

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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First Day

The Honorable Senate is called to order at 2:34 Senators o'clock P.M., by the His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Charles J. Fogarty, on the first Tuesday in January, A.D., 1999 (being the first Tuesday of the Month).

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, appoints Senators Enos, Irons, Coderre and Blais to escort the Honorable James R. Langevin, Secretary of State, to the Senate Chamber.

The Committee attends.

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, presents the Honorable Secretary of State.

As provided in Article III of the Constitution, the roll of the Senate, pursuant to Law, is read by the Secretary of State as follows:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
ROOM 218. STATE HOUSE
PROVIDENCE
02903-1106

James R. Langevin

January 5, 1999

I, JAMES R. LANGEVIN, Secretary of State HEREBY CERTIFY the following is the list of members elected to the Senate in the General Assembly, in accordance with the certificate of election filed in this office by the Board of Elections on the eighteenth day of November A.D. 1998, as provided by Section 22-3-13 of thee General Laws of 1956:

Senators:	District
Dennis L. Algieri	26
Stephen D. Alves	19
Roger Badeau	32
David E. Bates	44
LeoR.Blais	21
Kevin A. Breene	41
FrankT. Caprio	8

John A. Celona	36
J. Clement Cicilline	50
Thomas R. Coderre	40
Daniel P. Connors	33
Marc A. Cote	31
Michael J. Damiani	43
Daniel DaPonte	42
James M. Donegan	15
William Enos	47
Walter S. Felag, Jr.	46
Michael J. Flynn	29
Paul W. Fogarty	27
Hanna M. Gallo	12
June N. Gibbs	48
Maryellen Goodwin	1
Catherine E. Graziano	5
David V. Iglizzi	7
William V. Irons	39
Daniel J. Issa	35
Thomas J. Izzo	13
Robert T. Kells	10
Paul S. Kelly	30
J. Michael Lenihan	22
John F. McBurney, III	38
Michael J. McCaffrey	16
Patrick T. McDonald	24
Joseph A. Montalbano	37
Jonathan F. Oster	34
M. Teresa Paiva Weed	49
Mary A. Parella	45
John A. Patterson	23
Rhoda E. Perry	3
Leonidas P. Raptakis	20
John C. Revens, Jr.	18
Elizabeth H. Roberts	11
John M. Roney	2
Dominick J. Ruggerio	4
Eleanor C. Sasso	14
V. Susan Sosnowski	6
William P. Tocco, Jr.	28

William A. Walaska	17
Donna M. Walsh	25
Charles D. Walton	9

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State of Rhode Island this fifth day of January, A.D. 1999.

JAMES R. LANGEVIN
Secretary of State

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

OATH

The Oath of Office is administered to the foregoing Senators-elect by the Honorable James R. Langevin.

ROLL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 50 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT - 50: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doneian, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, GalJo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Iglizzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey McDonald, Montalbano, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patter! son, Perry, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

ABSENT-0.

INVOCATION

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, by unanimous consent, presents the Most Reverend Robert E. Mulvee, Bishop of Providence, to deliver the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Gallo, to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Senator Kelly nominates Senator Charles D. Walton as President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the 1999 and 2000 Sessions.

The nomination is seconded by Senators Goodwin and Algieri.

There being no counter nominations, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, declares nominations closed and Senator Charles D. Walton is elected President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, upon a voice vote.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Senator Kelly nominates Senator Rhoda E. Perry as Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the 1999 and 2000 Sessions.

The nomination is seconded by Senator Izzo.

There being no counter nominations, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, declares nominations closed and Senator Rhoda E. Perry is elected Deputy President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, upon a voice vote.

ELECTION OF THE CLERK OF THE SENATE

Senator Irons nominates Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr. of Pawtucket as Clerk of the Senate for the 1999 and 2000 Sessions.

The nomination is seconded by Senators Bates, Blais, Caprio and Coderre.

There being no counter nominations, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, declares nominations closed and Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr. of Pawtucket is elected Clerk of the Senate for the 1999 and 2000 Sessions, by unanimous consent, upon a voice vote.

ELECTION OF READING CLERK

Senator Enos nominates John S. Baxter, Jr. of Pawtucket as Reading Clerk for the 1999 and 2000 Sessions.

The nomination is seconded by Senator Coderre.

There being no counter nominations, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, declares nominations closed and John S. Baxter, Jr. of Pawtucket is elected Reading Clerk for the 1999 and 2000 Sessions, by unanimous consent, upon a voice vote.

OATH

The Oath of Office is administered to the Clerkelect of the Senate, Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr., and Reading Clerk-elect, John S. Baxter, Jr., by Secretary of State, James R. Langevin.

COMMUNICATION

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, presents the following communications:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
ROOM 218, STATE HOUSE
PROVIDENCE
02903 -1105

James R. Langevin
Secretary of State

January 5, 1999

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that I administered this day the oath of engagement as Governor for the State of Rhode Island to His Excellency, Lincoln C. Almond, of the town of Lincoln.

Respectfully,

JAMES R. LANGEVIN
Secretary of State

Ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
ROOM 218, STATE HOUSE
PROVIDENCE
02903 -1105

James R. Langevin
Secretary of State

January 5, 1999

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that I administered this day the oath of engagement as Lieutenant Governor for the State of Rhode Island to His Honor, Charles J. Fogarty of the Town of Glocester.

Respectfully,

JAMES R. LANGEVIN
Secretary of State

Ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, PROVIDENCE

Lincoln C. Almond
Governor

January 5, 1999

Paul S. Kelly
Senate Majority Leader
State House, Room 318

Providence, RI 02903

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that I administered this day the oath of engagement as Secretary of State for the State of Rhode Island to the Honorable James R. Langevin of Warwick.

Sincerely,

LINCOLN C. ALMOND
Governor

Ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, PROVIDENCE

Lincoln C. Almond
Governor

January 5, 1999

Paul S. Kelly
Senate Majority Leader
State House, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that I administered this day the oath of engagement as Attorney General for the State of Rhode Island to the Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse of Providence.

Sincerely,

LINCOLN C. ALMOND
Governor

Ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, PROVIDENCE

Lincoln C. Almond
Governor

January 5, 1999

Paul S. Kelly
Senate Majority Leader
State House, Room 318

Providence, RI 02903

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that I administered this day the oath of engagement as General Treasurer for the State of Rhode Island to the Honorable Paul J. Tavares of East Providence.

Sincerely,

LINCOLN C. ALMOND
Governor

Ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
ROOM 218. STATE HOUSE
PROVIDENCE
02903 -1105

James R. Langevin
Secretary of State

January 5, 1999

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that I administered this day the oath of engagement as Clerk of the Senate for the years 1999 and 2000 to Raymond T. Hoyas, Jr. of Pawtucket.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES R. LANGEVIN
Secretary of State

Ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
ROOM 218, STATE HOUSE
PROVIDENCE
02903-1105

James R. Langevin
Secretary of State

January 5, 1999

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that I administered this day the oath of engagement as Reading Clerk of the Senate for the years 1999 and 2000 to John S. Baxter, Jr, of Pawtucket.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES R. LANGEVIN
Secretary of State
Ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

SENATE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
325 NEWMAN AVENUE
RUMFORD, RHODE ISLAND 02916

January 5, 1999

Honorable Charles J. Fogarty
Lieutenant Governor
116 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Lieutenant Governor Fogarty:

This is to inform you that the Senate Democratic Caucus met on the 6th of November 1998 and by majority vote, elected Paul S. Kelly to the position of Senate Majority Leader for the 1999-2000 Senate Session.

Personal regards,

WILLIAM V. IRONS
Chairman

Ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER
ROOM 120. STATE HOUSE
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

January 5, 1999

The Honorable Charles J. Fogarty
President of the Senate
Rhode Island Senate Chamber
State House

Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President;

I have the honor to inform you that the Senate Republican Caucus met on the 18th of November, 1998, at 12:00 p.m. in Room 120 of the State House and elected the Senate Minority Leader, the Senate Minority Whip, and two Deputy Minority Leaders. They are as follows:

Dennis L. Algiere, Senate Minority Leader
Leo R. Blais, Senate Minority Whip
David E. Bates, Deputy Minority Leader
June N. Gibbs, Deputy Minority Leader

Respectfully yours,

DENNIS L. ALGIERE
Senate Minority Leader

Ordered to be placed on file.

GUEST

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, introduces the Honorable Paul J. Tavares, General Treasurer of the State of Rhode Island.

The Honorable General Treasurer is escorted to the rostrum.

SENATE ADDRESS

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, addresses the Senate.

Also:

The Honorable Paul S. Kelly, Senate Majority Leader, addresses the Senate, welcoming the new members to the Senate and all Senators to the 1999 Session.

Also:

The Honorable Dennis L. Algiere, Senate Minority Leader, addresses the Senate.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Coderre, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Fogarty, his wife, Nancy Fogarty, his mother Martha Fogarty, his sister Corleen Buckley, his sons Patrick, Brendan and Daniel Fogarty, his friends Liz Parisack, Jamie and Charlene Hainsworth, Eddie Powell and Edward Fogarty.

Upon suggestion of Senator Coderre, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of newly elected Reading Clerk John S. Baxter, Jr., his wife Stephanie Baxter, and his father John S. Baxter, Sr.

Upon suggestion of Senator Coderre, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Betty Ann Kearney.

Upon suggestion of Senator Coderre, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the wife of Senator Lenihan, Pat Lenihan, and his mother-in-law Mary Kennedy.

Upon suggestion of Senator Blais, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the wife of Senator Algieri, Leigh A. Algieri.

Upon suggestion of Senator Kelly, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Congressman Patrick Kennedy and RI Army National Guard General, James Reed.

Upon suggestion of Senator Algieri, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the wife of Senator Blais, Beverly A. Blais, his children Jeremy L. Blais, Leanne G. Blais, his parents former Senator Leo D. Blais, and Cecile L. Blais.

Upon suggestion of Senator Lenihan, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the brother of Senator Coderre, Robert Coderre, and his mother State Representative Elaine Coderre.

Upon suggestion of Senator Flynn, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the parents of Senator Parella, Sal and Bernice Parella, her aunt, Jenny Parella, her brother Town Administrator Joseph Parella and his fiancée Gail Almeida.

Upon suggestion of Senator Cicilline, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the wife of Senator Walton, Leslie Walton and their son Chad Walton.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggiero, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Celona, his father and mother-in-law, John and Elsie Murphy, his wife Karleen Celona, their sons John Celona, Jr. and Christopher Celona, as well as former Senator, Mayor John R. O'Leary of Cranston, former Senator and current General Treasurer Paul J. Tavares and his wife Lee, along with former Senators Bill Zuccarelli, Bill Castro, John Bevilacqua, Domenic DiSandro, Helen Mathieu, Joseph McGair, Leo Blais, David Kerins, Edward Morrone, and Edward Hollan, Congressman Patrick Kennedy, Providence City Councilmen John Iglizzi and Patrick Butler.

Upon suggestion of Senator Felag, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Hanna M. Gallo, her husband Russell, daughters Julie and Laura, her mother Emilie Kiggins, her sister Karen Kiggins, and her father-in-law John Gallo.

Upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Walsh, her husband Henry Walsh, Jr., her son Henry Walsh, III, her daughter-in-law Dawn Walsh, and her granddaughter Amanda Walsh.

Upon suggestion of Senator Walsh, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Sosnowski, her husband Michael Sosnowski, her children, Steven, Michael and Deborah Lewis, her father Herbert Arnold and her granddaughter, Pandora Sue.

Upon suggestion of Senator Damiani, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Felag, his wife Elaine Felag, his sons Jake and Zeke Felag, his brother Mark Felag, his sisters, Nancy Threadgill, Mary Johns, and Jayne Balasco, his father and mother-in-law Michael and Rita Calitri, along with his friends Reverend James Capoverdi, former State Senator Helen Mathieu, former Warren Democratic Chairman Ray Martins, Warren Town Council President James McCanna, Warren Town Councilman William MacDougall and Warren Sewer Commission Chairman Brian Remy.

Upon suggestion of Senator Sasso, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the wife of Senator Kells, Kathy Kells.

Upon suggestion of Senator Paiva Weed, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Goodwin, her father former State Senator Thomas Goodwin, her mother Patricia Goodwin, and her sister Sheila Goodwin, along with the wife of Senator Majority Leader Chief-of-Staff, Joseph R. Brady, Ellen Brady.

Upon suggestion of Senator Revens, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the wife of Senator Irons, Mary Irons.

Upon suggestion of Senator Irons, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Izzo, his mother Mrs. Victoria Izzo, and his sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Richard Almy.

Upon suggestion of Senator Gibbs, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Breene, his wife, Erin Breene, his children Melissa, Rebecca, Steven, and Hillary, along with West Greenwich Republican Chairperson Marge Gartleman.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Paiva Weed, her parents Arthur J. Paiva and Marie E. Paiva, Lincoln Lennon, Kevin McHugh, Providence City Councilman Patrick Butler along with her cousin, Senate Page, Ryan Sullivan.

Upon suggestion of Senator Connors, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator DaPonte, his parents, Manuel and Adrienne DaPonte, his brother Jason DaPonte, and his grandparents, John and Lee DeMelo.

Upon suggestion of Senator Celona, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Ruggerio, his mother, Dorothy Ruggerio, his son Charles Ruggerio and special friend of Senator Ruggerio, Barbera Santilli.

Upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Marc Marandola, Lenny Moioso, Maria Henderson, Marianne Barao, Fernando Pereria, Sue Braga, Mr. and Mrs. John Faria, Octavio Cunha, Marylou Hill, Katherine Avila, former Senator William Castro and Antonio Cunha.

Upon suggestion of Senator Tocco, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Igliazzi, his wife Nina, and sons David and Alexander, his father Vincent Igliazzi, his sister Angelica Iannitti, his brother Councilman John J. Igliazzi, his aunt Viola Pullano, his aunt Mary Zompa, his father-in-law Thomas P. Ricci, and his mother-in-law Elaine Ricci, joining them are close family friends former Senator John J. Bevilacqua, Councilwoman Josephine DiRuzzo, Representative Steven Smith, Representative Charlene Lima, Attorney Charles Pisaturo who has served as a Providence City Councilman, as the City Solicitor for Providence and as the Providence Public Safety Commissioner, former Providence Councilman Philip Almagno, 7th Senatorial Chairman Frank Ciccone, 15th Ward Chairman Peter Marinucci, Mrs. Roberta Donofrio, Mr. Carl Calicchia, Mrs. AnnMarie Cavallaro, Mr. Al Lamothe, Mrs. Maryann Lamothe, Mr. Tomas Ramirez, Mr. Michael Diraimo, Mr. Robert Diraimo, Ms. Janice Spirito, Mr. Albert DeFlippo, Mr. Ronald Taglieferri and Mr. John Ennis.

Upon suggestion of Senator Oster, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator McDonald, his wife Kristin McDonald and his children, Kelsey and Patrick McDonald, along with Richard and Ann Howe, and Ronald Poirier.

Upon suggestion of Senator Iglizzi, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Tocco, his wife Maria J. Tocco; his son Stephen Tocco along with his wife Maria, and their children Stephanie and Gregory; his son Richard Tocco along with his wife Lynne and their children Daniel and Krista; his sons William and David, his granddaughter Alexandra, and recognizes his daughter-in-law Terry who was unable to attend today, also here are Chairperson of Senate Committee Peggy Sue Vendetelli, Vice Chair of Senate Committee Giovanni Conti, Thomas Tarro, Domenic Tom Galasso, Anthony Mancini, Orvella (Vi) Superanti and all Senate Staff Workers.

Upon suggestion of Senator Montalbano, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Connors, his mother Charlene Connors, his father Paul Connors, along with his aunt Jone LaPlante.

Upon suggestion of Senator Cote, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Perry, her sister Pamela E. Bailey, her son Alexander C. Perry, her grandson, Lucas E. Perry and her daughter-in-law Susan Perry.

Upon suggestion of Senator McDonald, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Oster, his wife, Joan Oster, his daughters Katie and Amy Oster and his mother Alice Oster, along with former Senator Domenic DiSandro.

Upon suggestion of Senator Alves, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator McCaffrey, his wife Deidra McCafirey and his son Michael McCaffrey, along with former Senator Helen Mathieu, former Chair of the Warren Democratic Town Committee Raymond Martins, former Senator Edward Morrone, and former Senator John Bevilacqua.

Upon suggestion of Senator Damiani, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the legendary Walter S. Miller.

Upon suggestion of Senator Perry, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Damiani, his wife Sharlene Damiani, his son Michael, Jr., his daughter Jen and friend Maggie Casey.

Upon suggestion of Senator Walton, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Cicilline, his wife, Kathy Cicilline, his daughter, Kristen Rojas, his grandsons Nicholas, Marcus and Austin, and granddaughter Madison.

Upon suggestion of Senator Irons, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber former Clerk of the Senate Corporations Committee and soon to be a Candidate for International Director of Lions International, Peter G. Barilla.

Upon suggestion of Senator Parella, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the wife of Senator Patterson, Professor Lillian Patterson.

Upon suggestion of Senator Roney, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Charles Pisaturo.

Upon suggestion of Senator Walton, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Ms. Julie Perez along with newly elected Providence City Councilman Luis Aponte, the first Hispanic Providence City Councilman.

Upon suggestion of Senator Bates, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Caprio, his wife Gabriella Caprio and his son Frank, II.

NEW BUSINESS

Senators Lenihan, Roney, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Bates and others present (99-S 1) Senate Resolution adopting the Rules of the Senate for the years 1999-2000.

Senator Lenihan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lenihan moves passage, seconded by Senators Kelly, Enos, Coderre, Walton, Perry, Blais, Ruggerio and others.

Senator Blais, seconded by Senators Lenihan, Kelly, Paiva Weed and Bates, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

(99-S 1)

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend (99-S 1) entitled "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE YEARS 1999-2000", as follows:

By deleting the words "prior to introduction" line 9 of page 5.

Respectfully submitted,

LEOR.BLAIS
Senator, District 21

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 48 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 48; Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Igliazzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Perry, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

NAYS -0.

Senator Alves, seconded by Senator Graziano, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO
(99-S 1)

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend (99-S 1) entitled "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE YEARS 1999-2000", as follows:

- (1)** On page 4, line 32, reinsert the stricken language.
- (2)** On page 5, lines 1 and 2, reinsert the stricken language.
- (3)** On page 5, delete lines 6, 7 and 8.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEND.ALVES
Senator, District 19

Senators Lenihan, Montalbano and Ruggerio discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails of passage upon a roll call vote with 8 Senators voting in the affirmative and 37 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 8; Senators Alves, Caprio, Doneian, Issa, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Oster, Walaska.

NAYS - 37; Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Breene, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Igliazzi, Irons, Izzo, Kells, Lenihan, McDonald, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Perry, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walsh, Walton.

Senator Alves, seconded by Senator McCaffrey, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO
(99-S 1)

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend (99-S 1) entitled "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE YEARS 1999-2000", as follows:

- (1)** On page 12, line 27, by deleting the words and figure "two-thirds (2/3)", and inserting in place thereof the word "majority".

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEND.ALVES
Senator, District 19

Senators Lenihan and Roney discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails of passage upon a roll call vote with 9 Senators voting in the affirmative and 38 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 9; Senators Alves, Caprio, Doneian, Flynn, Graziano, Issa, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Walaska.

NAYS - 38: Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Breene, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, GalJo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Igliazzi, Irons, Izzo, Kells, Lenihan, McDonald, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Perry, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walsh, Walton.

Senator Alves, seconded by Senator McCaffrey, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

(99-S 1)

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend (99-S 1) entitled "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE YEARS 1999-2000", as follows:

(1) On page 18, line 9, by adding the following language after the "Provided, however, that a motion to move the question cannot be accepted until all Senators who have had their recognition light on have been heard."

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEND.ALVES
Senator, District 19

Senators Paiva Weed, Montalbano, Graziano, Kells, Lenihan, Roney and Irons discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails of passage upon a roll call vote with 8 Senators voting in the affirmative and 37 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 8; Senators Alves, Caprio, Donelan, Kells, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Oster, Walaska.

NAYS - 37: Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Breene, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Igliazzi, Irons, Izzo, Kelly, Lenihan, McDonald, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Perry, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walsh, Walton.

Senator Alves, seconded by Senator Walaska, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

(99-S 1)

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend (99-S 1) entitled "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE YEARS 1999-2000", as follows:

(1) On page 20, line 25, by deleting the language following the number "8.5." through line 28.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN D. ALVES
Senator, District 19

Senators Lenihan and Alves discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails of passage upon a roll call vote with 7 Senators voting in the affirmative and 38 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 7: Senators Alves, Caprio, Graziano, Issa, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Walaska.

NAYS - 38; Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Breene, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, GalJo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Igliazzi, Irons, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McDonald, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Perry, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walsh, Walton.

Senator Alves, seconded by Senator McCaffrey, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

(99-S 1)

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend (99-S 1) entitled "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE YEARS 1999-2000", as follows:

(1) On page 23, delete lines 15, 16 and 17.

(2) On page 23, by striking the number "9.14", and substitute therefor the number 9.13

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN D. ALVES
Senator, District 19

Senators Lenihan, Roney, Issa and Alves discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails of passage upon a roll call vote with 9 Senators voting in the affirmative and 37 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 9; Senators Alves, Caprio, Donelan, Graziano, Issa, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Oster, Walaska.

NAYS - 37: Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Breene, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, GalJo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Igliazzi, Irons, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McDonald, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walsh, Walton.

Senator Alves, seconded by Senator Walaska, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

(99-S 1)

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend (99-S 1) entitled "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE YEARS 1999-2000", as follows:

(1) On page 23, after line 20, by adding the following section and language "9.15 Senate Security" "No member of the senate or staff may enter the Senate chamber possessing any firearms with the exception of the appropriate security staff."

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN D. ALVES
Senator, District 19

Senators Kells, Damiani and Alves discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails of passage upon a roll call vote with 7 Senators voting in the affirmative and 35 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 7: Senators Alves, Caprio, Donelan, Flynn, Graziano, McCaffrey, Walaska.

NAYS - 35; Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Breene, Celona, Coderre, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Igliazzi, Irons, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Perry, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walsh, Walton.

Upon motion of Senator Lenihan, seconded by Senators Kelly, Bates, Algieri and others, read and passed, as amended, upon a roll call vote with 45 Senators voting in the affirmative and 1 Senator voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 45; Senators Algieri, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Igliazzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Perry, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

NAYS - 1; Senator Alves.

FROM THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage: (99-H 5003) Joint Resolution of adjournment.

Senator Kelly requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Kelly, seconded by Senators Enos and Coderre, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, in concurrence, under suspension of the rules, upon a voice vote.

BENEDICTION

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, by unanimous consent, presents the Rt. Reverend Gerolyn Wolf, Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island, to deliver the Benediction.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Kelly, seconded by Senator Algiere, the Senate adjourns at 4:40 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Clerk of the Senate

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