

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Journal of the Senate

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable William V. Irons, President of the Senate, at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT - 36: The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT - 1: Senators Alves, Raptakis.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Algieri, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Algieri, to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Wednesday, January 8, 2003 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUEST

Upon suggestion of Senate Majority Leader Montalbano, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Professor Joseph Parys, Esquire, of the Community College of Rhode Island.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

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PROVIDENCE 02903

WILLIAM V. IRONS
President of the Senate
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January 9, 2003

The Honorable The Senate
State House
Providence, RI 02903

To The Honorable The Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 12 of the Senate Democratic Caucus of November 12, 2002, I have made the following appointments:

Majority Whip
Senator Dominick Ruggerio

Deputy Majority Whip
Senator Daniel Da Ponte

Deputy Majority Leaders
Senator Michael J. Damiani
Senator Joseph M. Polisena
Senator Juan Pichardo-Minority Issues

Sincerely,

WILLIAM V. IRONS
President of the Senate

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

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To The Honorable The Senate:

Pursuant to Section 5.2 of the Interim Senate Rules, I am making the following appointments to the Senate Standing Committees:

Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government Committee

John A. Celona, Chairperson
John J. Tassoni, Jr., Vice Chairperson
Paul W. Fogarty, Secretary
David E. Bates
Leo R. Blais
Kevin A. Breene
Marc A. Cote
Elizabeth H. Roberts

Constitutional and Gaming Issues Committee

Maryellen Goodwin, Chairperson
Marc A. Cote, Vice Chairperson
David E. Bates, Secretary
Daniel P. Connors
J. Michael Lenihan
James C. Sheehan
John J. Tassoni, Jr.
John A. Celona

Education Committee

Daniel J. Issa, Chairperson
Hanna M. Gallo, Vice Chairperson
Beatrice A. Lanzi, Secretary
Daniel P. Connors
Walter S. Felag, Jr.
Mary A. Parella
Joseph M. Polisena
V. Susan Sosnowski

Environment and Agriculture Committee

V. Susan Sosnowski, Chairperson
Daniel P. Connors, Vice Chairperson
Kevin A. Breene, Secretary
Leo R. Blais
June N. Gibbs
M. Teresa Paiva Weed

Finance Committee

Stephen D. Alves, Chairperson
M. Teresa Paiva Weed, Vice Chairperson
Walter S. Felag, Jr., Secretary
Frank A. Ciccone, III
Daniel P. Connors
June N. Gibbs
Maryellen Goodwin
Beatrice A. Lanzi
Mary A. Parella
Juan M. Pichardo
Dominick J. Ruggerio
James C. Sheehan

Financial Services, Technology and Regulatory Issues Committee

William A. Walaska, Chairperson
Daniel Da Ponte, Vice Chairperson
David E. Bates, Secretary
Leo R. Blais
Walter S. Felag, Jr.
Hanna M. Gallo
Juan M. Pichardo
John C. Revens, Jr.
V. Susan Sosnowski

Health and Human Services Committee

Elizabeth H. Roberts, Chairperson
James C. Sheehan, Vice Chairperson
June N. Gibbs, Secretary
Leo R. Blais
Frank T. Caprio
Rhoda E. Perry
Mary Parella
Juan M. Pichardo

Judiciary Committee

Michael J. McCaffrey, Chairperson
Rhoda E. Perry, Vice Chairperson
Leonidas P. Raptakis, Secretary
Leo R. Blais
Frank T. Caprio
Michael J. Damiani
John F. McBurney, III
Joseph M. Polisena
John C. Revens, Jr.

Labor Committee

Roger R. Badeau, Chairperson

Dominick J. Ruggerio, Vice Chairperson
Frank A. Ciccone, III, Secretary
David E. Bates
Marc A. Cote
Paul W. Fogarty
Beatrice A. Lanzi
John C. Revens, Jr.

Oversight Committee

J. Michael Lenihan, Chairperson
Frank T. Caprio, Vice Chairperson
John F. McBurney, III, Secretary
Leo R. Blais
Daniel J. Issa
Leonidas P. Raptakis
Elizabeth H. Roberts
James C. Sheehan
V. Susan Sosnowski

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM V. IRONS
President of the Senate

Received and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Senators Blais and Breene present (03-S 3) Senate Resolution congratulating Patrick R. Morgan on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Senator Blais requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senator Irons presents (03-S 4) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senator Parella presents (03-S 5) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of the Common Fence Point Improvement Association.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:29 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

BEGINNING OF THE SESSION

SENATOR DENNIS L. ALGIERE

O Lord, we pray for your guidance in understanding the problems and issues we will face during this new General Assembly session. May our actions always be guided by your supreme law of love and tolerance. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, January 14, 2003:

- 1. (03-S 4) An Act reinstating and restoring forfeited or revoked corporate charters.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

- 2. (03-S 5) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of the Common Fence Point Improvement Association.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate
Thursday, January 9, 2003

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

Thank you for stopping by!

