

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Journal of the Senate

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the fourth day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand.

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Charles J. Fogarty, at 4:05 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 46 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT - 46: Senators Algieri, Badeau, Bates, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Iglioizzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Perry, RaptaKis, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

ABSENT - 4: Senators Alves, Blais, Damiani, Roberts.

INVOCATION

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Algieri, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Tuesday, January 18, 2000 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Kelly and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal approved as recorded.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Izzo, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the

Chamber from the National Council of State Legislators, Laurie Bauer, Program Manager, Adolescent School Health Project and Nicole Kendall, Policy Associate.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Alan Sokolw, Director, Eastern Regional Office of the Council of State Governments.

COMMUNICATION

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

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER

January 19, 2000

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

Dear Lt. Governor Fogarty:

Please be advised that I will be absent from today's Senate session as my father, former state Senator Leo D. Blais, passed away earlier in the day.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal and thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

LEO R. BLAIS
Senate Minority Whip

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Senators Montalbano, Celona, Kells, Fogarty, Connors and others present (00-S 2109) Senate Resolution congratulating Carlton "Pudge" Fisk on his election to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Senator Montalbano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Montalbano, seconded by the entire Senate, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, under suspension of the rules, upon a voice vote.

Senators Igliazzi, Felag, Tocco, Badeau, Ruggerio and others present (00-S 2110) An Act relating to telephone services for the handicapped.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Roney and Montalbano present (00-S 2111) An Act relating to business corporations - continuing corporate powers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Paiva Weed, Fogarty and Walaska present (00-S 2112) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles motor vehicle offenses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Iglioizzi, Felag, Tocco, Badeau, Ruggerio and others present (00-S 2113) An Act relating to courts and civil procedure.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Iglioizzi, Felag, Tocco, Badeau, Ruggerio and others present (00-S 2114) An Act relating to highways - construction and maintenance.

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

Senators Cote, Patterson, Lenihan, Flynn, Bates and others present (00-S 2115) Joint Resolution to approve and publish and submit to the electors a proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the State (initiative and referendum).

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Cote, Patterson, Lenihan, Flynn, Bates and others present (00-S 2116) An Act relating to initiative and referendum.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Paiva Weed and Cicilline present (00-S 2117) An Act relating to elections.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Graziano, Celona, Montalbano, Oster and McDonald present (00-S 2118) An Act relating to wage discrimination based on sex.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Graziano, Celona, Oster, McDonald and Montalbano present (00-S 2119) An Act relating to nurses.

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

Senators Graziano, Celona, Oster, McDonald and Montalbano present (00-S 2120) An Act relating to labor and labor relations- sexual harrassment, education and training in the workplace.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Graziano, Celona, Oster, McDonald and Montalbano present (00-S 2121) An Act relating to criminal offenses - assaults.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators McDonald, Sosnowski and Enos present (00-S 2122) An Act relating to commercial fisheries.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Oster presents (00-S 2123) An Act relating to the state lottery.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Oster and McDonald present (00-S 2124) An Act relating to courts and civil procedure - theft from elderly.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Oster, Graziano and McDonald present (00-S 2125) An Act relating to deceptive trade practices.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Oster presents (00-S 2126) An Act authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes of the state for the purpose of financing the Narragansett Bay Commission's combined sewer overflow abatement program.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators McDonald and Sosnowski present (00-S 2127) An Act relating to registry of motor vehicles.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Cote and Patterson present (00-S 2128) An Act relating to the call of a constitutional convention.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Cote and Patterson present (00-S 2129) Joint Resolution providing for a bipartisan preparatory commission to assemble information on constitutional questions in preparation for a vote by the qualified electors on the holding of a constitutional convention in accordance with Article XIV Section 2 of the Rhode Island Constitution and making an appropriation therefor.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Algieri presents (00-S 2130) An Act relating to property- aircraft repair liens.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Algieri and Walsh present (00-S 2131) An Act relating to cities and towns - zoning ordinances.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Gallo, Izzo, Ruggerio and Fogarty present (00-S 2132) An Act relating to teacher assistants.

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

Senators Sasso, Montalbano, Ruggerio, Caprio, Walsh and others present (00-S 2133) An Act relating to education - certification of teachers.

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

Senators Badeau and Irons present (00-S 2134) An Act relating to work on holidays and Sundays.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Badeau and Irons present (00-S 2135) An Act relating to holidays and days of special observance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Izzo, Walton, Perry, Cicilline, Goodwin and others present (00-S 2136) An Act relating to health and safety.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Fogarty, Walton, Cote, Goodwin and Ruggerio present (by request of the Lieutenant Governor) (00-S 2137) An Act relating to prompt payment by Department of Administration.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Gallo, Walsh, Goodwin and Izzo present (by request of the Lieutenant Governor) (00-S 2138) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Irons announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet on Thursday, January 20, 2000, at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Kelly, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:12 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Clerk of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DENNIS L. ALGIERE

With Your guidance, Lord, may we be kind in our judgments, diligent in our wisdom, and humble in our power. Amen.

As always, your [comments](#) concerning this page are welcomed and appreciated.

Thank you for stopping by!

