

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.10 Wednesday, January 29, 2003 Tenth 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 4:05 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 Tassoni, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Tuesday, January 28, 2003 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator DaPonte, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Gregory Delgaizo, intern, student at Providence College, Reverend Louis Diogo, Father Jose August Mourao, and former Senator William Castro of East Providence.

Upon suggestion of Senator Parella, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Reverend Louis Diogo.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator Paiva Weed, 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 Financial, Technology and Regulatory Issues:

(03-S 90) An Act relating to liability insurance - rental vehicle coverage.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Senator Alves, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

(03-S 96) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to towns and cities - qualified bonds.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Senator Celona, from the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

(03-S 108) An Act relating to taxation - special housing exemption - Lincoln.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 109) An Act relating to taxation - property tax exemption.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 111) An Act authorizing the town of Jamestown to finance the installation, expansion, construction and improvement of sewers, storm drains, pumping stations and sewage treatment and disposal facilities, to issue not more than \$2,000,000 bonds and notes therefor and to impose additional sewer service charges under Chapter 233 of the Public Laws of 1973, as amended, to pay the principal and interest on such bonds and notes.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 112) An Act relating to taxation - town of Jamestown.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Alves presents (03-S 163) An Act authorizing the city of Cranston to impose a supplemental tax for the fiscal year 2002-2003.

Senator Alves requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Alves, seconded by Senators Ruggerio, Blais and Paiva Weed, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, upon a roll call vote with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 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.

NAYS - 0.

Senators Paiva Weed, Alves, Lanzi, Perry and Goodwin present (03-S 164) An Act relating to services for the homeless.

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

Senators Walaska and Felag present (03-S 165) An Act relating to businesses and professions - Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline.

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

Senators Lanzi, Tassoni and Gallo present (03-S 166) An Act relating to health and safety - explosives - seismic limits.

Read and referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senator Celona presents (03-S 167) An Act relating to alcoholic beverages - wholesale licenses.

Read and referred to the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues.

Senators Montalbano, McCaffrey, Celona, Ruggerio and Tassoni present (03-S 168) An Act relating to insurance - unfair competition and practices.

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

Senators Perry, Paiva Weed, Tassoni and Roberts present (03-S 169) An Act relating to Fair Employment Practices Act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Tassoni, Celona, Polisena, Alves and Damiani present (03-S 170) An Act relating to criminal procedure - Domestic Violence Prevention Act.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Tassoni, Celona, Polisena, Alves and Damiani present (03-S 171) An Act relating to the Rhode Island Justice Commission.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Paiva Weed and Gibbs present (03-S 172) An Act relating to solemnization of marriages.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Felag, Walaska, Algiere, McBurney and Paiva Weed present (03-S 173) An Act relating to elections - Rhode Island campaign contributions and expenditures reporting.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Raptakis, Cote, Polisena, Lenihan and Caprio present (03-S 174) An Act relating to elections - registration of voters.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Parella presents (03-S 175) An Act relating to solemnization of marriages.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Raptakis, Cote, Lenihan, Sheehan and Walaska present (03-S 176) An Act relating to campaign contributions.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Felag, Walaska, McBurney, Paiva Weed and Perry present (03-S 177) An Act relating to pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Roberts, Felag and Damiani present (03-S 178) An Act relating to taxation - personal income tax.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Cote, Irons, Montalbano, Felag and Ruggerio present (03-S 179) An Act relating to taxation.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Lenihan, Irons, Algiere, Montalbano and Parella present (03-S 180) Joint Resolution to approve and publish and submit to the electors a proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the State (separation of powers).

Read and referred to the Committee on Oversight.

Senators Tassoni, Celona, Polisena and Damiani present (03-S 181) An Act relating to children with disabilities.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

Upon motion ofSenate Majority Leader Montalbano, 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:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, the Senate adjourns at 4:17 o'clock P.M., in memory of James "Jake" Reilly of Providence.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JOHN J. TASSONI, JR.

Lord, with your guidance, may we be kind in our judgments, diligent in our wisdom, and humble in our power. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, February 4, 2003:

- 1. (03-S108) An Act relating to taxation - special housing exemption - Lincoln.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

- 2. (03-S109) An Act relating to taxation - property tax exemption.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

3. (03-S111) An Act authorizing the town of Jamestown to finance the installation, expansion, construction and improvement of sewers, storm drains, pumping stations and sewage treatment and disposal facilities, to issue not more than \$2,000,000 bonds and notes therefor and to impose additional sewer service charges under Chapter 233 of the Public Laws of 1973, as amended, to pay the principal and interest on such bonds and notes.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

4. (03-S112) An Act relating to taxation - town of Jamestown.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

5. (03-S96) (Substitute "A" as amended) An Act relating to towns and cities - qualified bonds.

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute "A" as amended.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate
Wednesday, January 29, 2003

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