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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. 27 Thursday, March 12, 1998 Twenty-seventh Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, March 12, 1998, and is called to order at 3:17 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable John B. Harwood, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 93 members present and 7 members absent as follows:

PRESENT - 93: The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Aiken-Salandria, Ajello, Amaral, Anderson, M., Anderson, S., Barone, Barr, Benoit, Benson, Bierman, Bramley, Burlingame, Callahan, Campbell, Carpenter, Carter, Caruolo, Castro, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Crowley, Dennigan, DeSimone, Faria, Farrell, Ferguson, Flaherty, Fox, Garvey, George, Giannini, Ginaitt, Heffner, Henseler, Hetherington, Iannitelli, Inman, Iwuc, Jacquard, Kelley, Kelso, Kennedy, Lally, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima, Little, Long, Lopes, Lowe, Malik, Martineau, McCauley, McGowan, McNamara, Menard, Mesolella, Metts, Millard, Montalbano, Montanaro, Moura, Munschy, 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 - 7: Representatives Anzeveno, Cambio, Carroll, Cicilline, Fleury, Kilmartin, Murphy.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Reilly, 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 Wednesday, March 11, 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 2264) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to fish and wildlife- licenses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

(98-S 2728) An Act relating to health and safety Division of Fire Safety.

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

(98-S 2533) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to the Department of Elderly Affairs.

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

(98-S 2837) An Act relating to handicapped children.

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

(98-S 2250 as amended) An Act relating to education - charter schools.

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

GUESTS

Representatives Williamson and Inman welcome to the House as guests Shannon Delfino, Miss Ireland 1998, along with her mother Elizabeth O'Connell-Delfino, her aunt Mary Ellen O'Connell and her nieces Kathryn and Meghan O'Connell.

Also:

Representative Williamson welcomes to the House Chambers Senator Stephen Alves from West Warwick.

Also:

Representative Long welcomes to the House of Representatives Kathryn Leonard from the City Council, Ward 4 in Newport.

Also:

Representative Lopes welcomes to the Chambers William Guy, Mary Ann and her uncle Tony.

NOTICES OF BILL/RESOLUTION

INTRODUCTION

Representative Henseler gives notice that on the next legislative day she will introduce a measure concerning mobile homes. 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 Reilly gives notice that on the next legislative day he will introduce a measure concerning gambling and minors. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

DONALD O. REILLY, JR.
Representative, District 67

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Representative Reilly gives notice that on the next legislative day he will introduce a measure concerning criminal offenses- children. This notice is given in compliance with House Rule 41.

DONALD O. REILLY, JR.
Representative, District 67

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Representative Flaherty, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measure (98-H 7886), with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:

(98-H 7886) An Act relating to motor vehicles - certificates of titles and security interests. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Flaherty, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measure (98-H 7273), with recommendation of passage:

(98-H 7273) An Act relating to solemnization of marriages.

Received and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Representative Henseler introduces (98-H 8818) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for Rhode Island Partnership for Research on Women and Gender.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Reilly, Iwuc, Farrell and Menard introduce (98-H 8819) House Resolution extending condolences on the passing of James J. Acciaoli.

Representative Reilly requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

Representative Quick introduces (98-H 8820) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$632.74 to pay the claim of Peter Pietruszka of 16 Beatrice Terrace, Warwick, Rhode Island 02889.

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

Representative Quick introduces (98-H 8821) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$87.11 to pay the claim of

Robert T. Fitzsimmons of 265 Essex Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island 02852.

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

Representative Quick introduces (98-H 8822) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$576.08 to pay the claim of Henry E. Holik of 455 Peckham Street, Fall River, Massachusetts 02721.

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

Representative Quick introduces (98-H 8823) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$96.99 to pay the claim of Thomas Kenney of 146 Cornwall Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

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

Representative Quick introduces (98-H 8824) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$1,345.02 to pay the claim of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company of 114 Turnpike Road, P.O. Box 5104, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581-5104 as subrogee for Patricia S. Trabucco.

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

Representative Kennedy introduces (98-H 8825) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$2,000 for Hope Valley Ambulance Squad.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kennedy introduces (98-H 8826) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$2,000 for Ashaway Volunteer Fire Department.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kennedy introduces (98-H 8827) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$2,000 for Hope Valley - Wyoming Fire District.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Moura, Montanaro, S. Anderson and McGowan introduce (98-H 8828) An Act relating to relief of injured and deceased fire fighters and police officers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Williams introduces (98-H 8829) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$511.00 to pay the claim of Daniel Northup of 13 Pine Street, Wakefield, Rhode Island 02879.

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

Representatives Williams and Lanzi introduce (98-H 8830) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$300.00 to pay the claim of Rose Labrie of 1740 Plainfield Pike, Cranston, Rhode Island 02921.

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

Representatives Williams and Kelso introduce (98-H 8831) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$2,266.72 to pay the claim of Liberty Mutual Insurance Group, 114 Turnpike Road, P.O. Box 5104, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581 as subrogee for Janice K. Travers.

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

Representatives Bierman, Aiken-Salandria, Rabideau, Salisbury and Millard introduce (98-H 8832) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for National Kidney Foundation of Rhode Island, Inc.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Bierman, Montanaro, Lanzi, Pisaturo and Palumbo introduce (98-H 8833) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for Cranston Volunteer Firefighters Museum of Meshanticut Park/Oak Lawn, Inc.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives M. Anderson, S. Anderson, Lopes, Farrell, Moura and several other members of the House introduce (98-H 8834) An Act relating to the Department of Health.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Ajello and Ginaitt introduce (98-H 8835) An Act relating to towns and cities.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative Voccola introduces (98-H 8836) An Act relating to towns and cities.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Voccola and Russo introduce (98-H 8837) House Resolution creating a special House commission to study the feasibility and/ or non-feasibility of locating a power plant in the town of Johnston.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar is taken:

1. (98-H7809) An Act relating to deceptive trade practices appliances. Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Representative Kennedy moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Menard, Rose, Reilly, Costantino, Lowe, Coelho, Kelso, Williams and San Bento.

Representatives George, Menard and Lopes discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 79 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 79: The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Aiken-Salandria, Ajello, Anderson, M., Anderson, S., Barone, Barr, Benoit, Bierman, Bramley, Burlingame, Callahan, Campbell, Carpenter, Caruolo, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Crowley, Dennigan, DeSimone, Faria, Farrell, Ferguson, Flaherty, Fox, Garvey, George, Giannini, Ginaitt, Henseler, Hetherington, Inman, Iwuc, Kelley, Kelso, Kennedy, Lally, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima, Long, Lopes, Lowe, Malik, Martineau, McGowan, McNamara, Menard, Metts, Millard, Montalbano, Montanaro, Moura, Munschy, Naughton, Palumbo, Panciera, Picard, Pires, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Russo, Salisbury, San

Bento, Shavers, Sherlock, Simonian, Slater, Smith, Voccola, Wasylyk, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Iannitelli, Walter.

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. BEST WISHES

Representative Slater wishes Representative Giannini a Happy "39th" Birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Also:

Representative Panciera announces that the Finance Sub-Committee on General Government Department of Labor and Training will meet today at the rise of the House in Room 35 of the State House.

Also:

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

Also:

By unanimous consent, Majority Leader Caruolo announces there will be no session on Friday, March 12.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:28 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Rose, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of George Studley; on motion of Representatives McGowan and Sherlock, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Martin Curley, seconded by Representatives Caruolo and Salisbury, the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

LINDA McELROY
Recording Clerk

Appendix

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE DONALD O. REILLY, JR.

Heavenly Father, look with favor on our deliberation and assist us by your grace to do what is just and wise.Amen.

Appendix

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
Thursday, March 12, 1998

Appendix

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-H7349) 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.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, March 19, 1998:

1. (98-H 7273) An Act relating to solemnization of marriages. Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

LOUIS D'ANTUONO

Reading Clerk

Thursday, March 12, 1998

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