

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. 49 Tuesday, May 15, 2001 Forty-ninth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Charles J. Fogarty, at 5:45 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 - 46: Senators Algieri, Alves, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Cote, Damiani, 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, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

ABSENT - 5: Senators Badeau, Coderre, Connors, Kelly, Ruggerio.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Thursday, May 10, 2001 proceedings is read in part.

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

COMMUNICATION

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

SENATE CHAMBER

May 8, 2001

His Honor, Charles J. Fogarty
Lieutenant Governor
116 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Lt. Governor Fogarty:

Please be informed that I will be out of State on business for the entire week beginning May 14, 2001.

I would greatly appreciate your placing this on record.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Sincerely,

DOMINICK RUGGERIO
Senator, District 4

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

FROM THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House of Representatives

transmits with announcement of passage:

(01-H 5170) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles.

Read and ordered to be held on the Desk.

Also:

(01-H 5557) An Act creating a special House commission to study the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATV's).

Read and ordered to be held on the Desk.

Also:

(01-H 5652) An Act relating to waters and navigation - construction of port facilities.

Read and ordered to be held on the Desk.

Also:

(01-H 5906) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to health and safety - needlestick safety and injury prevention act.

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

Also:

(01-H 6336) An Act amending the charter of the Hope Valley/Wyoming Fire District.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

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 438) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to the Board of Dental Examiners.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 557) An Act relating to insurance - health maintenance organizations.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 563) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to regulation of third party health insurance administrators.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 713 as amended) An Act relating to unfair competition and deceptive acts and practices in the business of insurance.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 714) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to zoning ordinances - drive-through windows.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 803) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to insurance - genetic testing.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 437) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to insurance prompt claims processing.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(01-S 590) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to health and safety - health care services -utilization review act.

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-H 5079) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act making revised appropriations for the support of the State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senate Majority Leader Irons, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 5:55 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

GABRIEL REI
Deputy Clerk of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR BRIAN M. HUNTER

Almighty God, touch our minds with light, create in us a clearer insight, a just and true spirit that we may be led to sound conclusions. Grant us mutual trust and good will. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, May 16, 2001:

1. (99-S881) An Act relating to public utilities and carriers- Public Utilities Commission.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. (99-S885) An Act relating to energy conservation.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, May 17, 2001:

1. (01-S 437) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to insurance- prompt claims processing.

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

2. (99-S438) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to the Board of Dental Examiners.

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

3. (99-S557) An Act relating to insurance -health maintenance organizations.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

4. (99-S563) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to regulation of third party health insurance administrators.

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

5. (99-S590) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to health and safety. - health care services -utilization review act.

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

6. (01-S 713 as amended) An Act relating to unfair competition and deceptive acts and practices in the business of insurance.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

7. (99-S714) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to zoning ordinances - drive-through windows.

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

8. (99-S803) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to insurance - genetic testing.

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

9. (01-H 5079) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act making revised appropriations for the support of the State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001.

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A" as amended in concurrence.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

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