

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. 23 Tuesday, March 6, 2001 Twenty-third 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 45 Senators present and 5 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT - 45: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Garabedian, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Igliazzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

ABSENT - 5: Senators Damiani, Kelly, RaptaKis, Ruggerio, Walton.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Thursday, March 1, 2001 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Lenihan, 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 Joseph J. McBurney, son of Senator McBurney, who is back in Rhode Island after completing

his first semester at Catholic University, with an outstanding grade point average of 3.85, among his many other accomplishments.

Upon suggestion of Senator Tassoni, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber his daughter, Jennifer Tassoni.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

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

(01-S 400 as amended) An Act relating to towns and cities.

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 Kelly presents (01-S 820) Senate Resolution proclaiming Sunday, April 29, 2001 as "The Constantinian University Recognition Day".

Senator Badeau requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Cicilline, Izzo and Perry present (01-S 821) An Act appropriating \$1,000,000 to the Department of Human Services to implement the Emergency Housing Assistance Program.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Cicilline, Izzo and Perry present (01-S 822) An Act appropriating \$1,000,000 to the Department of Human Services to implement the Emergency Housing Assistance Program.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Roney, Paiva Weed, Roberts, Perry and Gibbs present (01-S 823) An Act relating to domestic relations - adoption of children.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Fogarty presents (01-S 824) An Act relating to cities and towns - zoning ordinances.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Enos presents (01-S 825) An Act relating to solemnization of marriages.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Celona presents (01-S 826) An Act relating to health and safety - state building code.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Celona presents (01-S 827) An Act relating to personal income taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Polisena, Graziano and Igliazzi present (01-S 828) An Act relating to towns and cities - general powers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations..

Senator Alves presents (01-S 829) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Coderre, Irons, Caprio, Connors and DaPonte present (01-S 830) Senate Resolution congratulating Josephine DiPaolo on her 100th birthday on February 2, 2001.

Senator Coderre requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. (99-S127) (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".

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by Senators Cicilline, Irons, Roney, Walsh, Tassoni, Sheehan, McDonald, Graziano and many others.

Senators Cicilline and Polisena discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 45 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 45: Senators Algiere, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Fell, Fogarty, Gallo, Garabedian, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Igliazzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

NAYS -0.

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".

Senator Lenihan moves passage, seconded by Senators Enos, Irons, Paiva Weed, Perry, Cote, Graziano and others.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 45 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS 46: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Garabedian, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Igliazzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

NAYS -0.

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.

Senator Lenihan moves passage, seconded by Senator Breene.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 45 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 46: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Garabedian, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Igliazzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Walaska 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 today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Badeau announces that the Committee on Labor will meet on Wednesday, March 7, 2001 at 2:30 o'clock P.M. in Room 212 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, and upon suggestion of Senator Polisena, the Senate adjourns at 4:20 o'clock P.M., on a unanimous rising vote, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Mario R. Russillo of Johnston, former Johnston Town Administrator, former Johnston Town Clerk and Probate Court Clerk, and the former Reading Clerk of the Rhode Island State Senate. His long standing contributions to public service will forever be remembered.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR J. MICHAEL LENIHAN

Eternal Father, open our hearts and minds for Your divine light upon our daily duties. May we proceed with the courage to make righteous decisions.Amen.

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.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, March 8, 2001:

1. (01-S 400 as amended) An Act relating to towns and cities.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Tuesday, March 6, 2001

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