, District 72

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Representative Rabideau gives notice that on the next legislative day he will introduce a measure concerning fish and wild life. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

SCOTT P. RABIDEAU  
Representative, District 60

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Representative Benoit gives notice that on the next legislative day she will introduce a measure concerning human services. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

NANCY L. BENOIT  
Representative, District 64

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

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

JOSEPH N. AMARAL  
Representative, District 92

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

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

JOSEPH N. AMARAL  
Representative, District 92

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Representative Menard gives notice that on the next legislative day he will introduce a measure concerning investment tax credit. 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 Salisbury gives notice that on the next legislative Tuesday he will introduce a measure concerning courts and civil procedure. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

WAYNE L. SALISBURY Representative, District 54

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Representative Winfield gives notice that on the next legislative day he will introduce a measure concerning assessment of local taxes. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

THOMAS J. WINFIELD Representative, District 69

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Representative Mesoella gives notice that on the next legislative day he will introduce a measure concerning public officers and employees. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

VINCENT J. MESOLELLA  
Representative, District 71

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Representative Lopes gives notice that on the next legislative day she will introduce a measure concerning state police. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

MARIA J. LOPES  
Representative, District 83

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Representative Jacquard introduces (98-H 8391) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$277.27 to pay the claim of Carol Oliveira of 40 Bernard Street, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920.

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

Representatives Lowe, Picard and Burlingame introduce (98-H 8392) An Act relating to gambling - charitable organizations.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Carter, Benson and Henseler introduce (98-H 8393) House Resolution honoring Ryan Arruda on receiving a Bronze Distinguished Finalist Medallion from Prudential Spirit of Community Initiative.

Representative Carter requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

Representatives Carter, Benson and Henseler introduce (98-H 8394) House Resolution honoring Mariah Northrop for receiving a Bronze Medal for the Prudential Spirit of Community Initiative.

Representative Carter requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

Representatives Kelley, Garvey, Carter, Benson and Kelso introduce (98-H 8395) An Act authorizing the electors of the town of South Kingstown to impose a real estate conveyance tax.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Coelho, Rose, Lopes, Dennigan and Barone introduce (98-H 8396) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$15,000 for Self-Help Community Action Program.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Flaherty introduces (98-H 8397) House Resolution honoring Erin Conti for receiving a Bronze Medal from the Prudential Spirit of Community Initiative.

Representative Flaherty requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on motion of Representative Flaherty, seconded by the entire House of Representatives, and by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

Representative Dennigan introduces (98-H 8398) House Resolution honoring Mary Dyer O'Hare on the occasion of her 85th birthday.

Representative Dennigan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on motion of Representative Dennigan, seconded by the entire House of Representatives, and by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

Representatives Coelho, Rose, Lopes, Dennigan and Barone introduce (98-H 8399) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$20,000 for Self-Help Day Care Program.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Coelho, Rose, Lopes, Dennigan and Barone introduce (98-H 8400) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$20,000 for Self Help Senior Center.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Inman, S. Anderson, George, Murphy, Montanaro and Campbell introduce (98-H 8401) An Act relating to towns and cities.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Cambio, Russo and Voccola introduce (98-H 8402) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$7,000 for Johnston Fire Department.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Cambio, Montalbano, Wasylyk and Anzeveno introduce (98-H 8403) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$500,000 for North Providence School Department.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Cambio, Russo and Voccola introduce (98-H 8404) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$500,000 for Johnston School Department.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Cambio, Russo and Voccola introduce (98-H 8405) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Oak Swamp Reservoir Plat Association.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Cambio, Montalbano, Wasylyk and Anzeveno introduce (98-H 8406) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$1,000 for the Lymanville Crime Prevention Association.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Cambio, Russo and Voccola introduce (98-H 8407) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Johnston Recreation Department.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Caruolo and Rabideau introduce (98-H 8408) Joint Resolution inviting His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Honorable Senate to join the House of Representatives in Joint Session for the purpose of receiving a message of His Excellency, the Governor, regarding the state budget.

Representative Caruolo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

Representatives Bierman, Fleury, Kelley, Millard, Amaral, Little and Long introduce (98-H 8409) An Act relating to taxation- property tax relief.

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 Giannini welcomes to the House as guests Representative Paul Caron, Leon Gaumond and Dottie Alessi.

Also:

Representative Palumbo welcomes to the House Chambers as guests members from Southwest Airlines.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Reading Clerk announces the session will begin tomorrow at regular time, 3:00 o'clock P.M., in order to meet in Grand Committee at 4:00 o'clock P.M. for the Governor's Budget Address.

Also:

Representative Benoit announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet today at the rise of the House in Room 135 of the State House.

Also:

Representative Flaherty announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the House.

Also:

Representative Martineau announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today at the rise of the House; and Wednesday, February 25, 1998 and Thursday, February 26, 1998 at the rise of the House.

Also:

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

### **AT EASE**

At 3:30 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker declares the House to be at ease.

### **CALLED TO ORDER**

At 3:35 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker calls the House to order.

### **RECESS**

At 3:36 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Kennedy, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of C. Anderson McLeod, uncle of the Department of Environmental Management's Director Andrew McLeod, on motion of Representative Lima, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Adolph "Rudy" Marocco; on motion of Representative Kelley, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Barbara Cinquegrana White and Rufus P. Gardner, Jr., seconded by Representatives Caruolo and Salisbury, the House is in recess, on a unanimous rising vote.

### **CALLED TO ORDER**

At 3:15 o'clock P.M., on Thursday, February 12, 1998, the Honorable Speaker calls the House to order.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:16 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Caruolo, seconded by Representative Long, the House adjourns, on a voice vote.

LINDA McELROY  
Recording Clerk

## **Appendix**

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### **INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE EUGENE F. GARVEY**

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!

