

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 first day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and two.

Volume 129, No.7 Wednesday, January 16, 2002 Seventh 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 46 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

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

ABSENT - 4: Senators Bates, Coderre, Graziano, Kelly.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Tuesday, January 15, 2002 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Enos, 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 Jennifer Tassoni, daughter of Senator Tassoni.

Upon suggestion of Senate Majority Leader Irons, and by unanimous consent, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Leanne Blais, daughter of Senator Blais.

COMMUNICATION

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

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
SENATE CHAMBER

January 16, 2002 Lt. Governor, Charles J. Fogarty

Room 116, State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Lt. Governor Fogarty:

Please be advised I will be out of town on business and will not be present for session on the following dates: January 16th, 22nd and 23rd.

Please record my absences in the Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

PAUL S. KELLY
Senator, District 30

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 6762) Joint Resolution inviting His Honor, the presiding officer of the Senate, and the Honorable Senate to join the House of Representatives in Joint Session for the purpose of receiving the State of the State address of His Excellency, the Governor.

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 Senator Blais, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, under suspension of the rules, upon a voice vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

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

(02-S 2006) An Act relating to taxation - property subject to taxation.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2054) An Act authorizing the town of Smithfield to issue not exceeding \$8,600,000 general obligation bonds or notes for various capital projects.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2077) An Act authorizing the town of Barrington to finance road improvements in the town of Barrington and to issue not more than \$5,000,000 bonds or notes therefor.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-H 6624) An Act authorizing the town of Barrington to finance school renovations, repairs and furnishings in the town of Barrington and to issue not more than \$4,000,000 bonds and notes therefor.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Lenihan presents (02-S 2131) An Act authorizing the town of East Greenwich to issue not more than \$12,500,000 bonds and notes to finance extension of sewer lines and the upgrading of the sewage treatment plant of the town and all attendant expenses, including but not limited to engineering costs.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Algieri and Celona present (02-S 2132) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senators Breene, Celona, Blais, Raptakis and Algieri present (02-S 2133) An Act to validating and ratifying an amendment to the charter of the town of West Greenwich.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Kells, Damiani, Walaska and Sheehan present (02-S 2134) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$200.00 to pay a bonus in the case of Edward A. Burdick of 8329 Elko Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21045 who served in the United States Marine Corp during the Korean War, under serial number 1186995.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Celona, Tassoni, Montalbano, Polisena, Goodwin and others present (02-S 2135) An Act relating to health and safety.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Polisena, Graziano, Raptakis, McDonald, Damiani and others present (02-S 2136) An Act relating to public access defibrillation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Polisena, Damiani, Graziano, Irons, Celona and others present (02-S 2137) An Act relating to towns and cities - relief of injured and deceased firefighters and police officers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Felag, Walton, Issa, McBurney, Paiva Weed and others present (02-S 2138) An Act relating to Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Elderly Act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Paiva Weed, Walaska, McCaffrey, Cicilline and Goodwin present (02-S 2139) An Act relating to state affairs and government.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Felag, Walton, McCaffrey, Paiva Weed, Kells and others present (02-S 2140) An Act relating to taxation - property tax relief.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Hunter presents (by request) (02-S 2141) An Act relating to health and safety - fire safety code board of appeal and review.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Alves, Issa, McBurney, Polisena, Goodwin and others present (02-S 2142) An Act relating to education - establishment of charter public schools.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Polisena, Damiani and Graziano present (02-S 2143) An Act relating to condominium law - flags and banners.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Blais presents (02-S 2144) An Act relating to commercial law - interest and usury.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Bates, Sosnowski, Parella, Felag, DaPonte and others present (02-S 2145) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators Polisena, Celona, Ruggerio and Goodwin present (02-S 2146) An Act relating to registration of vehicles.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senators McCaffrey and Walaska present (02-S 2147) An Act relating to motor vehicles.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, Felag and Paiva Weed present (02-S 2148) An Act relating to sales and use taxes - liability and computation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators McCaffrey, Paiva Weed, Walton and Walaska present (02-S 2149) An Act relating to taxation - youth apprenticeship tax credit.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, Felag, Donelan and Paiva Weed present (02-S 2150) An Act relating to sales and use taxes - liability and computation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Blais, Breene, Raptakis, Gibbs and Algieri present (02-S 2151) An Act relating to drinking water quality standards for private wells.

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

Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, Lenihan and Donelan present (02-S 2152) An Act relating to military affairs and defense - burial of veterans.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Senators McCaffrey, Alves, Felag, Walaska, Lenihan and others present (02-S 2153) An Act relating to patient notification.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Raptakis, Garabedian and Breene present (02-S 2154) An Act relating to the Kent County Water District.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Water Resources.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

Upon motion of Senate Majority Leader Irons, seconded by Senator Blais, the following measure on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, is read and passed, in concurrence, upon a voice vote:

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

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, the Senate adjourns at 4:08 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR WILLIAM ENOS

Heavenly Father, we ask that You show us the ways of tolerance, kindness, and most of all, patience as we work for the betterment of our communities and our constituents. We also take a moment to thank You for the privilege of serving You and Your people. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, January 22, 2002:

- 1. (02-S2132) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate
Wednesday, January 16, 2002

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, January 23, 2002:

1. (02-S2006) An Act relating to taxation - property subject to taxation.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. (02-S2054) An Act authorizing the town of Smithfield to issue not exceeding \$8,600,000 general obligation bonds or notes for various capital projects.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

3. (02-S2077) An Act authorizing the town of Barrington to finance road improvements in the town of Barrington and to issue not more than \$5,000,000 bonds or notes therefor.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

4. (02-H6624) An Act authorizing the town of Barrington to finance school renovations, repairs and furnishings in the town of Barrington and to issue not more than \$4,000,000 bonds and notes therefor.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

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