

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. 6 Tuesday, January 16, 2001 Sixth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable John C. Revens, Jr., President Pro Tempore, at 4:00 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, Lenihan, McBurney, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Raptak, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

ABSENT - 3; Senators Kells, Kelly, McCaffrey.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Blais, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Blais, to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Wednesday, January 10, 2001 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Blais, 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, The Honorable President Pro Tempore,

welcomes to the Chamber from Feld Entertainment in Vienna, Virginia, Todd Willens, Vice President of Government Relations and Molly Phillips, Legislative Affairs Manager, Government Relations.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, presents the following communication:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

SENATE CHAMBER

January 16, 2001

The Honorable John C. Revens, Jr.

Senate President Pro Tempore
Room 318-State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Senator Revens;

This letter is to inform you that due to illness, I will be unable to preside over the Senate on this date, Tuesday, January 16, 2001.

I would appreciate this letter being included in today's Senate Journal.

Sincerely,

CHARLES J. FOGARTY
Lieutenant Governor

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Senators Coderre, Caprio and Blais present (01-S 52) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senators Donelan, Walaska and McCaffrey present (01-S 53) An Act relating to motor vehicles - rental vehicle surcharge.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Cote, Badeau, Bates, Lenihan, Gibbs and others present (01-S 54) Joint Resolution to approve and publish and submit to the electors a proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the State (initiative and referendum).

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Felag, Igliozi, DaPonte, Paiva Weed and Cote present (01-S 55) An Act relating to pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Felag, Igliozi, DaPonte, Paiva Weed and Cote present (01-S 56) An Act relating to pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Fogarty, Tassoni, Walaska, Bates and Coderre present (01-S 57) An Act relating to Pascoag Utility District.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Badeau presents (01-S 58) An Act relating to labor and labor relations - workers' compensation - benefits.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senator Badeau presents (01-S 59) An Act relating to labor and labor relations - workers' compensation procedure.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senator Badeau presents (01-S 60) An Act relating to labor and labor relations - workers' compensation procedure.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Raptakis, Garabedian, Hunter, Lenihan, Caprio and others present (01-S 61) An Act relating to elections - registration of voters.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Cicilline, Irons, Blais, Walton, Coderre and others present (01-S 62) Senate Resolution commemorating the first celebration of the new millennium of the birth of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

Senator Cicilline requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Coderre, Celona, Caprio, Hunter, Issa and others present (01-S 63) An Act relating to state purchases.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Blais presents (01-S 64) An Act relating to sales and use tax - exemptions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Walaska, Issa, Kells, Fogarty and Cicilline present (01-S 65) Senate Resolution respectfully requesting that the federal government provide funding for the purchase of Rocky Point Park as open space.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Raptakis, Garabedian and Alves present (01-S 66) An Act relating to state affairs and government.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Walaska, Issa, Fogarty, Alves and Celona present (01-S 67) An Act relating to children and their families - parent responsibility.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Cicilline, Perry and Walton present (01-S 68) An Act relating to state affairs and government tests for law enforcement candidates.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Paiva Weed presents (01-S 69) An Act relating to motor vehicles - certificates of titles and security interests.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Raptakis, Igliozi, Breene, Badeau, Walaska and others present (01-S 70) An Act relating to labor and labor relations- minimum wages.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Paiva Weed, Donelan, Goodwin, Walaska and Walton present (01-S 71) An Act relating to tourism.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Walaska, Kells, Fogarty, Alves and Celona present (01-S 72) An Act relating to zoning ordinances.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Raptakis, Damiani, Polisena, Breene, Garabedian and others present (01-S 73) An Act to approve and submit to the electors a proposition of amendment to the State Constitution regarding imposition of punishment by death.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Cote, Badeau, DaPonte, Kells, Blais and others present (01-S 74) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Cote, Badeau, Bates, Lenihan, Gibbs and others present (01-S 75) An Act relating to initiative and referendum,

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senator McBurney presents (01-S 76) An Act relating to the retirement system.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator McBurney presents (01-S 77) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Iglioizzi, Lenihan, Badeau, Tassoni, Graziano and others present (01-S 78) An Act relating to dams.

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

Senators Iglioizzi, Lenihan, Badeau, Tassoni, Graziano and others present (01-S 79) An Act relating to domestic relations- uniform law on paternity.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Iglioizzi, Tassoni, Badeau, Graziano, Coderre and others present (01-S 80) An Act relating to state affairs and government -pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Iglioizzi, Felag, Tassoni, Badeau, Graziano and others present (01-S 81) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Iglioizzi, Lenihan, Badeau, Tassoni, Graziano and others present (01-S 82) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Highway Safety.

Senators Iglioizzi, Tassoni, Badeau, Graziano, Coderre and others present (01-S 83) An Act relating to state affairs and government -pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Iglioizzi, Lenihan, Badeau, Graziano, Tassoni and others present (01-S 84) An Act relating to health - testing of rivers.

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

Senators Iglioizzi, Felag, Tassoni, Badeau, Graziano and others present (01-S 85) An Act relating to human services - health care assistance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Iglioizzi, Badeau, Tassoni, Graziano, Felag and others present (01-S 86) An Act relating to state affairs and government.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Majority Leader Irons and Senators Hunter, Parella and Cote present (01-S 87) Senate Resolution honoring Burton Stallwood on his many years of dedicated service to the town of Lincoln.

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 Senators Hunter and Algiere, 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 Coderre, 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:

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Damiani announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Connors announces that the Committee on Rules will meet on Thursday, January 18, 2001, at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Coderre, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:25 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR. Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR J. CLEMENT CICILLINE

A CELEBRATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY

Almighty Father, we ask for your special blessings as we remember our brother, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for yesterday marked the 72nd anniversary of his birthday. In his own words, he said:

"When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, January 17, 2001:

- 1. (01-S 52) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Tuesday, January 16, 2001

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

Thank you for stopping by!

