

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.

Volume 127, No. 16 Wednesday, February 16, 2000 Sixteenth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Charles J. Fogarty, at 4:11 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 48 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT - 48: Senators Algieri, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, 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, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sasso, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

ABSENT - 2: Senators Alves, Felag.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 15, 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 Perry, Algieri, Bates and Sasso, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant

Governor, welcomes to the Chamber from the National Council of Jewish Women, Anita Stein, Esther Swart, Elaine Kroll, Muriel Leach, Hetta Hoffman, Zelda Harowitz and Carol Brooklyn.

Upon suggestion of Senator Enos, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber George Cronin and Brian Condron of the Pasky-Choate Group of Boston.

NEW BUSINESS

Without objection, the following act is introduced after the deadline.

Senator Parella presents (by request of the Department of Health) (00-S 2800) An Act relating to health insurance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

Upon motion of Senator Kelly, seconded by Senator Algiere, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed upon a voice vote:

1. (00-S 2146) (Substitute "A") Senate Resolution creating a special Senate commission to study child support enforcement and accountability.
2. (00-S 2208) Joint Resolution creating a special legislative commission to study services to persons with mental illness in the criminal justice system.
3. Appointment of Deborah R. Barchi of North Scituate (Representing Large and Medium Sized Public Libraries) VICE Donna Dufault to the Library Board of Rhode Island for a term expiring December 31, 2002.
4. Appointment of Raymond A. Marcaccio, Esquire of Providence VICE Jerome Battey, Esquire to the Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline for a term expiring April 1, 2002.

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 Algiere, the Senate adjourns at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Clerk of the Senate

INVOCATION

SENATOR WILLIAM P. TOCCO

Father in heaven, enlighten our minds and touch our hearts so that we may carry on the best traditions of our Senate's history. Remembering always that it is the people's government, made by the people, and answerable to the people. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, February 17, 2000:

1. Appointment of Ashbel T. Wall, II of Providence VICE George Vose (Resigned) as Director of the Department of Corrections.

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this appointment.
2. (00-S 2176) An Act relating to taxation.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
3. (00-S 2177) An Act relating to the Smithfield Land Trust.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
4. (00-S 2178) An Act in amendment of and in addition to Chapter 55 of the Public Laws, 1958, as amended, entitled, "An Act authorizing the towns of Charlestown, Richmond and Hopkinton, to join a regional school district, incorporating said regional school district, and providing for the issuance of bonds, construction and operation of a regional school system for the joint use of the participating towns, within said regional school district established by this act" and authorizing the Chariho Regional School District to issue (A) not more than \$12,000,000 bonds and notes for the acquisition, construction, renovation and equipping of two or three new elementary schools (Kindergarten through Grade 5), (B) not more than \$17,000,000 bonds and notes for land acquisition, additions to, renovation and equipping of the existing Chariho High School (Grades 9 through 12), and (C) not more than \$8,500,000 bonds and notes for the renovation and equipping of the existing Ashaway, Charlestown, Hope Valley and Richmond Elementary Schools (Kindergarten through GradeS).

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
5. (00-S 2189) An Act establishing the Hopkinton Land Trust.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

6. (00-S 2151 as amended) An Act relating to the towns of Foster and Glocester - regional juvenile hearing board.
Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended.

7. (00-S 2269) An Act relating to elections ballots for blind and visually impaired voters.
Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, February 29, 2000:

1. (00-S 2195) An Act relating to insurance compliance self audit.
Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Clerk of the Senate
Wednesday, February 16, 2000

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