

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.25 Thursday, March 13, 2003 Twenty-fifth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable William V. Irons, President of the Senate, at 4:34 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 Fogarty, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 12, 2003 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator McBurney, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber many teachers from Varieur School on Pawtucket.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Cheryl McBurney, wife of Senator McBurney.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

TRANSFER OF BILL

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

(03-S 747) An Act relating to property - revaluation.

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 6185) An Act relating to solemnization of marriages.

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Roberts, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation that advice and consent of the Senate be given the following:

Appointment of A. Kathryn Power of Barrington as Director of the Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals.

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senators Goodwin, Alves, Paiva Weed, Perry, Tassoni and others present (03-S 935) Senate Resolution proclaiming March 10, 2003 to March 14, 2003 as the "First Annual Problem Gambling Awareness Week" in the state of Rhode Island.

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

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 DaPonte, seconded by Senator Blais, the Senate adjourns at 4:40 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR PAUL W. FOGARTY

Dear God, we pray that you keep our purposes clear and our visions keen that we may face today's challenges with high resolve. Amen.

Appendix

CALENDAR

In order for Tuesday, March 18, 2003:

- 1.Appointment of A. Kathryn Power of Barrington as Director of the Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals.

Committee on Health and Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this

Appointment.

2. (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.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate
Thursday, March 13, 2003

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