

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.11 Thursday, January 30, 2003 Eleventh 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 Gibbs, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Wednesday, January 29, 2003 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUEST

Upon suggestion of Senator Roberts, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable Allan Fung, Cranston City Councilor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

TRANSFER OF BILL

Senator Celona, from the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government to the Committee on Finance:

(03-S 70) An Act relating to indebtedness of towns and cities.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**FROM THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

(03-H 5303) 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 Paiva Weed, Roberts and Ruggerio, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS - 0.

Also:

(03-H 5305) Joint Resolution inviting His Honor, the President of the Senate, and the Honorable Senate, to join the House of Representatives in Joint Session for the purpose of receiving the State of the State Address of His Excellency, the Governor.

Senator Ruggerio requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algiere, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, in

concurrence, upon a roll call vote with 32 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 32:

The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Lanzi, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Paiva Weed, Parella, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS - 0.

Also:

(03-H 5000) Joint Resolution to approve and publish and submit to the electors a proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the State (General Assembly).

Read and referred to the Committee on Oversight.

Also:

(03-H 5306) An Act relating to state budget.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Desk.

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 Montalbano announces that the Senate will meet on Tuesday, at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

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 Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet on Tuesday, at 4:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 212 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Lenihan announces that the Committee on Oversight will meet on Wednesday, at 4:45 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Roberts announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet on Wednesday, at the rise of

the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Also:

Senator Goodwin announces that the Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues will meet on Wednesday, at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Paiva Weed, the Senate adjourns at 4:25 o'clock P.M., in memory of Thomas Foley, former Chief of Staff of the Rhode Island Senate.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JUNE N. GIBBS

Generous God, you are present in all times and places; capture our attention in this time and place. Open our eyes to see the wonders you provide. Open our ears to hear your commandments, your ordinances, and your statutes. Open our hearts to care deeply about people in need, whatever that need might be. Awaken our generosity and sense of justice, that we may be inspired to helpful action and good legislation. 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
Thursday, January 30, 2003

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