

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Journal of the Senate

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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 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, Polisen, 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 Sosnowski, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Thursday, January 25, 2001 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski, 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 Senator McBurney's son, Patrick McBurney, prosecuting attorney in the mute court at the

Pegasus Program at LaSalle Academy. He was successful in convicting Jack of killing the giant. He was convicted on two counts: 1) killing the beanstalk and 2) vandalism to the beanstalk. His legal career is well on the way. His father's firm will have a new associate in the distant future.

COMMUNICATION

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

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

SENATE CHAMBER

January 29, 2001

lieutenant Governor Charles Fogarty
StateHouse
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear lieutenant Governor Fogarty:

Please be advised that I will be out of the State of Rhode Island during the period of February 1-3, 2001.

I will be attending a Conference sponsored by the Women In Government in San Antonio, Texas. Representatives Henseler, Elaine Coderre, Joanne Giannini, and Carol Mumford will accompany me and we expect to discuss a number of legislative health care issues important to the State of Rhode Island as well as the nation.

Sincerely,

CATHERINE E. GRAZIANO, RN, Ph.D.
Senator, District 5

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

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 48) An Act establishing the Smithfield land trust.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 57 as amended) An Act relating to Pascoag Utility District.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 98 as amended) An Act relating to insurance.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senators Sosnowski and Walsh present (01-S 179) Senate Resolution congratulating Herbert Arnold on receiving the community citizen award from the Washington County Pomona Grange.

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Polisena, Graziano, Iglioizzi and Damiani present (01-S 180) An Act relating to the town of Johnston.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Highway Safety.

Senators Polisena, Graziano, Iglioizzi and Damiani present (01-S 181) Senate Resolution respectfully requesting the State Traffic Commission to install a traffic control signal in the town of Johnston.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Highway Safety.

Senators Raptakis, Blais and Breene present (01-S 182) An Act relating to personal watercraft regulations.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Sheehan and Lenihan present (01-S 183) Senate Resolution congratulating Fire Chief Roger F. Walsh on his retirement from the North Kingstown Fire Department.

Senator Sheehan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Raptakis, Cote, Damiani, Polisena, Montalbano and others present (01-S 184) An Act relating to criminal offenses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Perry, Sosnowski, Donelan, Tassoni, Bates and others present (01-S 185) An Act relating to the public assistance act medical assistance and abortions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Lenihan presents (01-S 186) An Act validating and ratifying amendments to the home rule charter of the town of East Greenwich.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Hunter, Tassoni, Montalbano, Issa, Damiani and others present (01-S 187) An Act relating to criminal procedure - DNA records.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Izzo, Kells, Walton, Cicilline, Perry and others present (01-S 188) An Act relating to housing resources -- neighborhood opportunities program.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Hunter and Tassoni present (01-S 189) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles -licenses for motorcycles.

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

Senators Perry, Walsh, Bates, Sosnowski, Gibbs and others present (01-S 190) An Act relating to health and safety - reproductive health care.

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

Senator Roney presents (01-S 191) An Act relating to state affairs and government -administrative procedures.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Cicilline, Perry, Gallo, Izzo and Roberts present (01-S 192) An Act relating to miscellaneous rules.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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

1. (99-S168) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.
2. (01-H5324) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Darlington Auto Body, Inc.
3. (01-H5292) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Damiani announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet on Thursday, February 2, 2001, at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Montalbano announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senate Majority Leader Irons, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:07 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR. Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR v. SUSAN SOSNOWSKI

Dear Lord, as we confront decisions we must make during this session, guide us in your judgment so that we may bring the greatest benefit to our fellow citizens. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, February 1, 2001:

- 1. (01-S 48) An Act establishing the Smithfield land trust.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

- 2. (99-S57 as amended) An Act relating to Pascoag Utility District.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

- 3. (99-S98 as amended) An Act relating to insurance.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

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

Thank you for stopping by!

