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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 4:09 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 49 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT - 49: Senators Alfflere, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Doneian, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, Galjo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Grs:iano, Igl.iozzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, fflcBurney, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Perry, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

ABSENT 1: Senator Connors.

INVOCATION

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Celona, to deliver the invocation.
(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Thursday, February 3, 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 Senators Alves, Montalbano and Algieri, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant

Governor, welcomes to the Chamber former State Senator Edward Mottone of Westerly.

Upon suggestion of Senator Perry, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber members of Boy Scout Troop 28, Ethan Wolston, Christopher Wolston, Robert Payne, Felix Johnson, and Kenneth Payne, Merit Badge Coordinator.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, presents the following communication from His Excellency, the Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:

STATE or RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
EXCUTIVEVE CHAMBER. PROVIDENCE

Lincoln Almond
Governor

February 7,2000

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-17.7-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as Hearing Officer in the Division of Administrative Adjudication in the State Department of Environmental Management:

Kathleen M. Lanphear, Esquire of Cranston

for a term expiring March 1,2006.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

LINCOLN ALMOND
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

STATE or RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
EXCUTIVEVE CHAMBER. PROVIDENCE

Lincoln Almond
Governor

February 2,2000

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 46-26-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

Bradley J. Waugh of East Greenwich
VICE
William P. Rampone

for a term expiring April 1, 2002.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

LINCOLN ALMOND
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

STATE or RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER. PROVIDENCE

Lincoln Almond
Governor

February 4, 2000

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 23-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation:

Wayne Salisbury of North Scituate
(Elected City or Town Official)
VICE
Dominic L. Ragosta
(resigned)

for a term expiring July 1, 2000.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

LINCOLN ALMOND
Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

Senator Irons, from the Committee on Corporations, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures: (00-S 2185) An Act relating to the town of Scituate property tax assessment.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar. (00-S 2195) An Act relating to insurance compliance self audit.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar. (2000-H 6705) An Act relating to education - Chariho Regional School District.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

TRANSFER OF BILLS

Senator Izzo, from the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare to the Committee on Corporations: (00-S 2114) An Act relating to highways -construction and maintenance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Lenihan, from the Committee on Finance, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Finance to the Committee on Labor: (00-S 2225) An Act relating to public officers and employees- Rhode Island State Government Pay Equity Act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

NEW BUSINESS

Senators Gallo, Izzo, Gibbs, Celona, McCaffrey and other resent (00-S 2305) An Act relating to chiropractors.

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

Senators Celona, Tocco, Coderre, Bates, Oster and others present (00-S 2306) Senate Resolution creating a special Senate commission to investigate the heating oil crisis in Rhode Island.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senator Oster presents (00-S 2307) An Act relating to human services - Department of Human Services.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Oster presents (00-S 2308) An Act relating to compulsory attendance.

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

Senator Oster presents (00-S 2309) An Act relating to probate practice and procedure.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Oster presents (00-S 2310) An Act relating to probate practice.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Oster presents (00-S 2311) An Act relating to health and safety state building code.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Oster presents (00-S 2312) An Act relating to education.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Oster presents (00-S 2313) An Act relating to taxation- personal income tax.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Gallo, Ruggerio and Kells present (00-S 2314) An Act relating to firefighters' arbitration.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senator Oster presents (00-S 2315) An Act relating to health and safety of pupils.

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

Senator Oster presents (00-S 2316) An Act relating to the Uniform Commercial Code.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Oster presents (00-S 2317) An Act relating to state affairs and government - video lottery terminal.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Cote, Kelly and Badeau present (00-S 2318) Senate Resolution respectfully requesting the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to revert back to its pre-1988 formula for calculating projected high school dropout rates.

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

Senators Cote and Walaska present (by request) (00-S 2319) An Act relating to courts - joint and several liability.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Patterson and Sosnowski present (by request of the Governor, the Department of Transportation, and the State Police) (00-S 2320) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles- motor vehicle offenses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Walsh and Damiani present (00-S 2321) An Act relating to domestic violence protection.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Walsh and Damiani present (00-S 2322) An Act relating to criminal offenses -weapons.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Breene presents (by request of the Department of Business Regulation) (00-S 2323) An Act relating to financial institutions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Breene presents (by request of the Department of Business Regulation) (00-S 2324) An Act relating to financial institutions- licensed activities.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Breene presents (by request of the Department of Business Regulation) (00-S 2325) An Act relating to credit unions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Blais presents (by request of the Department of Corrections) (00-S 2326) An Act relating to criminal procedure.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Gibbs and Blais present (by request of the Department of Administration) (00-S 2327) An Act relating to exchange of information in support of child support collection.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Blais and Gibbs present (by request of the Public Utilities Commission) (00-S 2328) An Act relating to community antenna television systems.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Breene and Gibbs present (00-S 2329) An Act making an appropriation of \$5,000 to Laura A. Hoxsie.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Blais presents (by request of the Governor and the Department of Health) (00-S 2330) An Act relating to health and safety -health care quality steering committee.

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

Senator 'Blais presents (by request of the Department of Health) (00-S 2331) An Act relating to businesses and professions- optometrists.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Breene presents (by request of the Department of Business Regulation) (00-S 2332) An Act relating to financial institutions- lenders and loan brokers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Breene presents (by request of the Department of Business Regulation) (00-S 2333) An Act relating to real estate appraiser certification act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Issa presents (00-S 2334) An Act relating to property- residential landlord and tenant act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Issa presents (00-S 2335) An Act relating to state affairs and government -pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Breene presents (by request of the Public Utilities Commission) (00-S-2336) An Act relating to public utilities and carriers - CATV companies.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Breene presents (by request of the Department of Business Regulation) (00-S 2337) An Act relating to financial institutions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Blais presents (by request of the Department of Transportation) (00-S 2338) An Act relating to highways - freeways.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Blais presents (by request of the Department of Business Regulation) (00-S 2339) An Act relating to real estate brokers and sales persons.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Blais presents (by request of the Public Utilities Commission) (00-S2340) An, Act relating to public utilities and carriers - taxicabs.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Blais presents (by request of the Department of Health) (00-S 2341) An Act relating to the health care accessibility and quality assurance act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Badeau, Cote and Kelly present (00-S 2342) An Act relating to cities and towns -retirement of municipal employees.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Bates and Gibbs present (by request of the Governor and the Department of Environmental Management) (00-S 2343) An Act relating to fish and wildlife licensing.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Blais presents (by request of the Department of Health) (00-S 2344) An Act relating to businesses and professions- psychologists.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Bates and Gibbs present (by request of the Governor and the Department of Environmental Management) (00-S2345) An Act relating to lobsters and other crustaceans.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Gibbs presents (by request of the Governor and the Department of Administration) (00-S 2346) An Act relating to public finance -post audit of accounts.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Revens presents (00-S 2347) An Act relating to elections - listing of candidates on ballots and ballot labels.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Badeau, Bates and Cote present (00-S 2348) An Act relating to labor and labor relations.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Badeau, Ruggerio, Cote, Celona, Bates and others present (00-S 2349) An Act relating to oil spill response fund.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Igliozi, Tocco, Celona, Walaska, Ruggerio and others present (00-S 2350) An Act relating to health insurance coverage- the 911 emergency system.

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

Senators Walton, Goodwin, DaPonte, Cicilline, Kells and others present (00-S 2351) An Act relating to state contractors with private employers providing service personnel.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Badeau, Cote, Celona, Bates, Oster and others present (00-S 2352) An Act relating to criminal offenses - theft detection shielding devices.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Celona, Tocco, Igliozi, McDonald and Ruggerio present (00-S 2353) An Act relating to the sale of cigar and cigarette lighters to children under the age of 18.

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

Senators Igliozi, Badeau, Caprio, Tocco, Walaska and others present (00-S 2354) An Act relating to interpreters in health care facilities.

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

Senators Gibbs, Blais, Perry, Izzo and Parella present (00-S 2355) An Act relating to health and safety - child day care centers. Read and referred to the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare.

Senator Revens presents (00-S 2356) 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/Executive Power).

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Igliozi, Badeau, Caprio, Tocco, Celona and others present (00-S 2357) An Act relating to commercial law - unit pricing.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Breene presents (by request of the Department of Business Regulation) (00-S 2358) An Act relating to financial institutions- community obligations and banking offenses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Badeau, Bates, Cote, Celona, Oster and others present (00-S 2359) An Act relating to sales and use taxes.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Revens presents (00-S 2360) An Act relating to education.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Patterson presents (by request of the Governor and the Department of Administration) (00-S 2361) An Act relating to public finance -payment of taxes and fees by credit card.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Blais presents (by request of the Department of Transportation) (00-S 2362) An Act relating to management and disposal of property.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Sasso, Gallo, Roberts, Izzo and Igliozi present (00-S 2363) An Act relating to the General Assembly - Joint Committee on Naming New Buildings. Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Naming State Constructions.

Senators Donegan, McCaffrey, Walaska and Sasso present (00-S 2364) Senate Resolution respectfully requesting the city of Warwick and the Rhode Island Airport Corporation to extend the hours of their voluntary curfew.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Celona, Tocco, Igliozi, Fogarty, McBurney and others present (00-S 2365) An Act relating to motor vehicles.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senator Irons presents (by request) (00-S 2366) An Act authorizing the Audubon Society of Rhode Island to increase its holdings to an amount not exceeding fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000).

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Perry, Coderre, Paiva Weed, Walsh, McBurney and others present (00-S 2367) An Act relating to insurance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Donelan, McCaffrey and Walaska present (00-S 2368) An Act relating to insurance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Badeau, Cote, Celona and Bates present (00-S 2369) An Act relating to criminal offenses - financial identity fraud.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Cote, Patterson, Breene and Lenihan present (by request) (00-S 2370) An Act relating to judicial tenure and discipline.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Cote, Patterson, Breene, Bates and Lenihan present (by request) (00-S 2371) An Act relating to courts and civil procedure - judicial tenure and discipline.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Algieri, Gibbs, Roberts, Paiva Weed and Parella present (by request of the Governor and the Department of Administration) (00-S 2372) An Act relating to domestic relations.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Donelan, McCaffrey and Walaska present (00-S 2373) An Act relating to state affairs and government - organized nonprofit athletic program funding.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Sasso, Donelan, Walaska and McCaffrey present (00-S 2374) An Act relating to acquisition of land.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Perry, Walton, Gallo, Parella and Gibbs present (00-S 2375) An Act relating to creation of the community and neighborhood partnership tax credit. --

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Blais presents (00-S 2376) An Act relating to public officers and employees -retirement system - contributions and benefits.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Gibbs presents (00-S 2377) An Act relating to public assistance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Donelan, McCaffrey and Walaska present (00-S 2378) An Act relating to motor vehicles - rental vehicle surcharge.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Walaska, Donelan and McCaffrey present (00-S 2379) An Act authorizing additional state aid to municipalities.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Perry, Roney, Roberts, Gibbs, Irons and others present (00-S 2380) An Act relating to domestic relations.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.'

Senators McCaffrey, Donelan, Walaska and Sasso present (00-S 2381) An Act relating to taxation - sales and use taxes-liability and computation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Gibbs, Perry, Bates, Sosnowski and Roney present (00-S 2382) An Act relating to health care for children and pregnant women.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Igliozi, Badeau, Caprio, Tocco, Celona and others present (00-S 2383) An Act relating to motor vehicles - trailer excise tax.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Kelly, Enos, Coderre and Roney present (00-S 2384) An Act relating to the sinking fund commission.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Enos, Felag, Cicilline, Damiani, Gibbs and others present (by request of the Lieutenant Governor) (00-S 2385) An Act relating to home health care providers - cost of living adjustment.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Izzo, Roney, Roberts, Perry and Walton present (00-S 2386) An Act relating to criminal offenses - children.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Cicilline, Kelly, Walton, Coderre, Perry and others present (00-S 2387) An Act relating to education - requiring certain schools to institute a breakfast program.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Perry, Walsh, Cote, Patterson and Bates present (00-S 2388) An Act relating to campaign finance reform.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Gallo and Perry present (00-S 2389) An Act relating to education - children with disabilities.

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

Senators Perry, Roney, Roberts and Izzo present (00-S 2390) An Act relating to business and professions - medical use of marijuana.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators McDonald, Walsh, Oster, Sasso, Igliazzi and others present (00-S 2391) An Act relating to education - special education.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Lenihan presents (00-S 2392) An Act relating to property tax exemption of American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Gallo and McCaffrey present (00-S 2393) An Act relating to insurance - liability insurance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Gallo, Izzo, McCaffrey, Gibbs and Celona present (00-S 2394) An Act relating to chiropractors.

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

Senators Breene, Blais and Raptakis present (00-S 2395) An Act relating to deer hunting.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Lenihan and Roney present (00-S 2396) An Act relating to courts.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Lenihan and Roney present (00-S 2397) An Act relating to the employees retirement system - administrative procedures.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Roney presents (00-S 2398) An Act relating to state board of elections.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Izzo, Sosnowski and Roberts present (00-S 2399) An Act relating to resolution of school teacher disputes.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Gibbs, Blais, Perry, Izzo and Sosnowski present (00-S2400) An Act relating to the Family Independence Act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Algiere, Enos, Blais, Fogarty, Lenihan and others present (00-S 2401) An Act relating to distressed areas - economic revitalization act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Gallo, Sasso, Roberts, Izzo and Igliazzi present (00-S 2402) An Act relating to work related paratransit services.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Algiere presents (by request of the Department of Transportation) (00-S 2403) An Act relating to public property and works.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Algiere presents (by request of the Department of Transportation) (00-S 2404) An Act relating to public property and works.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Flynn, Blais and Breene present (by request of the State Police) (00-S 2405) An Act relating to state affairs and government - state police.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Revens, McCaffrey, Donelan, Walaska, Sasso and others present (00-S 2406) An Act relating to taxation - situs and ownership of taxable property.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators McDonald, Oster, Fogarty, Kells, McCafft'ey and others present (00-S 2407) An Act relating to property subject to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Revens, Donelan, McCaffrey, Walaska, Sasso and others present (00-S 2408) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Gallo and Ruggerio present (00-S2409) An Act relating to education - teachers' retirement.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Patterson, Breene and Roney present (by request of the Governor, the Department of Transportation and the State Police) (00-S 2410) An Act relating to motor vehicles - child restraint.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Gallo, Ruggerio and McCaffrey present (00-S 2411) An Act relating to health and safety - safety and health programs for fire departments.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Perry, Gallo, Sosnowski, Walsh and Roberts present (00-S 2412) An Act relating to animals and animal husbandry- cruelty to animals.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Patterson, Coderre and Damiani present (by request of the Lieutenant Governor) (00-S 2413) An Act relating to emergency management.

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

Senators Tocco, Kells, Iglioizzi and Raptakis present (by request of the Attorney General) (00-S 2414) Joint Resolution creating a special legislative commission to study an enhanced role for probation and parole.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Tocco, Iglioizzi and Celona present (00-S 2415) An Act relating to military affairs and defense - organization and command of military forces.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Tocco, Iglioizzi, Coderre, Connors and Celona present (00-S 2416) An Act relating to relief of firefighters and police officers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Perry, Cicilline, Graziano, Walsh, Roberts and others present (00-S 2417) An Act relating to licensing of health care facilities.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, Graziano, McBurney, Gallo and others present (00-S 2418) An Act relating to parole.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, McBurney, Graziano, Montalbano and others present (00-S 2419) An Act relating to casualty insurance generally.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, Graziano, McBurney, Gallo and others present (00-S 2420) An Act relating to criminal offenses burglary.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, McBurney and Graziano present (00-S 2421) An Act relating to airports and landing fields.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, McBurney, Gallo, Graziano and others present (00-S 2422) An Act relating to motor vehicles.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, McBurney and Montalbano present (00-S 2423) An Act relating to the Department of Health.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, McBurney, Gallo, Graziano and others present (00-S 2424) An Act relating to criminal offenses- kidnapping.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, McBurney, Graziano, Montalbano and others present (00-S 2425) Senate Resolution creating a special Senate commission to study the feasibility of the purchase of Rocky Point and the funding of said purchase.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, McBurney, Graziano and Montalbano present (00-S 2426) An Act relating to criminal offenses - assaults.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, McBurney, Gallo and Graziano present (00-S 2427) An Act relating to telephone sales solicitation act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Senators Montalbano, McCaffrey, Walaska, Oster, Graziano and others present (00-S 2428) An Act relating to the Joint Committee on Legislative Services. Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Montalbano, Issa, Walaska and McCaffrey present (00-S 2429) An Act relating to taxation - tax sales.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Montalbano, Walaska and McCaffrey present (00-S 2430) An Act relating to property - redemption, release, and transfer of mortgages.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Perry, Gallo, Cicilline, Walsh, Sosnowski and others present (00-S 2431) An Act relating to animals - cruelty to animals.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Paiva Weed, Walsh, Felag, Perry, Sosnowski and others present (by request of the Lieutenant Governor) (00-S 2432) An Act relating to waters and navigation - coastal and estuary habitat restoration program and trust fund.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Walsh, Walton, Ruggerio and Cicilline present (by request) (00-S 2433) An Act relating to work on Sundays and holidays.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senator Paiva Weed presents (00-S 2434) An Act relating to tree wardens.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Walsh, Roberts, Perry, Paiva Weed, Graziano and others present (00-S 2435) An Act relating to health and safety.

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

Senators Algiere, Kelly, Gibbs, Flynn, Blais and others present (00-S 2436) Senate Resolution celebrating the life of the Honorable Leo D. Blais and extending condolences upon his passing.

Senator Algieri requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Algieri moves passage, seconded by Senator Kelly and the entire Senate.

Senators Algieri, Kelly and Blais pay tribute to former State Senator Leo Blais. The Resolution is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a rising vote.

Senators Roney, Sosnowski, Walton, Perry, Walsh and others present (00-S 2437) An Act relating to health and safety - safety of access to facilities endangered.

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

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. Appointment of the Honorable Joseph P. Ippolito of Warwick, District Court Magistrate, to the position of District Court Magistrate for a term of twelve years and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its advice and consent to this appointment.

Senator Paiva Weed, seconded by Senators Kelly, Enos, Coderre, Perry, Felag, Damiani, McBurney, Goodwin, Graziano, Irons, Algieri, Revens, Gibbs, McDonald, Badeau, Sasso, Walsh and many others, moves that confirmation of the Senate be given this appointment.

Senators Kelly and Algieri discuss the confirmation.

By unanimous consent, the confirmation of the Senate is given this appointment, upon a roll call vote with 47 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 47: Senators Algieri, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Coderre, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Igliazzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McBurney, McCafrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Perry, Raptal::is, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walasl:a, Walsh, Walton.

NAYS -0.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Paiva Weed, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Joseph P. Ippolito, District Court Magistrate, and the Honorable Albert E. DeRobbio, District Court Chief Judge.

CALENDAR

2. Appointment of Gilbert V. Indeglia of Kingston Vice Associate Justice Henry Gemma, Jr. as Associate Justice of the

Rhode Island Superior Court.

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its advice and consent to this appointment.

Senator Sosnowski, seconded by Senators Kelly, Enos, Coderre, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson and many others, moves that confirmation of the Senate be given this appointment.

Senators Kelly and Algieri discuss the confirmation.

By unanimous consent, the confirmation of the Senate is given this appointment, 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, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Coderre, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, DoneIan, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Gra'iano, Igliozi, Irons, Issa, Iz':o, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffey, McDonald, Montalbano, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Perry, Raptal:is, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, SosnowsKi, Tocco, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

NAYS -0.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Paiva Weed and Sosnowski, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Gilbert V. Indeglia newly confirmed Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court, his wife Betsy Indeglia, daughters Bethany and Hope Indeglia and Hope's flanc~ Tom O'Brian.

CALENDAR

3. (00-S 2030) An Act relating to school districts - Chariho.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator Walsh moves passage, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, McDonald and Sosnowski.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 42 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 42: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Coderre, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, Gallo, Goodwin, Graziano, Igliozi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, McBurney, McCafrey, Montalbano, Oster, Parella, Patterson, Perry, Raptal:is, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowsl:i, Tocco, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

NAYS -0.

4. (00-S 2078) An Act relating to health and safety.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator Celona moves passage, seconded by Senators Tocco, Bates, Gibbs, Damiani and others.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 44 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 44: Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Coderre, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Igliozi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Perry, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walaska, Walsh.

NAYS -0.

5. (00-S 2092 as amended) An Act relating to the Charlestown Fire District.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

Senator Walsh moves passage, seconded by Senators Igliozi, Tocco, Sosnowski and McDonald~

The act is read and passed, as amended, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 45 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 46: Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Coderre, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Igliozi, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

NAYS -0.

6. (00-S 2111) An Act relating to business corporations - continuing corporate powers.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Roney, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Wednesday, February 9, 2000.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Izzo announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet on Wednesday, February 9, 2000, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Enos announces that the Senate will meet Thursday, February 10, 2000, at 3:00 o'clock P.M., prior to the Governor's Budget Address.

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 Algieri, seconded by Senator Kelly, the Senate adjourns at 4:40 o'clock P.M., on a unanimous rising vote, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Leo D. Blais, of Coventry, former State Senator and member of the Rhode Island State Board of Elections. He was a distinguished and respected community leader and public servant whose loss will be felt by many, especially his family, who will miss the inspiration that he was in all their lives.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Clerk of the Senate

INVOCATION

SENATOR JOHN A. CELONA

Lord, grant to those in this chamber reverent spirits, devout hearts, and wise minds so that we may enact and execute those measures which will strengthen our State and increase peace for all Rhode Islanders. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Wedriesday, February 9, 2000:

- 1. (00-S 2111) An Act relating to business corporations - continuing corporate powers.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

- 2. (00-S 2117 as amended) An Act relating to elections.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, February 10, 2000:

- 1. (00-S 2185) An Act relating to the town of Scituate - property tax assessment.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. (00-S 2195) An Act relating to insurance compliance self audit.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

3. (2000-H 6705) An Act relating to education - Chariho Regional School District.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.

Clerk of the Senate

Tuesday, February 8, 2000

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