

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. 46 Wednesday, May 17, 2000 Forty-sixth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Charles J. Fogarty, at 4:13 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 44 Senators present and 6 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT - 44,, Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Flynn, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Igliazzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tocco, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

ABSENT - 6.- Senators Connors, Goodwin, Graziano, Perry, Raptakis, Sasso.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 16, 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
SENATE CHAMBER

May 16, 2000

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

HAND DELIVERED

Dear Governor Fogarty;

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Wednesday, May 17th and 18th due to the fact that I will be out of state on a personal matter. I would like this notice to appear in the Senate Journals of Wednesday and Thursday, May 1, and 18, 2000.

Sincerely,

RHODA E. PERRY

Senator District 3

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

Also:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
SENATE CHAMBER

May 16, 2000

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

HAND DELIVERED

Dear Governor Fogarty:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Wednesday, May 17th due to a death in my family. I would like this notice to appear in the Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 17, 2000.

Sincerely,

MARYELLEN GOODWIN
Chairwoman, Senate Committee
on Special Legislation
Senator District 1

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator Paiva Weed, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation confirmation of the Senate be given to the following:

Reappointment of Kate F. Racine of North Smithfield to the Public Utilities Commission for a term expiring March 1, 2005.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Appointment of Elia Germani of Warwick VICE James Malachowski (resigned) as Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission for a term expiring March 1, 2001.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

The following item s are received and referred to committee pending any objection of the body on the next legislative day.

Senators Flynn and Breene present (00-S 2969) An Act relating to the town of Smithfield to be allowed to accept Plan C of Section 45-21-52(A)(3) for certain employees.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Oster presents (00-S 2970) An Act relating to the town of Lincoln - juvenile hearing board.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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

- 1. (00-S 2897) Resolution memorializing Congress to take measures to further reduce the adverse effects of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1.(00-S 2434 as amended) An Act relating to tree wardens.

Ordered on the Calendar.

Upon suggestion of Senator Enos, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, May 18, 2000.

2.(00-S 2509) An Act relating to waters and navigation - Coastal Resources Management Council.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Enos, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Desk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Cote announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet on Thursday, May 18, 2000, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 212 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Paiva Weed announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet on Thursday, May 18, 2000, at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 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 4:18 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Clerk of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR M. TERESA PAIVA WEED

Dear God, we have so much to be thankful; for this beautiful state which we live in; for the resources you have given us, and for your protection and guidance of all the members of this Senate as we strive for the public's welfare. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, May 18, 2000:

1. Reappointment of Kate F. Racine of North Smithfield to the Public Utilities Commission for a term expiring March 1, 2005.

Committee on Judiciary recommend that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this reappointment.

2. Appointment of Elia Germani of Warwick VICE James Malachowski (resigned) as Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission for a term expiring March 1, 2001.

Committee on Judiciary recommend that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this appointment.

3.(00-S 2434 as amended) An Act relating to tree wardens.

Ordered on the Calendar.

4.(00-S 2575) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to children.

Committee on Health, Education and Welfare recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A".

5.(00-S 2879 as amended) An Act relating to refuse disposal licenses.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

6.(00-S 2305) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to chiropractors.

Committee on Health, Education and Welfare recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A".

7.(00-S 2590 as amended) An Act relating to teachers' retirement.

Committee on Finance recommends passage as amended.

8.(00-S 2910) An Act relating to taxation - tri-town economic opportunity committee.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

9.(00-S 2349) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to oil spill response fund.

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A".

10.(00-S 2909) An Act relating to state emblems - state tartan.

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

11.(00-S 2939) An Act relating to registration of motor vehicles.

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, May 24, 2000:

1.(00-S 2508) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to criminal offenses.

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A."

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Clerk of the Senate
Wednesday, May 17, 2000

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Thank you for stopping by!

