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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. 23 Wednesday, March 4, 1998 Twenty-third Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, March 4, 1998, and is called to order at 3:10 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., 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, 6., Lima, Little, Long, Lopes, Lowe, Malik, Martineau, McGowan, McNamara, Menard, Metts, Millard, Montalbano, Montanaro, Moura, Munschy, Naughton, Palangio, Palumbo, Picard, Pires, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Russo, Salisbury, San Bento, Shavers, Sherlock, Simonian, Slater, Smith, Voccola, Walter, Wasylyk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

ABSENT - 6: Representatives Campbell, McCauley, Mesolella, Murphy, Panciera, Scott.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Picard, 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, March 3, 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 2168 as amended) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

(98-S 2089) An Act relating to insurance -temporary disability insurance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

1. (98-H7332) An Act relating to the town of Charlestown- Juvenile Hearing Board. Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Read and passed, on motion of Representative Garvey, seconded by Representatives Burlingame and Benson, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Ajello, Amaral, Anderson, M., Anzeveno, Barone, Barr, Benoit, Benson, Bierman, Bramley, Burlingame, Cambio, Carpenter, Carroll, Carter, Caruolo, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Dennigan, Faria, Flaherty, Garvey, George, Giannini, Ginaitt, Iannitelli, Inman, Iwuc Kelley, Kelso, Kennedy, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, 6.,' Lima, Little, Long, Lopes, Lowe, Malik, McGowan, McNamara, Menard, Millard, Montalbano, Moura, Munschy, Palangio, Palumbo, Picard, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Russo, San Bento, Sherlock, Smith, Walter, Wasylyk, Williams, Williamson.

NAYS --0.

2. (98-H7361) An Act relating to the town of Hopkinton - Juvenile Hearing Board. Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Read and passed, on motion of Representative Walter, seconded by Representatives Burlingame and Inman, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Ajello, Amaral, Anderson, M., Anderson, S., Anzeveno, Barone, Barr, Benoit, Benson, Bramley, Burlingame, Cambio, Carpenter, Carroll, Carter, Caruolo, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Dennigan, DeSimone, Faria, Flaherty, Fleury, Fox, Garvey, George, Giannini, Ginaitt, Henseler, Iannitelli, Inman, Iwuc, Kelley, Kelso, Kennedy Kilmartin, Lally, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima', Little, Lowe, Malik, McCauley, McGowan, McNamara, Menard, Montalbano, Montanaro, Moura, Munschy, Palangio, Palumbo, Picard, Pisaturo, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Russo, San Bento, Sherlock, Smith, Walter, Wasylyk, Williams.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

1. (98-H 7365) An Act relating to taxation -collection of taxes generally - municipal lien certificates. Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. (98-H7300) An Act relating to the Westerly Fire District. Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

(98-S 2897) 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.

Representative Rabideau requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on motion of Representative Rabideau, seconded by Representatives Bierman, Carroll, Kelley and Lowe, and by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, 75 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 75: The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Ajello, Amaral, Anderson, S., Anzeveno, Barone, Barr, Benoit, Benson, Bierman, Bramley, Burlingame, Callahan, Cambio, Carpenter, Carroll, Carter, Caruolo, Castro, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Dennigan, DeSimone, Faria, Flaherty, Fox, Garvey, George, Giannini, Ginaitt, Henseler, Iannitelli, Inman, Iwuc, Kelley, Kelso, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima, Little, Lowe, Malik, McCauley, McGowan, McNamara, Menard, Millard, Montalbano, Montanaro, Moura, Munschy, Palangio, Palumbo, Picard, Pires, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Russo, Salisbury, San Bento, Sherlock, Simonian, Smith, Walter, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS --0.

NOTICES OF BILL/RESOLUTION

INTRODUCTION

Representative S. Anderson gives notice that on the next legislative day he will introduce a measure concerning arbitration of municipal employees. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

STEPHEN J. ANDERSON
Representative, District 42

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

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

SUZANNE M. HENSELER
Representative, District 44

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

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

PAUL E.MOURA
Representative, District 2

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

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PAUL E.MOURA
Representative, District 2

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Representative Bramley 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.

RUSSELL BRAMLEY
Representative, District 36

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Representative Benoit, for the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back the following measure (98-H 7199) (Substitute "A"), with recommendation of passage of the bill marked Substitute "A" and the indefinite postponement of the original bill:

(98-H 7199) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to offenses pertaining to schools.

Received and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Representative Benoit, for the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back the following measure (98-H 8077), with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:

(98-H 8077) An Act relating to health - high school disease reduction. 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 8086), with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:

(98-H 8086) An Act relating to pharmaceutical assistance for 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 7480), with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:

(98-H 7480) An Act relating to health and safety - the State of Rhode Island Cancer Council, Inc. 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 7476), with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:

(98-H 7476) An Act relating to public property and works. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

NEW BUSINESS

Representative Russo introduces (98-H 8735) An Act relating to taxation - collection of taxes generally - municipal lien certificates.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative Winfield introduces (98-H 8736) An Act authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes of the state for the purpose of financing the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency safe drinking water projects.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Water Resources.

Representatives S. Anderson, Montanaro, McGowan and Moura introduce (98-H 8737) An Act relating to corrections - prison labor.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative George introduces (98-H 8738) An Act authorizing the establishment of a Municipal Court in East Greenwich.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Giannini, Reilly, Anzeveno, Fox, Henseler and Wasylyk introduce (98-H 8739) An Act relating to health and safety of pupils.

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

Representatives Giannini, Reilly, Anzeveno, Russo, Wasylyk and Costantino introduce (98-H 8740) An Act relating to sanitation in food establishments.

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

Representative Salisbury introduces (98-H 8741) An Act relating to education school-to-work transition.

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

Representative Menard introduces (98-H 8742) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$20,000 for the Manville Fire District.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Menard, Reilly and Iwuc introduce (98-H 8743) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$20,000 for the Cumberland Hill Fire District.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Menard introduces (98-H 8744) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$1,000 for Riverside Village Tenants Association.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Menard and Barr introduce (98-H 8745) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$20,000 for Albion Fire District.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Menard and Barr introduce (98-H 8746) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$2,000 for Portable Children's Sight Center.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Menard introduces (98-H 8747) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$1,000 for Manville Manor Tenants Association.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Menard introduces (98-H 8748) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$20,000 for Manville Memorial Park.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Rose, Coelho, Barone, Dennigan and Lopes introduce (98-H 8749) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for East Bay Coalition for the Homeless.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Kelso, Carter, Anzeveno, Henseler, Garvey and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 8750) House Resolution congratulating the University of Rhode Island Men's Basketball Team on their great season and wishing them the best of luck in the A-10 Tournament and the NCAA Playoffs.

Representative Carter requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Representatives Carter and Benson congratulate Cuttino Mobely on becoming the MVP of the Year.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

By unanimous consent, Representative Moura addresses the members of the House on a point of personal privilege in regard to a newspaper article.

GUESTS

Representative C. Levesque welcomes to the House as a guest Byron Hall.

Also:

Representative Pires welcomes to the House Chambers Harold Preu, a Silver Star Award winner and a Purple Heart recipient.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Also:

Representative Fox announces that the Finance Sub-Committee on Natural Resources will meet today at the rise of the House in Room 35 of the State House.

Also:

Representative Cambio 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.

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 3:28 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Rose, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Anne Vermette, seconded by Representatives Caruolo and Quick, the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

LINDA McELROY
Recording Clerk

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

(98-S 2897) 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.

Appendix

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE ROGER A. PICARD

May all that we do here by pleasing in Thy sight, O Lord.Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, March 11, 1998:

- 1. (98-H 7199) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to offenses pertaining to schools. Committee on Health, Education and Welfare recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A".

LOUIS D'ANTUONO
Reading Clerk

Wednesday, March 4, 1998

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

Thank you for stopping by!

