

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. 29                      Wednesday, March 18, 1998                      Twenty-ninth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, March 18, 1998, and is called to order at 3:18 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, S., Barone, Barr, Benoit, Benson, Bierman, Burlingame, Callahan, Cambio, Campbell, Carpenter, Carter, 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, Mesolella, Metts, Millard, Montalbano, Montanaro, Moura, Munschy, 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 Anderson, M., Anzeveno, Bramley, Carroll, Caruolo, Sherlock.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Martineau, 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 17, 1998, is approved as printed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Mabel Anderson will be unable to attend today's session.

Also:

Representative Shavers will be unable to attend session for the week of March 24. She has a professional commitment that will require her to be out-of-state.

## **NOTICES OF BILL/RESOLUTION**

### **INTRODUCTION**

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

GORDON FOX  
Representative, District 5

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

Representative Martineau, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure (98-H 8019), with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:

(98-H 8019) An Act relating to regulation of motor vehicles and excise tax. Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Representatives Fox, Costantino, Slater, Ajello and Shavers introduce (98-H 8858) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$20,000 for Educational Surrogate Parent Program -- Office of Child Advocate.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Ginaitt, Naughton, Fox and Ajello introduce (98.H 8859) An Act relating to waters and navigation Coastal Resources Management Council.

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

Representative Malik introduces (98-H 8860) An Act relating to the collection of taxes generally.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative Lally introduces (98-H 8861) An Act relating to fish and wildlife - licensing.

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

Representatives Martineau, Benoit, Burlingame, Munschy and Picard introduce (98-H 8862) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representatives Lally and Kelso introduce (98-H 8863) An Act relating to local taxes - town of Narragansett.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Also:

Representative Benoit announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet today, 30 minutes after the rise of the House in Room 135 of the State House.

Also:

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

## **CORRECTION**

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Wednesday, March 11, 1998, is hereby corrected by recording Representative Lally as being present.

## **GUESTS**

Representatives Giannini and Benson welcome to the House as a guest Lynn D'Amico from the University of Rhode Island.

Also:

Representative Montalbano welcomes to the Chambers Ann Marie Burns.

Also: Representative Watson welcomes to the House of Representatives William Sequino, Marilyn Kiesel, Carl Hoyer and Vincent Bradley.

## **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.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

1. (98-H7985) House Resolution to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of the Little Rhody Division. Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
2. (98-H 8020 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.

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

**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 3:31 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Heffner, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Arthur Testa, seconded by Representatives Henseler and Crowley, the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

LINDA McELROY  
Recording Clerk

**Appendix**

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**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE GERARD M. MARTINEAU**

Dear God, we are grateful for the privilege of serving in this House of Representatives. Keep us ever mindful that we are here to serve those who elected us and all of the people of Rhode Island.Amen.

**Appendix**

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**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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**CALENDAR**

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.

## **Appendix**

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### **CALENDAR**

In order for Tuesday, March 24, 1998:

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

LOUIS D'ANTUONO

Reading Clerk

Wednesday, March 18, 1998

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