

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 second day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and one.

Volume 128, No. 2 Wednesday, January 3, 2001 Second Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Charles J. Fogarty, at 4:01 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 Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Garabedian, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Igliazzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McBurney, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

ABSENT - 1: Senator McCaffrey.

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 2,2001 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Montalbano, Irons, McBurney and Igliazzi, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable John Bevilacqua, former Senate Majority Leader.

Upon suggestion of Senator Montalbano, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Attorney William Gasbarro.

TRIBUTE TO SENATE STAFF

Senate Majority Leader Irons pays tribute to the members of the Senate Staff for all the assistance they extended during the transition and many other special events held during the past two months, especially the Holiday Reception, the Gingerbread Express, the Inaugural Festivities and the relocation of office space.

Senate Majority Leader Irons welcomes the Senate Staff to the Chamber. The Senate attends.

COMMUNICATION

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

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
ROOM 220, STATE HOUSE
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

JAMES R. LANGEVIN
Secretary of State

January 2, 2001

The Honorable Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

I respectfully submit to the Honorable Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly my resignation as Secretary of State for the State of Rhode Island.

This resignation is effective January 3, 2001 at 11:00 a.m.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Secretary of State and I look forward to representing the people of Rhode Island as their Congressman from the second congressional district.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. LANGEVIN
Secretary of State

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
SENATE CHAMBER

January 2, 2001

Lieutenant Governor Charles Fogarty State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear lieutenant Governor Fogarty;

I am writing to inform you that I will be out of the State of Rhode Island during the period of January 4-7, 2001.

I will be attending a Directors Conference sponsored by the Women In Government in Scottsdale, Arizona. Representatives Henseler and Elaine Coderre will accompany me and we expect to discuss a number of legislative issues important to the State of Rhode Island as well as the nation.

Sincerely,

CATHERINE E. GRAZIANO, RN, PhD
Senator, District 5

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR

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

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, PROVIDENCE

Lincoln Almond
Governor

January 3, 2001

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution entitled Judicial Selection, I have made the following appointment as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Family Court:

Stephen J. Capineri of East Providence
VICE
Associate Justice Peter Palombo, Jr.

To this appointment, I request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

LINCOLN ALMOND

Governor

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

FROM THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

(01-H 5000) Joint Resolution of Adjournment.

Senator Irons requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Irons, seconded by Senator Coderre, and by unanimous consent, read and passed in concurrence, upon a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Blais presents (01-S 2) Senate Resolution congratulating T. William Pepper on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Senator Blais requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senator Enos presents (01-S 3) An Act relating to levy and assessment of local taxes.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Blais presents (01-S 4) Senate Resolution congratulating Daniel J. Godin on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Senator Blais requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Blais, seconded by Senators Breene, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, under suspension of the rules, upon a voice vote.

Senators Issa and Hunter present (01-S 5) An Act relating to labor and labor relations - right to worship.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Issa, Hunter, Alves and Felag present (01-S 6) An Act relating to curriculum.

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

Senators Issa, Kells and Hunter present (01-S 7) An Act relating to deceptive trade practices -credit card interest rates.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Issa and Hunter present (01-S 8) An Act relating to state affairs and government -pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Issa and Hunter present (01-S 9) An Act relating to state affairs and government -pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Kells presents (01-S 10) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$200.00 to pay a bonus in the case of Edward A. Burdick of 8329 Elko Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21045 who served in the United States U.S. Marine Corp during the Korean War, under serial number 1186995.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Issa, Kells and Walton present (01-S 11) An Act relating to taxation clothing sales.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Coderre announces that the Senate will meet tomorrow at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

TRANSMITTAL

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senate Majority Leader Irons, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DENNIS L. ALGIERE

Lord of Truth, establish in us the knowledge of Your will. Make known to us any truths and insights which will enable us to serve You, and therefore, our constituents, wisely and well. Amen.

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

Thank you for stopping by!