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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. 58 Wednesday, June 14, 2000 Fifty-eighth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Charles J. Fogarty, at 4:14 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 Badeau, 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, McBurney, McCaffrey, McDonald, Oster, Paiva Weed, Parella, Patterson, Perry, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, SosnowsKi, Tocco, Walaska, Walsh, Walton

ABSENT - 4: Senators Algiere, Alves, Montalbano, Sasso.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Tuesday, June 13, 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 Tocco and Graziano, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Steven Angell, President of the Johnston Town Council.

Upon suggestion of Senators Igliazzi and Graziano, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Michael DiRaimo of Providence.

FROM THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage:

(2000-H 7613 as amended) An Act relating to health and safety refuse disposal.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

(2000-H 8301) An Act authorizing the city of Warwick to issue bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for renovation and improvement of the water system infrastructure of the city of Warwick.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

(2000-H 8303) An Act authorizing the city of Warwick to issue bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for renovation and repair of municipal buildings and neighborhood preservation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

(2000-H 8307) An Act authorizing the city of Cranston to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, alteration, repair and equipping of infrastructure including, but not limited to, protective improvements to the city's shoreline along Narragansett Bay, sidewalk, highway and traffic control improvements, landscaping and lighting by the issuance of not more than \$4,000,000 bonds and notes therefor.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

(2000-H 8308) An Act authorizing the city of Cranston to finance the construction, improvement, renovation, repair, alteration and equip-ping of playgrounds and athletic fields by the issuance of not more than \$2,400,000 bonds and notes therefor.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

(2000-H 8309) An Act authorizing the city of Cranston to finance the construction, reconstruction and installation of storm drains and the acquisition of public works equipment necessary for storm drain operation by the issuance of not more than \$900,000 bonds and notes therefor.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

(2000-H 8310) An Act authorizing the city of Cranston to finance the acquisition and preservation of open space by the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000 bonds and notes therefor.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

(2000-H 8311) An Act authorizing the city of Cranston to finance the construction, furnishing and equipping of a new police station in the city including land acquisition by the issuance of not more than \$13,100,000 bonds and notes therefor.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

(2000-H 8312) An Act authorizing the city of Cranston to finance the renovation, rehabilitation, repair, improvement, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities including, but not limited to, additions to Cranston High School East and the Western Hills Middle School and improvements to the Park View Middle School in the city by the issuance of not more than \$13,865,000 bonds and notes therefor.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

(2000-H 7348) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

(2000-H 7439) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to taxation. Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

(2000-H 7556) An Act relating to taxation -situs and ownership of taxable property

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

(2000-H 7561) An Act relating to sinking fund commission.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

(00-S 2210) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to children, youth and families department.

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

Also:

(2000-H 6948) An Act relating to parks and recreational areas- general provisions. Read and ordered to be held on the Desk.

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 2987) An Act exempting from taxation the real, mixed and personal property of the Burrillville Gloucester Youth Soccer Association, Inc.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

(2000-H 7308) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to cities and towns Rhode Island development fee act.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(2000-H 7430) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(2000-H 7433 as amended) An Act relating to professional service corporations.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(2000-H 7630) An Act relating to businesses and professions electricians.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(2000-H 7907) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to mobile and manufactured homes.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator Paiva Weed, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

(00-S 2666) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to motor and other vehicles suspension or revocation of licenses.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(2000-H 6838) An Act relating to title to real estate - trusts.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(2000-H 6841) An Act relating to criminals -correctional institutions -- parole.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(2000-H 7372) (Substitute "B") An Act relating to suspension or revocation of licenses -- violations.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(2000-H 7381) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles -suspension or revocation of licenses.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(2000-H 7560) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to taxation- cigarette tax.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(2000-H 7575) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to domestic assault.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(2000-H 7796) An Act relating to elections.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(2000-H 7949) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to uniform controlled substances.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

TRANSFER OF BILLS

Senator Paiva Weed, from the Committee on Judiciary, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Judiciary to the Committee on Corporations:

(2000-H 7344) (Substitute A as amended) An Act relating to state affairs and government.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Paiva Weed, from the Committee on Judiciary, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Judiciary to the Committee on Special Legislation:

(2000-H 7927) An Act relating to elections -voting districts and officials.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Senators Gibbs and Felag present (00-S 3026) Senate Resolution congratulating the Portsmouth Historical Society for its restoration and preservation of the Southernmost Schoolhouse, the oldest standing schoolhouse in Rhode Island.

Senator Gibbs requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Connors, Paiva Weed, Graziano and Enos present (00-S 3027) Senate Resolution congratulating Sister Joan Bailey, RSM, on her election to the regional leadership team of the Sisters of Mercy.

Senator Connors requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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

- 1.(2000-H 8138) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Athena Industries, Inc.
- 2.(2000-H 8297) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Plantations Condominium Association, Inc.
- 3.(2000-H 8304) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of D.W. Bellows & Sons, Inc.
- 4.(2000-H 8313) Joint Resolution congratulating Stone Soup Coffee House on its relocation to the City of Pawtucket.

CALENDAR

Upon suggestion of Senator Enos, and without objection, the remainder of the Calendar is deferred to tomorrow.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all Senate 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 Blais, the Senate adjourns at 4:21 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Clerk of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DANIEL J. ISSA

Almighty God, grant to us Your servants patience, charity, and wisdom for our tasks. Answer our prayers and those of our constituents. Make us instrumental in promoting Your Will. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, June 15, 2000:

1. (00-S 2987) An Act exempting from taxation the real, mixed and personal property of the Burrillville Gloucester Youth Soccer Association, Inc.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Clerk of the Senate
Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, June 15, 2000:

1. Appointment of

Tom Schumpert

Cumberland
VICE

John Swen (resigned) as Director of the Economic Development Corporation.

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

2.(00-S 2957) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to lead hazard control and mitigation.

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

3.(00-S 2938) An Act relating to education curriculum.

Committee on Health, Education and Welfare recommends passage.

4.(00-S 2963) An Act in amendment of the Quinnsville Fire District in the town of Lincoln.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

5.(2000-H 8211) An Act in amendment of the Quinnsville Fire District in the town of Lincoln.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

6.(00-S 2874) An Act relating to mandated benefits review act.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

7.(2000-H 7676) An Act relating to refuse disposal licenses.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

8.(2000-H 6733) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to health insurance coverage - the 911 Emergency System.

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

9.(2000-H 6797) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to adjudication of traffic offenses.

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

10.(2000-H 6979) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to contractors' registration.

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A" in concurrence.

11.(2000-H 7443) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to businesses and professions - health clubs.

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A" in concurrence.

12.(2000-H 7633) An Act relating to businesses and professions- employment agencies.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

13.(2000-H 7694) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to state affairs and government -electronic signatures and records

act.

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A" in concurrence.

14.(2000-H 7715) An Act relating to town and city sealers.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

15.(2000-H 7916) An Act relating to incorporation of United Electric Power Company.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

16.(00-S 2885 as amended) An Act relating to the state building code.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

17.(00-S 2966) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles.

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

18.(00-S 2991) An Act relating to property subject to taxation.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

19.(00-S 2992) An Act relating to levy and assessment of local taxes.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

20.(00-S 2305) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to chiropractors.

Ordered on the Calendar.

21.(2000-H 7649) An Act relating to towns and cities - city housing authorities.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

22.(2000-H 7789) An Act relating to aeronautics - uniform aeronautical regulatory act.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

23.(2000-H 7823) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to corporations, associations and partnerships.

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A" in concurrence.

24.(2000-H 7962) An Act relating to real estate nonutilization tax of the cities of Providence, Pawtucket, Cranston and the town of North Providence.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

25.(2000-H 8253) An Act authorizing the town of Jamestown to finance the installation, expansion, construction and improvement of sewers, storm drains, pumping stations and sewage treatment and disposal facilities, to issue not more

than \$5,500,000 bonds and notes therefore and to impose additional sewer service charges under Chapter 233 of the public laws of 1973, as amended, to pay the principal and interest on such bonds and notes.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

26.(00-S 2623) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to waters and navigation. Joint Committee on Environment and Energy recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A" as amended in concurrence.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, June 20, 2000:

1. (00-S 2666) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to motor and other vehicles - suspension or revocation of licenses.

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

2.(2000-H 6838) An Act relating to title to real estate- trusts.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

3.(2000-H 6841) An Act relating to criminals - correctional institutions - parole.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

4.(2000-H 7308) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to cities and towns - Rhode Island development fee act.

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A" in concurrence.

5.(2000-H 7372) (Substitute cc B An Act relating to suspension or revocation of licenses - violations.

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

6. (2000(H 7381) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles -suspension or revocation of licenses.

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A" as amended in concurrence. cc

7.(2000-H 7430) (Substitute A as amended) An Act relating to Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation.

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A" as amended in concurrence.

8.(2000-H 7433 as amended) An Act relating to professional service corporations.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

9.(2000-H 7560) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to taxation- cigarette tax.

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

10.(2000-H 7575) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to domestic assault.

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

11.(2000-H 7630) An Act relating to businesses and professions- electricians.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

12.(2000-H 7796) An Act relating to elections.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

13.(2000-H 7907) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to mobile and manufactured homes.

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A" as amended in concurrence.

14.(2000-H 7949) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to uniform controlled substances.

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

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