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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. 20 Wednesday, February 25, 1998 Twentieth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, February 25, 1998, and is called to order at 3.18 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable John B. Harwood, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 97 members present and 3 members absent as follows:

PRESENT - 97: The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Aiken(Salandria, Ajello, Amaral, Anderson, M., Anderson, 5., 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, Inman, Iwuc, Jacquard, Kelley, Kelso, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima, Long, Lopes, Lowe, Martineau, McCauley, McGowan, McNamara, Menard, Mesoella, 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 - 3: Representatives Iannitelli, Little, Malik.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Cicilline, 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 24, 1998, is approved as printed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

(98-S 2048) An Act relating to the Public Finance Management Board - comprehensive review.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

(98-S 2091) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

(98-S 2137) An Act relating to the state budget.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

(98-S 2288 as amended) An Act relating to taxation -- sales and use taxes - liability and computation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

(98-S 2136) An Act relating to public corporations - financial estimates.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

(98-S 2273) An Act relating to businesses and professions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

(98-S 2260) An Act relating to corporations general provisions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

(98-S 2283) An Act relating to criminal procedure - victim's rights.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

(98-S 2324 as amended) An Act relating to racketeer violence.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

(98-S 2196 as amended) An Act relating to criminal offenses- assaults.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

(98-S 2280) An Act relating to criminal offenses - arrest.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

(98-S 2177 as amended) An Act relating' to weapons - investigators of the Office of Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

(98-S 2178 as amended) An Act relating to criminal offenses- assaults.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

(98-S 2164) An Act relating to Superior Court.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

(98-S 2038 as amended) An Act relating to health and safety.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

NEW BUSINESS

Representative Ajello introduces (98-H 8581) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$492.22 to pay the claim of Travelers Property and Casualty Company of P.O. Box 3022, Fall River, Massachusetts 02722-3022 as subrogee of Okin and Pauline Monofar of 85 Old River Road, Lincoln, Rhode Island 02865.

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

Representatives George and Watson introduce (98-H 8582) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$500 for Tis the Season in East Greenwich.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives George and Watson introduce (98-H 8583) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$500 for East Greenwich Senior Center.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Iwuc, Reilly, Farrell, Munschy, Faria and Martineau introduce (98-H 8584) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$2,000 for Friends of the Blackstone.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Iwuc, Reilly and Farrell introduce (98-H 8585) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for the Cumberland Fire District.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Williamson introduces (98-H 8586) An Act relating to insurance - unauthorized insurance business.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Rose, Coelho, Barone and Lopes introduce (98-H 8587) House Resolution congratulating Meredith Vieira on receiving the Portuguese American Women's Association's "Woman of the Year Award".

Representative Rose requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

Representatives Castro, Lopes, Carpenter and Metts introduce (98-H 8588) Joint Resolution honoring Lasalle D. Leffall, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.S. and welcoming him to the state of Rhode Island.

Representative Castro requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

Representatives Castro, Fox, Lopes and Metts introduce (98-H 8589) Joint Resolution inviting His Honor, the Presiding Officer of the Senate, and the Honorable Senate to join the House of Representatives in Joint Session for the purpose of receiving an address by Dr. Lasalle Lefall, Jr., Professor of Surgery, Howard University School of Medicine.

Representative Castro requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Representatives Kelley, Rabideau, M. Anderson and Salisbury introduce (98-H 8590) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$2,000 for Agriculture-In-The-Classroom.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kelley introduces (98-H 8591) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for South County Center for the Arts.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Dennigan, Rose and Lopes introduce (98-H 8592) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$25,000 for East Providence Boys and Girls Club.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Dennigan, Rose and Lopes introduce (98-H 8593) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$500.00 for the Rumford Little League.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Ajello introduces (98-H 8594) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$288.86 to pay the claim of Nicholas DeCesare of 32 Manor Drive, Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882.

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

Representative Quick introduces (98-H 8595) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for the Portsmouth Free Public Library Association.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Amaral and Metts introduce (98-H 8596) House Resolution creating a special House commission to

study the establishment of a Chaplaincy for the House of Representatives.

Representative Amaral requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

By the agreement of the majority and the minority, the Parliamentarian will read the remaining New Business into the record.

There is no objection. By unanimous consent, the House refers back to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Representatives Fox, Cicilline and Ajello introduce (98-H 8597) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Mount Hope Neighborhood Land Trust.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives George, S. Anderson, Inman, Montanaro and Campbell introduce (98-H 8598) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$500 for Coventry Senior Center.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Ajello introduces (98-H 8599) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$2,233.46 to pay the claim of Amica Mutual Insurance Company PO Box 6008, Providence, Rhode Island 02940-6008 as subrogee of Craig M. Forbes of 94 Mayfair Road, Warwick, Rhode Island 02888.

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

Representatives Dennigan, Rose and Lopes introduce (98-H 8600) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$30,000 for Big Brothers of Rhode Island.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Dennigan, Rose and Lopes introduce (98-H 8601) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$20,000 for Rumford Towers Association.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Metts, Slater, Carpenter and Williams introduce (98-H 8602) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for Minority Resource Center at CCRI.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Metts, Slater, Carpenter and Williams introduce (98-H 8603) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$80,000 for Community Preparatory School.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Quick introduces (98-H 8604) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$20,000 for the Little Compton Community Center.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Metts, Carpenter and Williams introduce (98-H 8605) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$25,000 for South Side Boys & Girls Club.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Slater, Carpenter, Williams and Metts introduce (98-H 8606) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$3,000 for Huntington Towers Tenants Association.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Metts, Slater, Shavers, Carpenter, Williams and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 8607) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$250,000 for Urban League of Rhode Island.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Dennigan introduces (98-H 8608) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$500 for Pawtucket Slatterettes.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Rabideau, Lowe and Carroll introduce (98-H 8609) An Act authorizing the town of Burrillville to finance the construction, equipping and furnishing of an addition to and remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the High School and to issue not more than \$12,500,000 bonds therefor.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative Metts introduces (98-H 8610) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$100,000 for People's Redevelopment Corp.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Coelho, Rose, Lopes, Barone and Dennigan introduce (98-H 8611) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$24,000 for East Bay Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Iwuc, Reilly and Farrell introduce (98-H 8612) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Cumberland Land Trust.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Pires introduces (98-H 8613) An Act relating to hospital conversions act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Ferguson, Carter, Winfield and Long introduce (98-H 8614) House Resolution congratulating Vietnam Veterans of America on their 20th Anniversary.

Representative Ferguson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

Representatives Williamson, Murphy and Sherlock introduce (98-H 8615) An Act relating to education.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Slater, Carpenter, Williams and Metts introduce (98-H 8616) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$3,000 for Stratford House Tenants Association.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Kelley and Campbell introduce (98-H 8617) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for Farm Waste Management Program.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Dennigan, Rose and Lopes introduce (98-H 8618) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$50,512 for East Providence Community Center, Inc.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Coelho, Rose, Lopes, Barone and Dennigan introduce (98-H 8619) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for East Bay Coalition for the Homeless.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Kelley, Rabideau, Fleury, Carter, Kelso and M. Anderson introduce (98.H 8620) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for 4-H Club.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Kelley, Fleury, Carter, Garvey, Kelso and M. Anderson introduce (98-H 8621) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for Southern Rhode Island Conversation District.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Kelley, Carter, Garvey and Kelso introduce (98-H 8622) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$37,500 for Senior's Helping Others.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Kelley, Carter, Garvey and Kelso introduce (98-H 8623) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Connecting All Resources for Education Support (C.A.R.E.S.) of South Kingstown.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kelley introduces (98-H 8624) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for Pettaquamscutt Historical Society.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Coelho, Rose, Lopes, Barone and Dennigan introduce (98-H 8625) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$21,000 for Self Help Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Kelley, Carter, Garvey and Kelso introduce (98-H 8626) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$15,000 for Cane Day Care.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Metts, Slater, Carpenter, Williams, Shavers and Dennigan introduce (98-H 8627) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$100,000 for Rhode Island Legal Services.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Ajello introduces (98-H 8628) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$625.70 to pay the claim of Promerchant Insurance Corporation P.O. Box 1620, North Kingstown, Rhode Island 02852.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Quick introduces (98-H 8629) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for the Brownell Library in Little Compton.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Slater, Carpenter, Williams, Costantino, Metts and Smith introduce (98-H 8630) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$30,000 for Chispa.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Ajello introduces (98-H 8631) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$999.66 to pay the claim of Amica Mutual Insurance Company PO Box 6008, Providence, Rhode Island 02940-6008 as subrogee of Susan F. Guevremont of 38 Lisa Lane, Hope Valley, Rhode Island 02832.

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

Representatives Coelho, Rose, Lopes, Barone and Dennigan introduce (98-H 8632) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for East Bay Coalition for the Homeless.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Metts, Carpenter, Williams and Slater introduce (98-H 8633) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$50,000 for Stop Wasting Abandoned Property.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Ferguson, Winfield, Carter and Lanzi introduce (98-H 8634) An Act relating to days of special observance.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Representatives Ferguson, Winfield, Carter and Lanzi introduce (98-H 8635) An Act relating to holidays.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Representative Ajello introduces (98-H 8636) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$941.56 to pay the claim of Richard C. Hagen of 1825 Mineral Spring Avenue, North Providence, Rhode Island 02904.

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

Representatives Ajello, Cicilline and Fox introduce (98-H 8637) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$20,000 for the Hamilton House, Inc.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Amaral, Long, Scott, Aiken-Salandria and G. Levesque introduce (98-H 8638) An Act relating to motor vehicles- operators' and chauffeurs' licenses.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Highway Safety.

Representatives Shavers, Benson, Carpenter, Castro, Metts and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 8639) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for the United Black and Brown Fund.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Voccola introduces (98-H 8640) An Act relating to school committees and superintendents.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Moura, Cicilline, Pisaturo, Ajello and Slater introduce (98-H 8641) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$25,000 for Perishable Theater in Providence.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Ajello introduces (98-H 8642) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$1,526.00 to pay the claim of Amica Mutual Insurance Company as subrogee for Francine Treglia of 17 Fesser Avenue, Bristol, Rhode Island 02809.

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

Representatives Cicilline, Fox, Barone, Ajello and Moura introduce (98-H 8643) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$100,000 for Jewish Community Center.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Ginaitt introduces (98-H 8644) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$50,000 for Alzheimers Care Center (140 Warwick Neck, Warwick).

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Campbell introduces (98-H 8645) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for South Foster Volunteer Fire Department.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Campbell introduces (98-H 8646) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Foster Senior Center operations.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Kennedy, Naughton, Henseler, Carter and Montalbano introduce (by request of the Rhode Island Equipment Dealers Association) (98-H 8647) An Act relating to commercial law- general regulatory provisions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Kennedy, Naughton, Henseler and Carter introduce (by request of the Rhode Island Water Resources Board) (98-H 8648) An Act providing management of the withdrawal and use of the waters of the state.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Water Resources.

Representative Ginaitt introduces (98-H 8649) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$50,000 for Central Adult Day Care of Warwick.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Campbell introduces (98-H 8650) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for Foster Center Fire Department.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Fox, Cicilline and Ajello introduce (98-H 8651) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$30,000 for East Side Senior Citizens Center, Inc.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Campbell introduces (98-H 8652) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for Moosup Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Pires introduces (98-H 8653) An Act relating to public officers and employees retirement system.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Metts, Castro, Carpenter and Williams introduce (98-H 8654) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$65,000 for South Providence Tutorial.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Coelho, Rose, Lopes, Barone and Dennigan introduce (98-H 8655) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Self-Help.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kelley introduces (98-H 8656) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for Rhode Island Veterans Administration for historical cemetery signs.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Cicilline, Fox, Costantino, Lima, Pisaturo and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 8657) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$100,000 for Waterfire Providence.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Kelley, Campbell, Burlingame, Aiken-Salandria, Ajello and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 8658) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for Women Legislators for "The Elect".

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Pires introduces (98-H 8659) An Act relating to insurance - reporting of health care fraud.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Kennedy, Naughton, Henseler, Carter and McGowan introduce (by request of the Alarm Association of Rhode Island) (98-H 8660) An Act relating to burglar and hold up alarm businesses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Kennedy announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today at the rise of the House in Room 203 of the State House.

Also:

Representative Williamson announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the House in Room 204 of the State House.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:29 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Slater, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Sara J. Morris; on motion of Representative Farrell, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Albert G. Latraverse; on motion of Representative Williamson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Detective Normand Frenette; on motion of Representative Lopes, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Joseph A. Maciel, on motion of Representative Smith, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Orlando Recchia, seconded by Representatives Anzeveno and Long, the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

LINDA McELROY
Recording Clerk

Appendix

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE DAVID N. CICILLINE

Almighty God, our strength from day to day, keep each of us faithful to the principles of justice, freedom, and respect for the richness of our diversity.Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, March 3, 1998:

1. (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. Committee on Health, Education and Welfare recommends passage.
2. (98-H7365) An Act relating to taxation -collection of taxes generally - municipal lien certificates. Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
3. (98-H7332) An Act relating to the town of Charlestown- Juvenile Hearing Board. Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
4. (98-H7361) An Act relating to the town of Hopkinton - Juvenile Hearing Board. Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
5. (98-H7300) An Act relating to the Westerly Fire District. Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

LOUIS D'ANTUONO
Reading Clerk

Wednesday, February 25, 1998

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

Thank you for stopping by!

