

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

Volume 130, No.9	Tuesday, January 28, 2003	Ninth Day
------------------	---------------------------	-----------

Our Lord two thousand and three. The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable William V. Irons, President of the Senate, at 4:09 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT - 38:

The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, 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, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT - 0.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Thursday, January 23, 2003 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUEST

Upon suggestion of Senator Polisena, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Jennifer Moss, of the University of Rhode Island, who will be serving as a Senate Intern.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Algiere presents (03-S 146) An Act relating to state budget.

Senator Algiere requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Algiere, seconded by Senators Breene, Blais, Bates, Gibbs and Parella, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 35:

The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algiere, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, 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.

NAYS - 0.

Senators Walaska, Bates, McBurney and Cote present (03-S 147) An Act relating to campaign contributions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Polisena, Damiani, Roberts, McCaffrey, Ruggerio and others present (03-S 148) An Act relating to health and safety - the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Walaska and McCaffrey present (03-S 149) Joint Resolution making an appropriation to pay certain veterans' bonuses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators McCaffrey and Celona present (03-S 150) Joint Resolution making an appropriation to pay certain veterans' bonuses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Perry, McCaffrey, Gibbs, Roberts, Goodwin and others present (03-S 151) An Act relating to health and safety - nursing working mothers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Lanzi, Connors, Polisena, Ruggerio, Ciccone and Tassoni present (03-S 152) An Act relating to towns and cities - benefits for firefighters.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Badeau, Connors, Ruggerio, Celona, DaPonte and others present (03-S 153) An Act relating to workers' compensation - general provisions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Polisena, Roberts, Damiani, McCaffrey, Ruggerio and others present (03-S 154) An Act relating to health care - facilities staffing.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Gibbs and Paiva Weed present (03-S 155) An Act relating to water lines and works for the town of Middletown.

Read and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government.

Senators Cote, Goodwin and Perry present (by request) (03-S 156) An Act relating to fish and wildlife - licensing fees.

Read and referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senators Lanzi, Connors, Polisena, Ruggerio, Ciccone and Tassoni present (03-S 157) An Act relating to municipal firefighters.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Ciccone, Pichardo, DaPonte, Connors, Damiani, Ruggerio and Perry present (03-S 158) An Act relating to towns and cities - general powers.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Perry, Sosnowski, Gallo and Fogarty present (03-S 159) An Act relating to animals and animal husbandry.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Felag, Sosnowski, McBurney, McCaffrey, Issa and Caprio present (03-S 160) An Act relating to businesses and professions - unsolicited telephone sales calls.

Read and referred to the Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues.

Senator Celona presents (03-S 161) An Act relating to veterinary practice.

Read and referred to the Committee on Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues.

Senators Lanzi, Ciccone, Connors, Gallo, Roberts and Goodwin present (03-S 162) An Act relating to health and safety.

Read and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

(03-H 5144) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of First Step, Inc.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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

1. (03-S144) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of Rocco's Service Station, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Also:

Senator Fogarty announces that the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Sosnowski announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet on Wednesday at 3:15 o'clock P.M. in Room 212 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance 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 Algiere, the Senate adjourns at 4:21 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR LEO R. BLAIS

Father in heaven, enlighten our minds and touch our hearts so that we may carry on the best traditions of our Senate's history. Remembering always that it is the people's government, made by the people and accountable to the people. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, January 29, 2003:

- 1. (03-H5144) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of First Step, Inc.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate
Tuesday, January 28, 2003

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

Thank you for stopping by!

