

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.24 Wednesday, March 12, 2003 Twenty-fourth 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 4:10 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 Algiere, Alves, Badeau, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT - 2: Senators Bates, Montalbano.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 11, 2003 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Alves, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber from the Pawtuxet Valley Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Miss Ireland 2003 Linsey Nagel, her parents Larry and Eileen Nagel,

and Parade Chairman Michael O'Connell.

Upon suggestion of Senator Celona, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Karen Tramontano, former Chief of Staff for President Clinton.

Miss Tramontano addresses the Senate.

Upon suggestion of Senator Celona, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber members of Miss Tramontano's family, her parents Gerald and Evelyn Tramontano, and her aunt Ann Lancia and her cousin Carol Zona-Worton.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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 898) An Act relating to taxation - Pawtucket.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-S 914) An Act relating to property subject to taxation.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

(03-H 5118) 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.

Senator Paiva Weed requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Paiva Weed, seconded by Senator Ruggerio, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 36:

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

NAYS - 0.

TRANSFER OF BILL

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

(03-S 585) An Act relating to aeronautics - airports and landing fields.

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

**FROM THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

(03-H 6124) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of the Planned Giving Council of Rhode Island.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Also:

(03-H 6165) An Act relating to the Persian Gulf War Information Relief Commission.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Senator Breene presents (03-S 923) An Act relating to the town of Exeter - Juvenile Hearing Board.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Gibbs presents (03-S 924) An Act relating to validating and ratifying amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Middletown.

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

Senator Blais presents (03-S 925) An Act relating to taxation - town of Scituate.

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

Senator Tassoni presents (03-S 926) An Act relating to taxation.

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

Senator Tassoni presents (03-S 927) An Act relating to taxation.

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

Senators Paiva Weed, Gallo, Perry, Goodwin and Sosnowski present (03-S 928) Senate Resolution proclaiming April 3, 2003 as "Rhode Island Pay Equity Day".

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

Senator Algieri presents (03-S 929) An Act relating to incorporation of Dunns Corners Fire District.

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

Senator Sosnowski presents (03-S 930) An Act relating to the town of South Kingstown.

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

Senator Blais presents (03-S 931) An Act relating to towns and cities - Chopmist Water District.

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

Senators Felag and Parella present (03-S 932) An Act creating the Prudence Island Water District.

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

Senator Gibbs presents (03-S 933) Joint Resolution reinstating the life of and extending the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission to study the concept of sustainability as it could be encouraged by state government.

Senator Gibbs requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senator Gibbs presents (03-S 934) Senate Resolution recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Middletown, Rhode Island Rotary Club and the outstanding service they have provided to community over the past 50 years.

Senator Gibbs requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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, the Senate adjourns at 4:48 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JAMES C. SHEEHAN

Lord, please bestow Your special blessings on all assembled in this chamber. Help us to always bear in mind that the people who have elected us to serve them have placed their trust in our capabilities; may we serve them well in the ways which You have taught us. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for Thursday, March 13, 2003:

- 1. (03-H6124) An Act to vacate the forfeiture or revocation of the charter of the Planned Giving Council of Rhode Island.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate
Wednesday, March 12, 2003

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, March 18, 2003:

- 1. (03-S213) An Act relating to taxation - property subject to taxation.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Wednesday, March 19, 2003:

- 1. Reappointment of Ashbel T. Wall, II of Providence as Director of the Department of Corrections.

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this reappointment.

2. (03-S898) An Act relating to taxation - Pawtucket.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

3. (03-S914) An Act relating to property subject to taxation.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

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