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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. 28 Tuesday, March 17, 1998 Twenty-eighth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, March 17, 1998, and is called to order at 5:18 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., Barone, Barr, Benoit, Benson, Bierman, Bramley, Burlingame, Callahan, Cambio, Campbell, Carpenter, Carroll, Caruolo, Castro, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Crowley, Dennigan, DeSimone, Faria, Farrell, Flaherty, Fleury, Fox, Garvey, George, Giannini, 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, McNamara, Menard, Mesolella, Metts, Millard, Montalbano, Montanaro, Moura, Munsch, Murphy, Naughton, Palangio, Palumbo, Panciera, Picard, Pires, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Russo, Salisbury, San Bento, Scott, Shavers, Simonian, Slater, Smith, Voccola, Walter, Wasylyk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

ABSENT - 6: Representatives Anzeveno, Carter, Ferguson, Ginaitt, McGowan, Sherlock.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Kelley, 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, March 12, 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 2211) An Act relating to labor and labor relations arbitration of school teacher disputes.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

(98-S 2174) An Act relating to labor and labor relations- wages.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

(98-S 2742) An Act relating to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

(98-S 2321 as amended) An Act relating to motor vehicles - driver education.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

(98-S 3011) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

(98-S 2435 as amended) An Act relating to state affairs and government.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

(98-S 2385) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to the Pawtuxet River Authority.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

(98-S 2528) An Act relating to public finance state funds.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

(98-S 2199) An Act relating to nurses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is just a reminder that the St. Joseph's Day and St. Patrick's Day celebration will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 1998, at the rise of the House.

Also:

Representative Fleury was unable to attend session on Thursday, March 12 due to the fact that he was away on business.

NOTICES OF BILL/RESOLUTION

INTRODUCTION

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

DAVID N.CICILLINE
Representative, District 4

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

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

EILEEN S. NAUGHTON
Representative, District 32

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

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

ROGER A. PICARD
Representative, District 66

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Representative Barr gives notice that on the next legislative day he will introduce a measure concerning gaming. 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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Representative Reilly, for the Joint Committee on Naming State Constructions, reports back the following measure (98-H 7806), with recommendation of passage:

(98-H 7806) An Act naming the airport connector the Mary Brennan Parkway. By unanimous consent, received and ordered to be placed on today's Calendar.

Representative Lopes, for the Committee on Special Legislation, reports back the following measure (98-H 7646), with recommendation of passage:

(98-H 7646) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages - identification cards.

Received and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Representative Lopes, for the Committee on Special Legislation, reports back the following measure (98-H 8261), with recommendation of no passage:

(98-H 8261) Joint Resolution to approve and publish, and submit to the electors a proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the State (election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor). No further action required.

Representative Lopes, for the Committee on Special Legislation, reports back the following measure (98-H 7515), with recommendation of no passage:

(98-H 7515) An Act relating to elections. No further action required.

NEW BUSINESS

Representative Barr introduces (98-H 8838) An Act relating to arbitration of labor controversies.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Representatives Reilly, San Bento, Kelso, Flaherty and Williamson introduce (98-H 8839) An Act relating to criminal offenses- children.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representatives Coelho, Rose, Lopes, Barone and Dennigan introduce (98-H 8840) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$32,000 for the East Providence Senior Center.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Lowe and S. Anderson introduce (98-H 8841) House Resolution extending the reporting date of the special House commission to study interest rates and financing of mobile homes and matters relating thereto.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative Reilly introduces (by request) (98-H 8842) An Act relating to gambling and minors.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Barr introduces (98-H 8843) An Act relating to the arbitration of labor controversies.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Representative Barr introduces (98-H 8844) An Act relating to labor and labor relations -arbitration of labor controversies.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Representatives Coelho, Rose, Lopes, Barone and Dennigan introduce (98-H 8845) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for the Handicapped Inner-City Transportation Service of East Providence.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Kelley, Campbell, Walter, Rabideau, Lally and Garvey introduce (98-H 8846) An Act relating to taxation- collection of taxes generally.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Malik and Millard introduce (98-H 8847) An Act relating to the collection of taxes generally.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Kelley, Campbell, Walter, Rabideau, Lally and Garvey introduce (98-H 8848) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$5,000 for Washington County Adult Education.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Amaral and Quick introduce (by request of the town of Tiverton) (98-H 8849) An Act relating to real estate conveyance tax.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative Kennedy introduces (98-H 8850) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$2,000 for Bradford Volunteer Fire Department.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kennedy introduces (98-H 8851) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$3,000 for Crandall Park Community Project.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kennedy introduces (98-H 8852) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$2,000 for Ashaway Ambulance Association.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kennedy introduces (98-H 8853) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$2,000 for Hopkinton Historical Association.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Salisbury and Henseler introduce (98-H 8854) House Resolution extending congratulations.

Representative Salisbury requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

Representatives Salisbury and Henseler introduce (98-H 8855) House Resolution extending condolences.

Representative Salisbury requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

Representative Barr introduces (98-H 8856) An Act relating to towns and cities - optional retirement for police and firefighters.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative Picard introduces (98-H 8857) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$10,000 for Woonsocket Middle School Technical Program.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Representative Pires moves to recommit the act, seconded by Representative Henseler.

There is no objection. The act is recommitted, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

2. (98-H 7349) An Act relating to taxation -investment tax credit. Committee on Finance recommends passage. Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, March 24, 1998.

3. (98-S2120) An Act naming the airport connector the Mary Brennan Parkway. Ordered on the Calendar.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on motion of Representative C. Levesque, seconded by Representatives Cicilline, Menard, Reilly, Benson, Kelso, Moura, Shavers, Benoit, Walter, Kelley, Scott, Amaral and Salisbury, on a roll call vote, 85 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS 85: The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Aiken.Salandria, Ajello, Amaral, Anderson, M., Anderson, S., Barone, Barr, Benoit, Benson, Bierman, Bramley, Burlingame, Callahan, Cambio, Campbell, Carpenter, Caruolo, Castro, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Crowley, Dennigan, DeSimone, Faria, Farrell, Flaherty, Fleury, Fox, Garvey, George, Giannini, Henseler, Hetherington, Iannitelli, Inman, Iwuc, Kelley, Kelso, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima, Little, Long, Lopes, Lowe, Malik, McCauley, McNamara, Menard, Metts, Montalbano, Montanaro, Moura, Munschy, Naughton, Palangio, Palumbo, Panciera, Picard, Pires, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Salisbury, San Bento, Scott, Shavers, Simonian, Slater, Smith, Walter, Wasylyk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

NAYS -0. 4A. (98-H 7806) An Act naming the airport connector the Mary Brennan Parkway. Joint Committee on Naming State Constructions recommends passage.

Read and passed, on motion of Representative C. Levesque, seconded by Representatives Cicilline, Menard, Reilly, Benson, Kelso, Moura, Shavers, Benoit, Walter, Kelley, Scott, Amaral and Salisbury, on a roll call vote, 88 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 88: The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Aiken.Salandria, Ajello, Amaral, Anderson, M., Anderson, S., Barone, Barr, Benoit, Benson, Bierman, Bramley, Burlingame, Callahan, Cambio, Campbell, Carpenter, Carroll, Carter, Caruolo, Castro, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Crowley, Dennigan, DeSimone, Faria, Farrell, Flaherty, Fleury, Fox, Garvey, George, Giannini, Henseler, Hetherington, Iannitelli, Inman, Iwuc, Kelley, Kelso, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima, Little, Long, Lopes, Lowe, Malik, Martineau, McCauley, McNamara, Menard, Metts, Montalbano, Montanaro, Moura, Munschy, Naughton, Palangio, Palumbo, Panciera, Picard, Pires, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Salisbury, San Bento, Scott, Shavers, Simonian, Slater, Smith, Walter, Wasylyk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

NAYS-0.

4. (98-S2843) An Act relating to the General Assembly - "The Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway". Ordered on

the Calendar.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on motion of Representative C. Levesque, seconded by Representatives Simonian, Reilly, Fox, Menard, Munschy, Barr, Shavers, Iwuc, Metts, Slater, Coderre, Moura, Scott, Kelley, M. Anderson, Burlingame, Martineau, Inman and George, on a roll call vote, 82 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 82: The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Aiken-Salandria, Ajello, Amaral, Anderson, S., Barone, Barr, Benoit, Benson, Bierman, Bramley, Burlingame, Callahan, Cambio, Campbell, Carpenter, Carroll, Carter, Caruolo, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Costantino, Dennigan, DeSimone, Faria, Farrell, Flaherty, Fleury, Fox, Garvey, George, Giannini, Henseler, Hetherington, Iannitelli, Inman, Iwuc, Kelley, Kelso, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lanzi, Levesque, C., Levesque, G., Lima, Little, Long, Lopes, Lowe, Malik, Martineau, McCauley, McNamara, Menard, Metts, Montalbano, Montanaro, Moura, Munschy, Palangio, Palumbo, Picard, Pires, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, Salisbury, San Bento, Scott, Shavers, Simonian, Slater, Smith, Walter, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

NAYS-0. REQUEST

Representative M. Anderson requests the Journal to reflect that if she had voted on (98-S 2843), no. 4 on today's Calendar, she would have voted in the affirmative.

There is no objection.

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.

GUEST

Representative Benson welcomes to the House as a guest from North Kingstown, Robin Marek.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Representative Iwuc congratulates Representative Malik and his wife Mary on their 19th Wedding Anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:38 o'clock P.M. on motion of the Honorable Speaker Harwood, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Dora Morrisette; on motion of Representative Faria, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ralph Holden, on motion of Representative Henseler, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Maureen McNamera from Coventry; on motion of Representative Lopes, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Dr. Benjamin Spock, on motion of Representative Cicilline, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Dr. William Reeves and Louis Abedon, seconded by Representatives Caruolo and Salisbury, the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

LINDA McELROY

Recording Clerk

Appendix

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE LEONA A. KELLEY

May you be in heaven a half hour before the devil knows you're dead! Erin go bragh!Amen.

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

(98-S 2120) An Act naming the airport connector the Mary Brennan Parkway.

(98-S 2843) An Act relating to the General Assembly - "The Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway".

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
Tuesday, March 17, 1998

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.

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In order for Friday, March 20, 1998:

1. (98-H 7646) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages - identification cards. Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

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CALENDAR

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1. (98-H 7349) An Act relating to taxation -investment tax credit. Committee on Finance recommends passage.

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