

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. 22                      Tuesday, March 3, 1998                      Twenty-second Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday,, March 3, 1998, and is called to order at 5:12 0 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, 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, 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, Munschy, Murphy, Naughton, Palangio, Palumbo, Panciera, Picard, Fires, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Russo, Salisbury, San Bento, Shavers, Sherlock, Simonian, Slater, Smith, Voccola, Walter, Wasylyk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

ABSENT - 2; Representatives Campbell, Scott.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Inman, 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, February 26, 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 2920) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

(98-S 2218) An Act relating to towns and cities.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

## **NOTICES OF BILL/RESOLUTION**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Representative San Bento gives notice that on the next legislative day he will introduce a measure concerning sales and use taxes liability and computation. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

WILLIAM SAN BENTO, JR.  
Representative, District 75

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Representative Giannini gives notice that on the next legislative day she will introduce a measure concerning sanitation, food establishments. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

JOANNE M. GIANNINI  
Representative, District 7

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Representative Giannini gives notice that on the next legislative day she will introduce a measure concerning health and safety of pupils. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

JOANNE M. GIANNINI  
Representative, District 7

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

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

SCOTT P. RABIDEAU  
Representative, District 60

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

### **COMMUNICATION**

The Honorable Speaker announces the receipt of the following communication:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 3, 1998

The Honorable John B. Harwood Speaker of the House of Representatives 323 State House Providence, RI 02903

Dear Speaker Harwood:

Unfortunately, I have the flu. I would therefore request to be excused from this week's session.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

SANDRA J. CAMPBELL  
Representative, District 53

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

### NEW BUSINESS

Representatives Iannitelli, Walter, Kelley, Ginaitt, Watson and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 8703) An Act relating to state aid.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Long, Little, C. Levesque, Crowley and Amaral introduce (98-H 8704) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$25,000 for Stopover Services of Newport County, Inc.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Ajello introduces (98-H 8705) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$770.00 to pay the claim of Robert Huntoon of 41 Rosner Avenue, North Providence, Rhode Island 02904.

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

Representatives Benoit, Walter, Slater, Costantino and Coderre introduce (98-H 8706) An Act relating to proceedings in Family Court.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Cicilline introduces (98-H 8707) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles Administrative Adjudication Court.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Malik and Millard introduce (98-H 8708) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$3,000 for Warren Kickemiut Village Senior Association.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Malik and Millard introduce (98-H 8709) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$493.30 to pay the claim of Louise Bouchard of 132 Fatima Drive, Warren, Rhode Island 02885.

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

Representatives Malik and Millard introduce (98-H 8710) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$6,000 for Warren Library.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Malik and Millard introduce (98-H 8711) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Warren Recreation Department.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Malik and Millard introduce (98-H 8712) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$15,000 for Warren East Bay Government Center.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Rose, Coelho, Barone, Dennigan and Lopes introduce (98-H 8713) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$21,000 for Self Help Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Malik and Millard introduce (98-H 8714) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$20,000 for Warren Technology Center.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Little, Quick and C. Levesque introduce (98-H 8715) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Glen Manor House.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Kelley, Henseler, Benson, S. Anderson, Sherlock and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 8716) An Act relating to holidays and days of special observance.

Representative Kelley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on motion of Representative Kelley, seconded by Representatives Pires and Rabideau, and by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, 84 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS 84: The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Aiken-Salandria, Ajello, Amaral, Anderson, S., Anzeveno, Barone, Benoit, Benson, Bierman, Bramley, Burlingame, Callahan, Cambio, Carpenter, Carroll, Carter, Caruolo, Castro, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Dennigan, DeSimone, Faria, Farrell, Ferguson, Flaherty, Fleury, Fox, Garvey, George, Giannini, Ginaitt, Henseler, Hetherington, Iannitelli, Inman, Iwuc, Jacquard, Kelley, Kelso, Kennedy, Lally, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima, Little, Long, Lopes, Lowe, Malik, McCauley, McGowan, McNamara, Menard, Metts, Montalbano, Montanaro, Moura, Munschy, Palangio, Palumbo, Picard, Fires, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Russo, Salisbury, San Bento, Shavers Sherlock, Simonian, Slater, Smith, Walter, Williams, William' son, Winfield.

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Representatives Salisbury and Long introduce (98-H 8717) An Act relating to courts and civil procedure.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Menard, Barr, Montalbano and Winfield introduce (98-H 8718) An Act relating to sports, racing and athletics- mutuel betting and license fees.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Menard, Barr, Montanaro, Martineau and S. Anderson introduce (98-H 8719) An Act relating to taxation- investment tax credit - film production.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Menard, Montanaro, Faria, Moura, McGowan and S. Anderson introduce (98-H 8720) An Act relating to labor- employment security.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Representatives Ginaitt, McNamara, Reilly and Anzeveno introduce (98-H 8721) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$50,000 for Academic Decathlon.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Callahan, Long and Little introduce (98-H 8722) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for Newport County Big Sisters of Rhode Island.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Callahan, Long and Little introduce (98-H 8723) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Volunteers in Middletown Schools.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Callahan, Long and Little introduce (98-H 8724) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$15,000 for Middletown Historical Society, Inc.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Callahan, Long and Little introduce (98-H 8725) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$25,000 for Middletown Senior Citizens, Inc.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Naughton, Pires, Ginaitt, McNamara, Mesolella and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 8726) House Resolution honoring Dr. Robert D. Ballard.

Representative Mesolella requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

Representatives Malik, Millard, Barone and Ferguson introduce (98-H 8727) An Act relating to towns and cities - Warren Municipal Court.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Ginaitt, Benson, Henseler and Kelley introduce (98-H 8728) House Resolution reinstating the life of and extending the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission to study the feasibility of establishing a Central Cancer Resource Network.

Representative Ginaitt requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

Representatives Williamson, Flaherty and Murphy introduce (98-H 8729) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Lally and Kelso introduce (98-H 8730) An Act relating to real estate conveyance tax.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Smith, Moura, Lima, Williams and McGowan introduce (98-H 8731) An Act relating to towns and cities- zoning ordinance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Moura, Smith, Lima, Cicilline, Williams and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 8732) An Act relating to property exempt from taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Lally and Kelso introduce (98-H 8733) An Act relating to recording of instruments.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Moura, Smith, Lima, Cicilline, Williams and McCauley introduce (98-H 8734) An Act relating to the duties of utilities and carriers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

## GUESTS

Representative Mesolella welcomes to the House as a guest Dr. Robert Ballard. At 5:25 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker yields the rostrum to Representative Naughton. By unanimous consent, Representative Naughton addresses the members of the House and welcomes to the House Dr. Robert Ballard. By unanimous consent, Dr. Ballard addresses the members of the House. At 5:30 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker returns to the rostrum.

Also:

Representative George welcomes to the House as a guest Lin Patty, a teacher from Metcalf School.

Also:

Representative Slater welcomes to the House Chambers as a guest Daniel DeCesare.

Also:

Representative Inman welcomes to the House as a guest Kay Peterson.

Also:

Representative Millard welcomes to the House as guests Patricia Farrell and Cherrie Martin.

Also:

Representative Hetherington welcomes to the Chambers Amy Black.

Also:

Representative Williamson welcomes to the House Lucille Motta Costa.

Also:

Representatives Kelley and Benson welcome to the Chambers Frank and Cam Weiner.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Benoit announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet today at the rise of the House in Room 201 of the State House.

Also:

Representative Faria announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today at the rise of the House in Room 135 of the State House.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Representative Burlingame questions procedure of the Consent Calendar. From the Consent Calendar are taken:

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.

Read and passed, on motion of Representative Costantino, seconded by Representative Salisbury and many other members of the House, and by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

2. (98-H 7365) 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. By unanimous consent, Representative Henseler, seconded by Representative Salisbury, moves to place items 3 and 4 from today's Consent Calendar to the Regular Calendar for Wednesday, March 4, 1998.

There is no objection. By unanimous consent, Representative Henseler, seconded by Representative Salisbury, moves to place items 2 and 5 from today's Consent Calendar to the Consent Calendar for Wednesday, March 4, 1998.

There is no objection.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:40 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Anzeveno, seconded by Representative Ajello, the House adjourns, on a voice vote.

LINDA McELROY  
Recording Clerk

**Appendix**

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**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD S. INMAN, III**

Dear God, we humbly ask you to bless this House and all who work to make Rhode Island a better place.Amen.

**Appendix**

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LOUIS D'ANTUONO  
Reading Clerk

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

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