

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. 26 Wednesday, March 13, 2002 Twenty-sixth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Charles J. Fogarty, at 4:17 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, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Garabedian, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Igliozi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, McDonald, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh.

ABSENT - 4: Senators DaPonte, Kelly, Roney, Walton.

INVOCATION

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, by unanimous consent, presents Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, by unanimous consent, presents the Hank Doiron Duo, to lead the Senate in the National Anthem.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 12, 2002 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion ofSenate Majority Leader Irons, and by unanimous consent,

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber members of Senator Lenihan's family, his daughter and son-in-law Meghan Lenihan-Mageira and Todd Mageira and his new granddaughter Victoria Katelynn Mageira.

Upon suggestion of Senator Alves, and by unanimous consent,

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Laura Elizabeth Daley, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick 2002 Miss Ireland, and her parents, Tim and Nancy Daley along with pageant chairman Michael O'Connell.

Upon suggestion of Senator Polisena, and by unanimous consent,

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable William Macera, Mayor of the town of Johnston.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and by unanimous consent,

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Patrick Griffin, owner of Patrick's Pub on Smith Street in Providence, the Honorable Terrence Hassett and the Honorable Patrick Butler, Council Members from the City of Providence.

Upon suggestion of Senator Fogarty, and by unanimous consent,

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber John P. Coyne and son Terrance Coyne of Gloucester.

Upon suggestion of Senator Blais, and by unanimous consent,

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber Hank Doiron of Coventry.

Upon suggestion of Senators Roberts, Parella and Polisena, and by unanimous consent,

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber from the Rhode Island Dental Hygienists' Association, Pam Nelson, President, Susan Perlini, Immediate Past President, Kathy Gazzola, Treasurer, and Marie Bridges.

Upon suggestion of Senator Coderre, and by unanimous consent,

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the family ofSenate Majority Leader Irons, his wife Mary Irons, the First Lady of the Rhode Island Senate, daughter Katherine Sudol and friend Lee Ann Picard.

Upon suggestion ofSenate Majority Leader Irons and Senator Gallo, and by unanimous consent,

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, welcomes to the Chamber the wives of our honored guest speakers for the annual Irish and Italian Heritage Celebration, Mrs. Madeline Montanaro and Mrs. Ann Nee.

COMMUNICATION

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

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
SENATE CHAMBER**

March 12, 2002

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

Dear Lt. Governor Fogarty & The Rhode Island Senate

Please be informed that I will be absent from the Senate on Thursday, March 14, 2002, as I will be out of town at that time.

I would greatly appreciate placing this on record.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

DOMINICK J. 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:

(02-H 7767) An Act relating to solemnization of marriages.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

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

(02-S 2085) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to E-911 Uniform Emergency Telephone System Division.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2694) An Act relating to public utilities and carriers - taxicabs and limited public motor vehicles.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2695) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to financial institutions - powers and operations.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2755) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to selling or leasing goods via the internet.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Senator Badeau, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

(02-S 2321 as amended) An Act relating to employment security - general provisions.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2377) An Act relating to labor and labor relations - employment security - Indian tribes.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2752) An Act relating to employment security - worksharing.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

TRANSFER OF BILL

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

(02-S 2319) An Act relating to waters and navigation - coastal and estuary habitat restoration program and trust fund.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Senator Sosnowski presents (02-S 2878) An Act relating to New Shoreham - affordable housing board.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Izzo, Celona, Montalbano, Gallo, Roberts and others present (02-S 2879) An Act relating to state affairs and government - state pharmaceutical purchasing and dispensing coordinating council.

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

Senators Cicilline, Paiva Weed, Enos and Gibbs present (02-S 2880) Senate Resolution congratulating Maria Lombard "Mary" Salas on being selected Grand Marshall of the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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.

Senate Majority Leader Irons and Senators Algieri, Coderre, Caprio, Montalbano and others present (02-S 2881) Senate Resolution commemorating the celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

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.

Senate Majority Leader Irons and Senators Montalbano, Algieri, Coderre, Caprio and others present (02-S 2882) Senate Resolution commemorating the feast of St. Joseph.

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.

Senator Lenihan presents (02-S 2883) An Act authorizing the town of East Greenwich to finance the construction, renovation, alteration, repair, improvement, equipping and furnishing of, and/or additions to, public schools and school facilities in the town and to issue not more than \$34,000,000 bonds and/or notes therefor.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senator Lenihan presents (02-S 2884) An Act relating to taxation - property tax exemption for persons over 65 - East Greenwich.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Damiani announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet on Thursday, March 14, 2002, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. 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 Senator Coderre, seconded by Senator Algiere, and upon suggestion of Senators Celona and Montalbano, the Senate adjourns at 4:35 o'clock P.M., on a unanimous rising vote, as a further mark of respect to the memory of Joseph Marciano of North Providence, loving companion of Marie Cedroni, a former long time Senate staff member.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

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Thank you for stopping by!

