

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. 27      Wednesday, March 14, 2001      Twenty-seventh 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 48 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT - 48: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Garabedian, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Iglioizzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh, Walton

ABSENT - 2: Senators Connors, Perry.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 13, 2001 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Walaska, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Hugh Murphy, Executive Director of the Slater Center for Ocean Technology, and Thomas E. Vrabel, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Slater Center for Environmental Biotechnology.

Also:

Upon suggestion of Senator Roberts, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Eddy DelSignore, a 7th grade student at St. Mary's School in Cranston.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**  
**COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

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

(01-S 411 as amended) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles public motor vehicles. Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 413) An Act relating to the Public Utilities Commission.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 445 as amended) An Act relating to health and safety- state building code.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 667) An Act relating to public utilities and carriers- Public Utilities Commission.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 716) An Act relating to health and safety - state building code existing structures.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 815) An Act authorizing the Chariho Regional School District to issue not to exceed \$55,160,000 general obligation bonds and/or notes to finance the construction of a new high school, the renovation of a portion of the existing high school to convert the high school into an elementary school, additions to and renovations of the Ashaway School and the Hope Valley School, the renovation of the Charlestown School and the Richmond School and the improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of such facilities and repealing section 13(1) of the regional school districts enabling legislation.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Senator Caprio, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

(01-S ,96) An Act relating to waters and navigation - Coastal Estuary Habitat Restoration Program and Trust Fund.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

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

(01-S 172) An Act relating to labor and labor relations sexual harassment, education and training in the workplace.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 309) An Act relating to insurance workers' compensation insurance fund.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 473) An Act relating to state contracts -prevailing wage.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 475) An Act relating to labor and labor relations Workplace Violence Prevention Act.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**TRANSFER OF BILL**

Senator Caprio, from the Committee on Finance, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Finance to the Joint Committee on Accounts and Claims:

(01-H 6179) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$731.31 to pay the claim of Amica Mutual Insurance Company, P.O. Box 6008, Providence, Rhode Island 02940 as subrogee of Lucille N. Creamer of 9 Country Meadow Drive, Cranston, Rhode Island 02921.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Graziano announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Goodwin announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

**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**

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**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR DANIEL J. ISSA**

Almighty God, help us to so live, work, and legislate that all the citizens of our state may be equally free and aspire to have a high purpose in life. Amen.

**Appendix**

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**CALENDAR**

In order for Thursday, March 15, 2001:

1. (01-S 136) An Act relating to criminal procedure - public defender.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. (99-S143) An Act relating to courts and civil procedure - levy and sale on execution.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. (99-S251) An Act relating to the courts.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. (99-S300) An Act relating to criminal offenses - public utilities.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

5. (99-S303) An Act relating to judicial selection.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

6. (99-S777 as amended) An Act relating to the General Assembly - establishing a permanent joint committee.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended.

**Appendix**

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**CALENDAR**

In order for Wednesday, March 21, 2001:

**1. (01-S 411 as amended) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles - public motor vehicles.**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

**2. (99-S413) An Act relating to the Public Utilities Commission.**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**3. (99-S445 as amended) An Act relating to health and safety - state building code.**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

**4. (99-S667) An Act relating to public utilities and carriers - Public Utilities Commission.**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**5. (99-S716) An Act relating to health and safety - state building code - existing structures.**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**6. (01-S 815) An Act authorizing the Chariho Regional School District to issue not to exceed \$55,160,000 general obligation bonds and/or notes to finance the construction of a new high school, the renovation of a portion of the existing high school to convert the high school into an elementary school, additions to and renovations of the Ashaway School and the Hope Valley School, the renovation of the Charlestown School and the Richmond School and the improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of such facilities and repealing section 13(1) of the regional school districts enabling legislation.**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**7. (99-S96) An Act relating to waters and navigation - Coastal Estuary Habitat Restoration Program and Trust Fund.**

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**8. (99-S172) An Act relating to labor and labor relations - sexual harassment, education and training in the workplace.**

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

**9. (99-S309) An Act relating to insurance -workers' compensation insurance fund.**

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

**10. (99-S473) An Act relating to state contracts - prevailing wage.**

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

**11. (99-S475) An Act relating to labor and labor relations- Workplace Violence Prevention Act.**

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

Wednesday, March 14, 2001

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