

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.

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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 4:02 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 46 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

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

ABSENT - 4: Algiere, Garabedian, Roberts, Walton.

INVOCATION

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, by unanimous consent, presents His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios, to deliver the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 21, 2001 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senate Majority Leader Irons, and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal approved as recorded.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Alves, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Carl Couto.

Upon suggestion of Senator Walsh, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Nick and Helen Valente and Betty Walsh.

Upon suggestion of Senator Lenihan, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family of Senator Raptakis, his wife Donna Raptakis, his daughter Alexandra Raptakis, his son Nicholas Raptakis and friend Dr. Spiro Kalams.

Upon suggestion of Senators Polisena, Fogarty, Celona and Tassoni, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the St. Philip's 2000/2001 CYO Region 5 Midget Champions Basketball Team, Bobby Lee, John Luca, Matthew Connole, Roger Spina, Seth Hall, Matthew Benoit, Michael DiCenso, Mark Della Posta, Patrick McAllister, Joseph M. Polisena, Jr., Andrew Farhoumand, Brett Bursie, Jeffrey Pina and Coaches Steve Della Posta and Dave Benoit. Also joining them are parents and friends Brenden Benoit, Ryan Benoit, Jim McAllister, Frank Hall, Carol Hall, Cathy Bursie, Karen Spina, Matt Pina, Lynn Benoit, Mary Farhoumand, Karen Farhoumand, Joean Della Posta, Marilyn McAllister, Tracy Connole, Carolyn Pina, Brittany Lee, Sandra Lee, Christian Della Posta, Frank Luca, Nancy Luca, Matthew Luca and Jenna Luca.

Upon suggestion of Senators Damiani and DaPonte, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Bob Coderre, brother of Senator Coderre and Brian Watson of East Providence.

Upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Debbie Correia, daughter of former State Senator John Correia of East Providence.

Upon suggestion of Senator Raptakis, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Christopher and Alexander Xerophontos, and Christos Xerophontos of the Department of Transportation, Department of Engineering.

**CELEBRATION OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY**

The Senate Resolution celebrating Greek Independence Day is read by the Reading Clerk.

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, requests the Sheriff to escort the Honorable Loucas Tsilas, former Ambassador and currently Executive Director of the Alexander S. Onassis Foundation and Senator Raptakis to the rostrum.

Senator Raptakis introduces Ambassador Tsilas for an address.

Ambassador Tsilas addresses the Senate in honor of the 180th Greek Independence Day.

The Sheriff escorts the guests from the chamber.

Senate Majority Leader Irons extends appreciation to Ambassador and Mrs. Tsilas for visiting Rhode Island on this very special occasion.

**FROM THE**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage:

(01-H 6235) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the Charter of Mike's Auto Body, Inc.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION**

Senator Goodwin, from the Committee on Special Legislation, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

(01-S 118) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to waters and navigation.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 537) (Substitute "A") Joint Resolution creating a special legislative commission to study commuter rail service.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

(01-S 538) (Substitute "A") Senate Resolution creating a special Senate commission to study the Rhode Island Farm Plate Law, Section 31-3-31, "Registration of Farm Vehicles".

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

(01-S 228) An Act relating to sales and use taxes - enforcement and collection.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 867) An Act relating to state affairs and government.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-H 5010) An Act relating to state affairs and government.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-H 5532) An Act relating to tobacco escrow funds.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator Graziano, from the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare to the Joint Committee on Highway Safety:

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

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Highway Safety.

Senator Graziano, from the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bills from the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare to the Joint Committee on Environment and Energy:

(01-S 84) An Act relating to health testing of rivers.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Environment and Energy.

(01-S 153) An Act relating to health and safety.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Environment and Energy.

(01-S 531) An Act relating to health and safety - health warnings - mercury in fish.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Environment and Energy.

(01-S 649) An Act relating to health and safety - mercury reduction and education act.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Environment and Energy.

(01-S 656) An Act relating to well water.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Environment and Energy.

(01-S 661) An Act relating to state affairs and government.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Environment and Energy.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Senator Perry presents (01-S 876) Senate Resolution congratulating Daniel W. Varin on the joyous occasion of his 70th birthday.

Senator Perry requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Celona, Damiani and Kells present (01-S 877) Senate Resolution designating May 15th of every year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day".

Senator Celona requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Celona, 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-S237) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to insurance.**

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

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senators Blais and Celona.

The bill marked Substitute is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 42 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS - 42:** Senators Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS -0.**

**2. (99-S242) An Act relating to insurance -consumer representation at rate hearings.**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senators Celona and Blais.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 41 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS - 41:** Senators Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS -0.**

**3. (99-S243 as amended) An Act relating to lending institutions.**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senator Blais.

Senator Bates, seconded by Senator Blais, offers the following written motion to amend:

**FLOOR AMENDMENT**  
**TO**

**(01-S 243 as amended)**

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend (01-S 243 as amended) entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO LENDING INSTITUTIONS", as follows: By deleting the language "whichever is longer" on lines 7 and 8.

Respectfully submitted,  
DAVID E. BATES  
Senator, District 44

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 42 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS - 42:** Senators Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS -0.**

Upon motion of Senator Bates, seconded by Senator Blais, read and passed, as amended, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 42 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS - 42:** Senators Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS - 0.**

**COMMUNICATION**

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, presents the following communication:  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
SENATE CHAMBER

**STATEMENT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT**

To the Honorable Senate:

I, Leo R. Blais, under oath depose and say:

1. I am a duly elected member of the Rhode Island Senate.
2. This statement is made in accord with Rhode Island General Law section 3&14-6.
3. In my official capacity, I may be expected or required to vote or participate in the deliberations of bill (01-S 261), now pending before the Senate or a committee thereof.
4. I request that I be excused from voting, deliberating or taking action on the matter.
5. I do not desire to vote or deliberate because I have a conflict of interest as follows.

I am a director of the Coventry Credit Union.

6. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

LEO R. BLAIS  
Senator, District 21

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of March, 2001.

JEFFREY A. LANPHEAR  
Notary Public

Ordered to be placed on file.

CALENDAR

4. (99-S261) An Act relating to financial institutions.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senator Breene.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 41 Senators voting in the affirmative, 0 Senators voting in the negative and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

**YEAS** - 41: Senators Alves, Bates, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS** -0.

**ABSTAINED** - 1; Senator Blais.

5. (99-S269) An Act relating to financial institutions - licensed activities.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senator Breene.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 42 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS** - 42: Senators Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS** -0.

6. (99-S351) An Act relating to waters and navigation - regulation of boats.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Coderre, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, March 27, 2001.

7. (99-S410) An Act relating to financial institutions - licensed activities.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senator Blais.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 42 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS - 42:** Senators Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS -0.**

8. (99-S442) An Act relating to licensed activities.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senators Blais and Celona.

Senator Issa discusses the act.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 42 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS - 42:** Senators Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS -0.**

**COMMUNICATION**

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

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
SENATE CHAMBER

**STATEMENT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT**

To the Honorable Senate:

I, Paul S. Kelly under oath depose and say:

- 1. I am a duly elected member of the Rhode Island Senate.
- 2. This statement is made in accord with Rhode Island General Law section 36-14-6.
- 3. In my official capacity, I may be expected or required to vote or participate in the deliberations of bill (01-S 443), now pending before the Senate or a committee thereof.
- 4. I request that I be excused from voting, deliberating or taking action on the matter.
- 5. I do not desire to vote or deliberate because I have a conflict of interest as follows. Employment.
- 6. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

PAUL S. KELLY  
Senator, District 30

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of March, 2001.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.  
Notary Public

Ordered to be placed on file.

**CALENDAR**

- 9. (99-S443) An Act relating to the Rhode Island uniform securities act.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator Bates moves passage, seconded by Senator Blais.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 40 Senators voting in the affirmative, 0 Senators voting in the negative and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

**YEAS** - 40; Senators Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisen, Revers, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS** -0.

**ABSTAINED** - 1: Senator Kelly.

- 10. (99-S488) An Act relating to the award of municipal contracts.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by Senators Roney, Goodwin, Tassoni, Polisena and Fogarty.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 39 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS** - 39: Senators Alves, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS** -0.

**11.** (99-S499) An Act relating to towns and cities - ordinances,

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, March 29, 2001.

**12.** (99-S583) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to public utilities and carriers - CATV.

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

Senator DaPonte moves passage, seconded by Senators Celona and Coderre.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 42 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS** - 42: Senators Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS** -0.

**13.** (01-S 587) An Act relating to businesses and professions real estate brokers and salespersons.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by Senator Breene.

Senator Blais, seconded by Senator Breene, offers the following written motion to amend:

## **FLOOR AMENDMENT**

## **TO**

(01-S 587)

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend (01-S 587) entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS", as follows:

By deleting the word "commercial" on line 3 of page six.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO R. BLAIS  
Senator, District 21

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 41 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS** - 41: Senators Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS** -0.

Upon motion of Senator Blais, seconded by Senator Breene, read and passed, as amended, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 41 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS** - 41: Senators Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, lenihan, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS** -0.

COMMUNICATION

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

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
SENATE CHAMBER

STATEMENT OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT

To the Honorable Senate:

I, Thomas R. Coderre, under oath depose and say:

1. I am a duly elected member of the Rhode Island Senate.

2. This statement is made in accord with Rhode Island General Law section 36-14-6.
3. In my official capacity, I may be expected or required to vote or participate in the deliberations of bill (01-S 588), now pending before the Senate or a committee thereof.
4. I request that I be excused from voting, deliberating or taking action on the matter.
5. I do not desire to vote or deliberate because I have a conflict of interest as follows. Employment.
6. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

THOMAS R. CODERRE  
Senator, District 40

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of March, 2001.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.  
Notary Public

Ordered to be placed on file.

## CALENDAR

- 14.** (99-S588 as amended) An Act relating to businesses and professions - solicitation by charitable organizations.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by Senator Breene.

The act is read and passed, as amended, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 40 Senators voting in the affirmative, 0 Senators voting in the negative and 1 Senator abstaining as follows:

**YEAS** - 40: Senators Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisen, Revers, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS** -0.

**ABSTAINED** - 1: Senator Coderre.

- 15.** (99-S589) An Act relating to licensed activities.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Senator Blais moves passage, seconded by Senators Connors, DaPonte and Breene.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 42 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS - 42:** Senators Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS -0.**

**16.** (99-S665) An Act relating to towns and cities - relief of firefighters and police officers.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, March 29, 2001.

**17.** (99-S675) An Act relating to the National Guard.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Coderre, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, March 29, 2001.

**18.** (99-S204 as amended) An Act relating to the town of Lincoln- juvenile hearing board.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended.

Upon suggestion of Senator Hunter, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, March 29, 2001.

**19.** (99-S246) An Act relating to causes of action.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte, and without objection, ordered to be recommitted to the Committee on Corporations.

**20.** (99-S628) An Act relating to criminal procedure - criminal royalties.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Revens, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, March 27, 2001.

**21.** (99-S812) An Act relating to solemnization of marriages.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Paiva Weed moves passage, seconded by Senator Cicilline.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 40 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS - 40:** Senators Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS -0.**

**22.** (99-S825) An Act relating to solemnization of marriages.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Enos moves passage, seconded by Senator Kelly.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 42 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS - 42:** Senators Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS -0.**

**23.** (01-H5056) An Act relating to solemnization of marriages.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Montalbano moves passage, seconded by Senators Polisena and Cicilline.

The act is read and passed, in concurrence, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 40 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS - 40:** Senators Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

**NAYS -0.**

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

### **COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE**

Senator Graziano, from the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

(01-S 94) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to health and safety - safe haven for infants act.

Received and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**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 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 Breene, the Senate adjourns at 4:42 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

GABRIEL REI  
Deputy Clerk

**Appendix**

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for Tuesday, March 27, 2001:

1. (01-S 537) (Substitute "A") Joint Resolution creating a special legislative commission to study commuter rail service.

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

**2.** (01-S 538) (Substitute "A") Senate Resolution creating a special Senate commission to study the Rhode Island Farm Plate Law, Section 31-3-31, "Registration of Farm Vehicles".

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

**3.** (01-H6235) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the Charter of Mike's Auto Body, Inc.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

Thursday, March 22, 2001

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**CALENDAR**

In order for Tuesday, March 27, 2001:

**1.** (01-S 351) An Act relating to waters and navigation - regulation of boats.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**2.** (99-S628) An Act relating to criminal procedure - criminal royalties.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**3.** (99-S413) An Act relating to the Public Utilities Commission.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**4.** (99-S290) An Act relating to employment.

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

**5.** (99-S686) An Act relating to labor employment security.

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

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**CALENDAR**

In order for Wednesday, March 28, 2001:

1. (01-S 473) An Act relating to state contracts - prevailing wage.

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

2. (99-S228) An Act relating to sales and use taxes - enforcement and collection.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

3. (99-S867) An Act relating to state affairs and government.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

4. (01-H5010) An Act relating to state affairs and government.

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

5. (01-H5532) An Act relating to tobacco escrow funds.

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

6. (99-S118) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to waters and navigation.

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

7. (01-S 94) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to health and safety - safe haven for infants act.

Committee on Health, Education and Welfare recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A" as amended.

**Appendix**

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**CALENDAR**

In order for Thursday, March 29, 2001:

1. (01-S 499) An Act relating to towns and cities - ordinances.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. (99-S665) An Act relating to towns and cities - relief of firefighters and police officers.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

3. (99-S675) An Act relating to the National Guard.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

4. (99-S204 as amended) An Act relating to the town of Lincoln- juvenile hearing board.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

Thursday, March 22, 2001

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