

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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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 4:07 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 49 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT _ 49: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Garabedian, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Igliozi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Kelly, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

ABSENT _ 1: Senator Coderre.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Thursday, January 10, 2002 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senators Montalbano and McBurney, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber members of the Montalbano Law Firm Little League Baseball Team, 2001 Fairlawn Little League Champions, Chris Hall, John Robbins, Karl Hirschegger, Ryan Senecal, Mike Fedeles, Jordan

DaSilva, Shawn Puello, Nick Champigny, Nick Montalbano, Devinne Rivard, Brett Reynolds, Wil Lopes, Manager Gordon Zaniol, Coach Rob Hall, and Coach Jeff Robbins.

COMMUNICATION

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

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

SENATE CHAMBER

January 15, 2002

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

Dear Lt. Governor Fogarty:

Please be advised that I will be out of state on business on Wednesday, January 16, 2002, and, therefore, will be absent from the Senate session. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

DAVID E. BATES
Deputy Minority Leader

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:

(02-H 6745) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Polisena Construction, Inc.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senators Igliazzi, Felag, Tassoni and Graziano present (02-S 2091) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Iglioizzi, Felag, Tassoni and Graziano present (02-S 2092) An Act relating to taxation _ persons who are visually impaired.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Celona, Tassoni and Fogarty present (02-S 2093) An Act relating to military affairs and defense.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Fogarty, Tassoni, Celona and Issa present (02-S 2094) An Act relating to the National Guard.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Iglioizzi presents (02-S 2095) An Act relating to insurance _ claim adjusters.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Badeau presents (02-S 2096) An Act relating to business and professions _ electricians.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Iglioizzi, Graziano, Polisena, Kells and Felag present (02-S 2097) An Act relating to search warrants.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Tassoni, Fogarty, Celona and Issa present (02-S 2098) An Act relating to the National Guard.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Iglioizzi, Tassoni, Felag and Graziano present (02-S 2099) An Act relating to state affairs and government _ Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Elderly Act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Iglioizzi, Tassoni, Felag and Graziano present (02-S 2100) An Act relating to the Rhode Island Student Investment Initiative.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Iglioizzi, Tassoni, Felag and Graziano present (02-S 2101) An Act relating to motor vehicles _ Purple Heart plate.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Senators Iglioizzi, Felag, Tassoni and Graziano present (02-S 2102) An Act relating to state aid to libraries.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Iglioizzi, Tassoni, Felag and Graziano present (02-S 2103) An Act relating to human services _ health care assistance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Iglioizzi, Tassoni, Felag and Graziano present (02-S 2104) An Act relating to taxation _ persons who are

partially to totally disabled.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Iglioizzi, Tassoni, Felag and Graziano present (02-S 2105) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Enos, McDonald, Issa, Parella, Paiva Weed and others present (02-S 2106) Senate Resolution requesting the Department of Administration and the Department of Environmental Management promulgate regulations requiring the agency responsible for administering the motor vehicle inspection program to have a toll free number for AIRS.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Iglioizzi, Tassoni, Felag and Graziano present (02-S 2107) An Act relating to education aid _ Rhode Island Student Investment Initiative.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Cote, Lenihan, Graziano and Izzo present (02-S 2108) An Act relating to education _ compulsory attendance.

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

Senators Iglioizzi, Tassoni, Felag and Graziano present (02-S 2109) An Act relating to health _ testing of rivers.

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

Senators Cicilline, Lenihan, Paiva Weed, Irons, Walton and others present (02-S 2110) Senate Resolution commemorating the celebration of the birth of the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.

Senator Cicilline requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senator Tassoni presents (02-S 2111) Senate Resolution expressing sympathy on the passing of Neil A. Clark.

Senator Tassoni requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Issa, Bates, Hunter, Felag, Tassoni and others present (02-S 2112) An Act relating to insurance _ active duty military auto insurance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Iglioizzi, Felag, Tassoni and Graziano present (02-S 2113) An Act relating to state affairs and government.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Igliozi, Tassoni, Felag and Graziano present (02-S 2114) An Act relating to human services _ health care assistance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Igliozi, Tassoni, Felag and Graziano present (02-S 2115) An Act relating to human services.

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

Senators Igliozi, Tassoni, Felag and Graziano present (02-S 2116) An Act relating to state affairs and government _ Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Elderly Act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Walaska, McCaffrey, Hunter and Celona present (02-S 2117) An Act relating to state budget _ public finance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Igliozi, Tassoni, Felag and Graziano present (02-S 2118) An Act relating to education _ the Rhode Island Student Investment Initiative.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Walaska, McCaffrey and Hunter present (02-S 2119) An Act relating to the State Budget.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Igliozi, Tassoni, Felag, Graziano and Caprio present (02-S 2120) An Act relating to school committees and superintendents.

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

Senator Walsh presents (02-S 2121) An Act relating to education _ establishment of regional school districts.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Algieri and Walsh present (02-S 2122) An Act relating to health and safety.

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

Senators Felag, Parella and Enos present (02-S 2123) An Act relating to towns and cities _ general powers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Felag, Enos and Parella present (02-S 2124) An Act validating and ratifying amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Warren.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Damiani, Polisena, Celona, Montalbano, Ruggerio and others present (02-S 2125) An Act relating to elections _ registration of voters.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Iglioizzi, Tassoni, Felag, Graziano and Fogarty present (02-S 2126) An Act relating to dams.

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

Senators Irons, Montalbano, Caprio, Celona and Revens present (02-S 2127) Senate Resolution thanking Citizens Bank for the new Senate Lounge furniture.

Senate Majority Leader Irons requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senate Majority Leader Irons, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber from Citizens Bank, Joseph MarcAurele, President and CEO, D. Faye Sanders, Senior Vice President, Marion Barrett, Vice President Commercial Lending, and Patricia Wegrzyn, Senior Vice President.

Senate Majority Leader Irons pays tribute to Citizens Bank for donating furniture for use in the Senate Lounge.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Blais presents (02-S 2128) An Act relating to privileges and immunities of militiamen.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Blais, Breene, Algieri, Gibbs and Bates present (02-S 2129) An Act relating to state affairs and government.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Blais presents (02-S 2130) An Act relating to school and municipal playground safety.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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.

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 Celona, the Senate adjourns at 4:34 o'clock P.M., on a unanimous rising vote, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Frank Sgambato of North Providence, former Majority Leader of the Rhode Island Senate.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY

SENATOR DANIEL DaPONTE

Heavenly Father, as we commemorate the birthday of America's greatest civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us not mourn his death, but rather celebrate his victories. Instill in us his sense of dedication, perseverance, dignity, and respect for all your people. May we follow his lead in all our daily encounters with others. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, January 16, 2002:

- 1. (02-H6745) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Polisena Construction, Inc.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate
Tuesday, January 15, 2002

As always, your [comments](#) concerning this page are welcomed and appreciated.

Thank you for stopping by!

