

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. 5 Wednesday, January 10, 2001 Fifth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Charles J. Fogarty, at 4:02 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 47 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT - 47: 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, Lenihan, McBurney, McDonald, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Raptak, Revers, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

ABSENT - 3: Senators Kelly, McCaffrey, Montalbano.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Tuesday, January 9,2001 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senate Majority Leader Irons, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor,

welcomes to the Chamber the following who will be serving as Senate Fellows: Susanne Greschner, Mindy Lok, Joel Munoz, Bonnie Nickerson, Lavonne Nkomo, Jacqueline Odell and Michael Robbins.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Ryan E. Sullivan, who has been continuing his longtime service to the Senate during his holiday break from Holy Cross.

Upon suggestion of Senators Walton, McBurney and Graziano, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the honorable William Zuccarelli, former state Senator from Providence and a very valued member of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Charitable Golf Tournament.

FROM THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

(01-H 5076) Joint Resolution creating a special legislative commission to study and update the Historic District Commission.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Also:

(01-H 5061) An Act relating to the establishment of regional school districts - Chariho.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also:

(01-H 5073) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Johnson Residential Compound, Inc.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

(01-H 5081) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Pasco Realty Corp.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senators Blais, Breene, Raptakis, Lenihan and Parella present (01-S 37) Senate Resolution congratulating Matthew MacGregor Stephenson 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 Algiere, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, under suspension of the rules, upon a voice vote.

Senator Cote presents (01-S 38) Senate Resolution congratulating Christopher M. Roberts on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Senator Cote requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Cote, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Irons, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, under suspension of the rules, upon a voice vote.

Senator Majority Leader Irons and Senators Celona, Tassoni, Garabedian, Igliazzi and others present (01-S 39) Senate Resolution expressing condolences on the passing of Michael J. White.

Senate Majority Leader Irons requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senate Majority Leader Irons, seconded by the entire Senate, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, under suspension of the rules, upon a rising vote.

Senators DaPonte, Badeau, Ruggerio, Walton, Connors and others present (01-S 40) An Act relating to minimum wage.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Polisena, Damiani, Graziano, Tassoni, Ruggerio and others present (01-S 41) An Act relating to towns and cities- relief of injured and deceased firefighters and police officers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Raptakis, Donelan, Izzo, Roberts, Lenihan and others present (01-S 42) An Act relating to health and safety - defibrillators.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Polisena, Tassoni and Ruggerio present (01-S 43) An Act relating to towns and cities - relief of firefighters and police officers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Felag, Walton, Kells, Igliazzi, Paiva Weed and others present (01-S 44) An Act relating to taxation - property tax relief.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Tassoni, Celona, Caprio, Hunter, Issa and others present (01-S 45) An Act validating and ratifying amendments to the home rule charter of the town of Smithfield.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Felag, Igliazzi, Alves, Paiva Weed, Enos and others present (01-S 46) An Act relating to teachers' retirement.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Cicilline, Izzo and Roberts present (01-S 47) An Act relating to businesses and professions - health care communications.

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

Senators Tassoni, Celona, Caprio, Hunter, Issa and others present (01-S 48) An Act establishing the Smithfield Land Trust.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Polisena, Damiani, Raptakis, Graziano, Parella and others present (01-S 49) An Act relating to public access defibrillation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Raptakis, Donelan, Lenihan, Caprio and Alves present (01-S 50) Senate Resolution creating a special Senate commission to study the consolidation of retail business permits and fee collection forms.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Fogarty, Lenihan, Tassoni, Goodwin and Walaska present (01-S 51) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles - division of motor vehicles.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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

(01-S 16) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.

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 Senate Majority Leader Irons, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR WALTER S. FELAG, JR.

God, our Father, we thank you for every day You have given us life. We ask that you give us the grace, wisdom, and strength for the remainder of our days and for each experience contained. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, January 16, 2001:

1. (01-H 5073) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Johnson Residential Compound, Inc.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. (01-H 5081) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Pasco Realty Corp.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Wednesday, January 10, 2001

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