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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. 26                      Wednesday, March 11, 1998                      Twenty-sixth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, March 11, 1998, and is called to order at 3:04 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable John B. Harwood, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 95 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

PRESENT - 95: The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Aiken-Salandria, Ajello, Amaral, Anderson, M., Anderson, S., Anzeveno, Barone, Barr, Benoit, Benson, Bierman, Bramley, Burlingame, Callahan, 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, Iannitelli, Inman, Iwuc, Jacquard, Kelley, Kelso, Kennedy, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima, Little, Long, Lopes, Lowe, Malik, Martineau, 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 - 5: Representatives Cambio, Kilmartin, Lally, McCauley, Millard.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Henseler, who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. (For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.s CORRECTION By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, March 10, 1998, is hereby corrected on page 2, column 2, line 20, be deleting (98-S 2352 as amended) and inserting (98-S 2532 as amended).

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, March 10, 1998, is approved as corrected.

GUESTS

Representatives Kelso and Carter welcome to the House as guests the University of Rhode Island basketball players along with their coach Jim Harrick.

The Honorable Speaker welcomes John Vanner to the House Chambers.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Representative Martineau, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure (98-H 7985), with recommendation of passage:

(98-H 7985) House Resolution to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of the Little Rhody Division.

Received and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Representative Martineau, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure (98-H 8020 as amended), with recommendation of passage, as amended:

(98-H 8020 as amended) An Act relating to the Kingstown Fire District in the town of South Kingstown.

Received and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Representative Martineau, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure (98-H 7701), with recommendation of passage:

(98-H 7701) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.

Received and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Representative Benoit, for the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back the following measure (98-H 7796), with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:

(98-H 7796) An Act relating to compulsory attendance. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **NOTICES OF BILL/RESOLUTION**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Representative Amaral gives notice that on the next legislative day he will introduce a measure concerning realty conveyance 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 Ajello gives notice that on the next legislative day she will introduce a measure concerning storm water runoff enabling municipalities to charge fees for handling storm water runoff. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

EDITH H. AJELLO

Representative, District 3

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Representative Barr gives notice that on the next legislative day he will introduce a measure concerning retirement for police and firefighters. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

JOHN DOUGLAS BARR, II

Representative, District 59

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Representative S. Anderson introduces (98-H 8804) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$1,328.26 to pay the claim of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, 114 Turnpike Road, PO Box 5104, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581, as subrogee of Arlene Andrews of 54 Forest Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02910.

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

Representatives Palangio and Giannini introduce (98-H 8805) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for Elmhurst Special League.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Malik, Ferguson, Millard, Barone and Heffner introduce (98-H 8806) An Act relating to waters and navigation.

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

Representative S. Anderson introduces (98-H 8807) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$83.58 to pay the claim of Lucy J. Rosati of 6 Crest Drive, Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882.

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

Representative S. Anderson introduces (98-H 8808) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$725.00 to pay the claim of Melissa C. Austin, Wardroom, USS Sacramento (AOE-1) FPOAP 96698-3012.

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

Representatives Scott, Kelley, George, Garvey, Carter and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 8809) An Act relating to real estate conveyance tax.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Lopes and Palumbo introduce (98-H 8810) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Ferguson, Benson, Lanzi, Coderre, Winfield and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 8811) House Resolution naming the month of October Agent Oranges Dioxin Awareness Month.

Representative Ferguson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

Representative Williams introduces (98-H 8812) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$560.00 to pay the claim

of Donald S. Mulholland of 90 Love Lane, North Kingstown, Rhode Island 02852.

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

Representative Williams introduces (98-H 8813) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$776.00 to pay the claim of Vincent J. Marandola of 22 Ruggieri Circle, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920.

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

Representatives Bramley, Lima, Cicilline, Burlingame and Hetherington introduce (98-H 8814) An Act making an appropriation of \$500,000 for Department of Children, Youth and Families.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Rabideau introduces (98-H 8815) An Act relating to land surveyors.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Naughton, Ginaitt, Little, Reilly, Lowe and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 8816) An Act an aquaculture act.

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

Representative Salisbury introduces (98-H 8817) An Act relating to health care benefits for present and former members of the General Assembly.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## CALENDAR

From the Calendar is taken:

**1.** (98-H7199) (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".

Representative Benoit moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Barr, Menard and several other members of the House.

Representatives Salisbury, Menard, Giannini and Barr discuss the act. The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 88 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS - 88:** The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Aiken, Salandria, Ajello, Amaral, Anderson, M., Anderson, S., Anzeveno, Barone, Barr, Benoit, Benson, Bierman, Bramley, Burlingame, Callahan, Carpenter, 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, Kelley, Kelso, Kennedy, Lally, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima, Long, Lopes, Lowe, Malik, Martineau, McCauley, McGowan, McNamara, Menard, Mesoella, Metts, Montalbano, Montanaro, Moura, Munschy, Murphy, Naughton, Palangio, Palumbo, Panciera, Picard, Pires, Pisaturo, Reilly, Rose, Russo, San Bento, Scott, Shavers, Sherlock, Simonian, Slater, Smith, Voccola, Walter, Wasylyk, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

**NAYS - 7:** Representatives Campbell, Iannitelli, Little, Quick, Rabideau, Salisbury, Watson.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Winfield announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet tomorrow at the rise of the House.

Also:

Representative Panciera announces that the Finance Sub-Committee on General Government will meet tomorrow at the rise of the House in Room 35 of the State House.

Also:

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

Also:

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

Also:

Representative Naughton announces that the Finance Sub-Committee on the Department of Elderly Affairs will meet today at the rise of the House.

Also:

Representative Martineau announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today and tomorrow at the rise of the House.

Also:

Representative Montanaro commends Representative Williams on an article in the Lifebeat section of the Providence Journal.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 3:31 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 SUZANNE M. HENSELER

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

Appendix

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CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, March 18, 1998:

- 1. (98-H 7985) House Resolution to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of the Little Rhody Division. Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
- 2. (98-H8020 as amended) An Act relating to the Kingstown Fire District in the town of South Kingstown. Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.
- 3. (98-H7701) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters. Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

LOUIS D'ANTUONO  
Reading Clerk  
Wednesday, March 11, 1998

Appendix

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CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, March 12, 1998:

- 1. (98-H 7809) An Act relating to deceptive trade practices appliances. Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

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CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, March 17, 1998:

1. (98-H 7222) House Resolution creating a House legislative commission to study the modernization of the Rhode Island Registry of Motor Vehicles. Committee on Finance recommends passage.
2. (98-H 7349) An Act relating to taxation -investment tax credit. Committee on Finance recommends passage.
3. (98-S2120) An Act naming the airport connector the Mary Brennan Parkway. Ordered on the Calendar.
4. (98-S2843) An Act relating to the General Assembly - "The Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway". Ordered on the Calendar.

LOUIS D'ANTUONO

Reading Clerk

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

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