

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. 22 Thursday, March 1, 2001 Twenty-second 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, 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, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisen, Raptak, Revers, Roberts, Roney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

ABSENT - 2: Senators Alves, Ruggerio.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 28, 2001 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Enos, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the following guests from Wilbur and McMahon School in Little Compton who visited the State House earlier

today, Brandon Armstrong, Ashley Barros, Wayne Cooper, Brett Corrigan, Christopher Cotta, Ben Fournier, Erin Goulart, Joyce Griffin, Nicholas Jesse, William Johnson, Kendall Heating, Shannon Marks, Joshua Quigley, Travis Snow, Kristi Snyder, Liam Sullivan, Jacob Vandal, Seth Wilson, Patricia Brousseau, Michael Corrao, Barclay Douglas, Tim Durfee, Norah Eddy, Ian Fraser, Christopher Goulart, Jason Hawes, Nicole Hawes, Matthew Oliveira, Lucas Peckham, Lindsay Prescott, Mary Hate Rego, Nicholas Silvia, Emily Sisson, Emaline Wilkie, Kendall Wood, John Zarriello, along with Mr. Fennessey, Mrs. Maureen Eddy, Mrs. Sue Vandal, Mr. Ron Cornell, Mrs. Beth Turcotte, Mrs. Traci Barros, Brian Medeiros, Fae Messier, Tyler Porrier, and Nick Goulart.

Also;

Upon suggestion of Senators Coderre and Goodwin, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber, from the Slater Mill Historical Society, Dr. Gail Fowler Mohanty, Executive Director and Debra Teixeira, Development and Marketing Coordinator.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Senator Badeau, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

(01-S 478 as amended) An Act relating to insurance - workers' compensation insurance.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

The following item s are received and referred to committee pending any objection of the body on the next legislative day.

Senator Irons presents (01-S 817) Senate solution congratulating Carolyn Criscione for more than twenty-one years of outstanding and dedicated service to the state of Rhode Island.

Senator Irons requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senator DaPonte presents (01-S 818) An Act authorizing suit against the state by Steven Martin and Deborah Martin and making an appropriation to satisfy any judgment entered.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Senators Cote, Breene, Bates and Lenihan present (01-S 819) An Act relating to courts and civil procedure - judicial tenure and discipline.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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

I. Appointment of Marie Stoeckel of Providence (Representing health officials) VICE Frank Canario (retired) to the State Building Codes Standards Committee for a term expiring May 1, 2001.

2. (01-S 50) Senate Resolution creating a special Senate commission to study the consolidation of retail business permits and fee collection forms.
3. (99-S123) An Act relating to holidays and days of special observance.
4. (99-S148 as amended) Senate Resolution recognizing May 7-13 as National Nurses Week.
5. (99-S159) Senate Resolution proclaiming April 3, 2001 as Rhode Island Pay Equity Day.
6. (01-H5009) An Act relating to textbooks.
7. (01-H6068) Joint Resolution extending the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study the licensing of private detectives.
8. (01-H 6094) Joint Resolution creating a special legislative commission to study commuter rail service.
9. (01-H6117) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Casa Fernandes, Inc.

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 Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet on Tuesday, March 6, 2001, 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 JAMES M. DONELAN

Dear Lord, show us how to cooperate with each other in sharing our individual talents. Remind us that working together in a unified effort provides us with strength and produces desired end results. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, March 6, 2001:

1. (01-S 127) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to motor and other vehicles - miscellaneous rules.

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A".

2. (99-S135) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to the employees retirement system -administrative procedures.

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A".

3. (99-S186) An Act validating and ratifying amendments to the home rule charter of the town of East Greenwich.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, March 7, 2001:

1. (01-S 478 as amended) An Act relating to insurance - workers' compensation insurance.

Committee on Labor recommends passage as amended.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Thursday, March 1, 2001

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