

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. 9 Tuesday, January 23, 2001 Ninth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Charles J. Fogarty, at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 48 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT - 48: 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, Polisen, Revers, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

ABSENT - 2: Senators McCaffrey, Raptakis.

INVOCATION

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Walsh, to deliver the invocation.
(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Thursday, January 18, 2001 proceedings is read in part.
Upon suggestion of Senator Walsh, and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal approved as recorded.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Montalbano, Algieri, McBurney and Alves, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the

Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Edward Morrone, former State Senator from Westerly.

Also:

Upon suggestion of Senators Paiva Weed, Cicilline, Caprio, Sheehan and Senate Majority Leader Irons, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Rear Admiral Barbara McGann, the Provost at the Naval War College at the Naval Station in Newport accompanied by Lieutenant Commander Sean Henseler.

Rear Admiral McGann, a native of Newport, was appointed the Provost of the Naval War College. The Rear Admiral has 30 years of Naval service, most recently serving a four year tour as Commander, Navy Recruiting Command. She is a 1983 graduate of the College of Naval Command. She is a former Naval Surface Warfare Officer and holds a Master of Science from Salve Regina and a Master of Arts in Foreign Affairs from George Washington University. With the Rear Admiral is Lieutenant Commander Sean Henseler who is stationed at the War College. Lieutenant Commander Sean Henseler is also the son of Representative Sue Henseler, the House Majority Whip, who is also joining us today.

The Sheriff escorts Rear Admiral McGann to the rostrum for brief remarks.

The Senate attends.

Rear Admiral McGann addresses the Senate.

Also:

Upon suggestion of Senate Majority Leader Irons, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Monique N. Edmonds of Providence, a former Senate Aide, who is celebrating the very special occasion of her 21st birthday. The entire Senate joins in wishing her all the best.

Also:

Upon suggestion of Senator Polisena, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Paul Santilli, former state Representative from Johnston.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

Senator Celona, from the Committee on Corporations, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

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

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 14) An Act relating to education establishment of regional school districts.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 45) An Act validating and ratifying amendments to the home rule charter of the town of Smithfield.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senators Lenihan, Izzo and Roberts present (01-S 106) An Act relating to the Family Independence Act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Badeau presents (01-S 107) An Act relating to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Badeau presents (01-S 108) An Act relating to electricians.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Walaska, Alves, Fogarty and Sheehan present (01-S 109) An Act relating to state budget - public finance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Roney, Paiva Weed, Roberts, Walsh and Igliozzi present (01-S 110) An Act relating to uniform premarital agreement act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Roney, Irons, Caprio, Paiva Weed, Montalbano and others present (01-S 111) An Act relating to the uniform commercial code - bulk transfers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Roney presents (01-S 112) An Act relating to child custody.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Kells, Perry, Paiva Weed, Cicilline and Tassoni present (01-S 113) An Act relating to fur-bearing animals.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senator Roney presents (01-S 114) An Act relating to health care accessibility and quality assurance act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate Majority Leader Irons presents (01-S 115) Senate Resolution congratulating Ellen L. Foley and Edward R. Fitzpatrick on the joyous occasion of their marriage on November 25, 2000.

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

Senators Coderre and Blais present (01-S 116) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senators Gallo, Igliazzi and Roberts present (01-S 117) An Act relating to fish and wildlife - birds.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Damiani, Polisena, Celona, Caprio, Bates and others present (01-S 118) An Act relating to waters and navigation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Damiani, Polisena, Caprio and Felag present (01-S 119) An Act relating to waters and navigation regulation of boats.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Walaska, Issa, Kells, Fogarty and Sheehan present (01-S 120) An Act relating to state affairs and government-video lottery terminal.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Izzo, Coderre, Irons, Igliazzi, Roberts and others present (01-S 121) An Act relating to cigarette tax - health reform 2001.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Cote, Badeau and Kelly present (01-S 122) An Act authorizing the city of Woonsocket to finance the unfunded pension liability of the city, by the issuance of not more than \$80,000,000 bonds therefor.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Cicilline, Irons and Walton present (01-S 123) An Act relating to holidays and days of special observance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Cicilline, Perry, Walton and Izzo present (01-S 124) An Act relating to education - student identification numbers.

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

Senator Blais presents (01-S 125) An Act relating to motor vehicles - lighting equipment.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Highway Safety.

Senators Kells, Walaska, Hunter, Felag and Walton present (01-S 126) An Act relating to education - RICORP scholarships.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Paiva Weed, Izzo, Roney, Roberts and Perry present (01-S 127) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles - miscellaneous rules.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Garabedian, Gallo, Ruggerio, Celona, Damiani and others present (01-S 128) Senate Resolution in recognition of the dedication of the "Stephen J. Varadian ANC Center".

Senator Garabedian requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Sheehan and Lenihan present (01-S 129) Senate Resolution congratulating Chief James L. Wynne on his retirement.

Senator Sheehan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Donelan, Walaska, McCaffrey, Hunter and Revens present (01-S 130) Senate Resolution respectfully requesting the Federal Aviation Administration to expedite the installation of ground radar at T.F. Green Airport.

Senator Donelan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Damiani announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet on Thursday, January 25, 2001, at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Montalbano announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at 5:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Roberts announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet on Wednesday, January 24, 2001, at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 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.

RECESS

Upon suggestion of Senator Coderre and by unanimous consent the Senate stands at recess at 4:36 o'clock P.M. to receive Committee Reports until the call of the chair.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order at 4:00 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday, January 24, 2001.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Montalbano, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back with recommendation of the following measure:

Appointment of Frank J. Williams of Richmond VICE Chief Justice
Joseph R. Weisberger as Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senate Majority Leader Irons, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:01 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DONNA WALSH

Dear God, please grant us the wisdom to be aware of the vital needs of the people we are here to serve. Please grant us the courage to meet those needs to the fullest extent of our ability. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, January 24, 2001:

- 1. (01-5 116) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, January 25, 2001:

- 1. Appointment of Frank J. Williams as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

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

- 2. (99-S3) An Act relating to levy and assessment of local taxes.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

- 3. (01-5 14) An Act relating to education -establishment of regional school districts.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

- 4. (99-S45) An Act validating and ratifying amendments to the home rule charter of the town of Smithfield.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Tuesday, January 23, 2001

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