

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. 29 Wednesday, March 20, 2002 Twenty-ninth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, Charles J. Fogarty, at 4:05 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 44 Senators present and 6 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT - 44: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Igliazzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

ABSENT - 6: Senators Bates, DaPonte, Garabedian, Kelly, McDonald, Roberts.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 19, 2002 proceedings is read in part.

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

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 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 ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2160) An Act relating to education - private schools.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2555) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to levy and assessment of local taxes.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2833) An Act relating to taxation - property subject to taxation.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2836) An Act relating to taxation - property subject to taxation.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2852) An Act relating to validating and ratifying certain amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the city of Newport.

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 measures:

(02-S 2338) An Act relating to management and disposal of property.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2749) An Act relating to taxation - business corporation tax.

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 2048) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to labor and labor relations.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2657) An Act relating to labor and labor relations - Division of Professional Regulation.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2709) An Act relating to causes of action.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2710) An Act relating to courts and civil procedure - causes of action.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2781) An Act relating to plumbers and irrigators.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2784) An Act relating to labor and labor relations - pipefitters and refrigeration technicians.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(02-S 2816 as amended) An Act relating to complaints of harassment.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Senators Badeau, Cote, Graziano, Hunter, Fogarty and others present (02-S 2896) An Act relating to insurance - Small Employer Health Insurance Availability Act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senators Montalbano and Ruggerio present (02-S 2897) An Act relating to property.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Celona and McBurney present (02-S 2898) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. (02-S2244) An Act relating to probate practice.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Roney moves passage, seconded by Senators Montalbano and Paiva Weed.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 44 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 44: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Igliazzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

NAYS - 0.

2. (02-S2714) An Act relating to taxation - tax sales.

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Montalbano moves passage, seconded by Senators Celona, Polisena and Paiva Weed.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 44 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 44: Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Cicilline, Coderre, Connors, Cote, Damiani, Donelan, Enos, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Graziano, Hunter, Igliazzi, Irons, Issa, Izzo, Kells, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roney, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska, Walsh, Walton.

NAYS - 0.

3. (02-S2542) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to motor and other vehicles.

Joint Committee on Highway Safety recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A".

Upon suggestion of Senator Montalbano, and without objection, ordered to be placed on the Desk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Damiani announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet on Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 212 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Polisena announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet on Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 2:30 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Graziano announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet today at the rise of the

Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Also:

Senator Goodwin announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 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 4:10 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR CATHERINE E. GRAZIANO

Heavenly Father, we thank You today for life and health, and for love and friendship. May we use these gifts from You for our benefit and for the benefit of all those people with whom we come in contact. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, March 21, 2002:

- 1. (02-S2898) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.

Secretary of the Senate
Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, March 21, 2002:

1. (02-S2005) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to the Homestead Estate Exemption.

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

2. (02-S2112) An Act relating to insurance - active duty military auto insurance.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

3. (02-S2174) An Act relating to accident reports.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

4. (02-S2211) An Act relating to elections - voting districts and officials.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

5. (02-S2843) An Act amending Chapter 268 of the 1986 Public Laws, entitled "An Act relating to the preservation of farm land and open space in the Town of New Shoreham and establishing a land trust.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

6. (02-S2845) An Act relating to elections - school closings - Town of New Shoreham.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

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CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, March 26, 2002:

1. (02-S2131) 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.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. (02-S2160) An Act relating to education - private schools.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

3. (02-S2555) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to levy and assessment of local taxes.

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

4. (02-S2829) An Act relating to property tax relief in the town of Jamestown.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

5. (02-S2833) An Act relating to taxation - property subject to taxation.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

6. (02-S2836) An Act relating to taxation - property subject to taxation.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

7. (02-S2852) An Act relating to validating and ratifying certain amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the city of Newport.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

8. (02-S2338) An Act relating to management and disposal of property.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

9. (02-S2749) An Act relating to taxation - business corporation tax.

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

10. (02-S2048) (Substitute "A") An Act relating to labor and labor relations.

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

11. (02-S2657) An Act relating to labor and labor relations - Division of Professional Regulation.

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

12. (02-S2709) An Act relating to causes of action.

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

13. (02-S2710) An Act relating to courts and civil procedure - causes of action.

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

14. (02-S2781) An Act relating to plumbers and irrigators.

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

15. (02-S2784) An Act relating to labor and labor relations - pipefitters and refrigeration technicians.

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

16. (02-S2816 as amended) An Act relating to complaints of harassment.

Committee on Labor recommends passage as amended.

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CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, March 27, 2002:

1. (02-S2321 as amended) An Act relating to employment security - general provisions.

Committee on Labor recommends passage as amended.

2. (02-S2377) An Act relating to labor and labor relations - employment security - Indian tribes.

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate
Wednesday, March 20, 2002

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