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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.19 Tuesday, February 26, 2002 Nineteenth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by
His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Charles J. Fogarty, at 4:03 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, 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, Perry, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

ABSENT - 2: Senators Alves, Connors.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, 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 Wednesday, February 13, 2002 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.

FROM THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

(02-H 6798) An Act validating and ratifying an amendment to the charter of the town of West Greenwich.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES 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 bills from the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare to the Joint Committee on Highway Safety:

(02-S 2172) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles - driver education course required before licensing.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Highway Safety.

(02-S 2649) An Act relating to licenses and motorcycles - special license for motorcycle, motor scooters, and other motor driven cycles.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Highway Safety.

(02-S 2670) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles - parking facilities and privileges.

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 bill from the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare to the Committee on Corporations:

(02-S 2247) An Act relating to health and safety - abortion - insurance.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

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 Environment and Energy:

(02-S 2608) An Act relating to health and safety - to prevent mercury emissions from recycling and disposal of motor vehicles.

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

Senator Celona, from the Committee on Corporations, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Corporations to the Committee on Labor:

(02-S 2385) An Act relating to workers' compensation - procedure.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senator Celona, from the Committee on Corporations, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Corporations to the Committee on Special Legislation:

(02-S 2634) An Act relating to retail licenses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation.

Senator Celona, from the Committee on Corporations, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Corporations to the Joint Committee on Highway Safety:

(02-S 2105) An Act relating to motor and other vehicles.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Highway Safety.

Senator Celona, from the Committee on Corporations, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Corporations to the Committee on Finance:

(02-S 2552) An Act relating to taxation - situs and ownership of taxable property.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Celona, from the Committee on Corporations, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bills from the Committee on Corporations to the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare:

(02-S 2254) An Act relating to businesses and professions.

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

(02-S 2439) An Act relating to human services - medical assistance.

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

(02-S 2471) An Act relating to businesses and professions - physical therapists.

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

(02-S 2472) An Act relating to businesses and professions - athletic trainers.

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

(02-S 2493) An Act relating to health and safety - child product safety.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The following item s are received and referred to committee pending any objection of the body on the next legislative day.

Senators Fogarty, Kelly and Tassoni present (02-S 2826) Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$147,500.00 to pay the claim of Craig P. Waltz and Jane M. Waltz of 99 North Main Street, Pascoag, Rhode Island 02859-3138 and Mortgagee, Washington Mutual, P.O. Box 3139, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53201-3139.

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

Senator Tassoni presents (02-S 2827) An Act relating to the town of Smithfield.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Algieri and Walsh present (02-S 2828) An Act relating to the Permanent Joint Committee on Naming All New Buildings, Bridges, Edifices and Other State Constructions.

Read and referred to the Joint Committee on Naming State Constructions.

Senator Paiva Weed presents (02-S 2829) An Act relating to property tax relief in the town of Jamestown.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Blais, Breene, Fogarty, Polisena, Garabedian and others present (02-S 2830) An Act relating to taxation - taxation of farm, forest and open space land.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Breene and Blais present (02-S 2831) An Act relating to taxation - new construction - Foster.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Blais presents (02-S 2832) An Act relating to health and safety - mercury reduction and education act.

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

Senator Paiva Weed presents (02-S 2833) An Act relating to taxation - property subject to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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

(02-H 6625) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Suit Systems, Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Montalbano announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Goodwin announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge 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 ofSenate 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

INVOCATION

RETURNING FROM VACATION
SENATOR DANIEL J. ISSA

As we reconvene in the Senate Chamber, let us once again contemplate our reasons for being here. Let us also ask of our Creator that he bestow special blessings today on us all and properly guide us in serving the people of our State. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, February 27, 2002:

- 1. (02-H6798) An Act validating and ratifying an amendment to the charter of the town of West Greenwich.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate
Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, February 27, 2002:

- 1. (02-H6816 as amended) An Act relating to towns and cities - zoning ordinances.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage as amended.

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Secretary of the Senate
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