

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.26 Tuesday, March 18, 2003 Twenty-sixth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable William V. Irons, President of the Senate, at 4:20 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, Bates, Blais, 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, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT - 2: Senators Breene, Ruggerio.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Father Louis Natalizia, to deliver the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Thursday, March 13, 2003 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Caprio, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, Frank Williams.

Upon suggestion of Senator Fogarty, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber

Martha Fogarty, Joan Poorley, Austin Coyne, Ann McCoy, and Caroline Riordan.

Upon suggestion of Senators Celona and Issa, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Cheryle McBurney, wife of Senator McBurney, MacKenzie McBurney, daughter, and Al Marano and Hank Doiron.

Upon suggestion of Senator Bates, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber A. Kathryn Power, Director of MHRH and husband Brian Power.

Upon suggestion of Senator McBurney, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Moira Costigan of Pawtucket with father Neal Costigan and mother Elaine Costigan, also friend Andrea Petit of Greenville.

Upon suggestion of Senator Perry, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Cheryl Taylor, Lisa Nybels of the Camp Street Neighborhood Association, Providence, R.I.

Upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Justice Maureen McKenna Goldberg.

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Patrick Griffin, Tom Farrell, and Mayor of Providence David Cicilline.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ciccone, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Frank A. Ciccone (father), Janice Spirito (3rd District Senatorial Committee), Sharon Marino, Robert J. DiMaio, and Gina Sabatoni Arakelian.

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Jim Taylor, Providence firefighter, Matthew Taylor (son).

Upon suggestion of Senator Montalbano, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Chief Joann Macari, R.I. Sheriff Dept., Honorable Maureen McKenna Goldberg, Associate Justice, R.I. Supreme Court, and members of Justice Goldberg's family: her sister Margaret Neubauer, her husband Jay, and 12-year-old Grace Neubauer, a 6th grader at St. Pius School in Providence, and Mrs. Mary Irons.

Upon suggestion of Senator Tassoni, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Lynne Pistritto.

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

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.

Senator Bates, seconded by Senators Roberts, Gibbs, Pichardo, Montalbano, Celona, Perry, Gallo and Sheehan, moves that confirmation of the Senate be given this appointment.

The confirmation of the Senate is given this appointment, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 30 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 30:

The Honorable President Irons and Senators Algiere, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Montalbano, Perry, Pichardo, Roberts, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS - 0.

2. (03-S213) An Act relating to taxation - property subject to taxation.

Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senate Majority Leader Montalbano, and without objection, ordered to be held 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Senators Irons, Montalbano, Algiere, Celona and McCaffrey present (03-S 936) Senate Resolution commemorating the celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Irons, Montalbano, Algiere, Celona and McCaffrey present (03-S 937) Senate Resolution commemorating the feast of St. Joseph.

Senator Montalbano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Upon motion of Senator Montalbano, seconded by Senators Celona, Caprio, Algiere, Damiani, Parella, Ciccone, Lanzi and Tassoni, and by unanimous consent, read and passed, under suspension of the rules, upon a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Celona, seconded by Senator Blais, the Senate adjourns at 5:50 o'clock P.M.

GABRIEL ANDRADE REI
Deputy Clerk of the Senate

Appendix

AGENDA

IRISH AND ITALIAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

MARCH 18, 2003

3:45 Hank Doiron Duo.

4:00 Fr. Louis Natalizia of the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in North Providence.

President Irons announces that Senator Perry will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and asks all members and guests to remain standing for the National Anthem to be performed by the Hank Doiron Duo.

CELEBRATION

President Irons asks the Sheriff to escort Senate Majority Leader Montalbano, Senate Minority Leader Algieri, Guest Speakers Justice Maureen McKenna Goldberg and Mayor David Cicilline, and the Most Reverend Robert Mulvee to the rostrum.

President Irons introduces Senate Majority Leader Montalbano to offer welcoming remarks.

President Irons introduces Senate Minority Leader Algieri to offer welcoming remarks.

President Irons introduces Moira Costigan of the Perishable Theatre for a musical selection, accompanied by Tom Farrell of Ireland.

Moira Costigan and Tom Farrell perform an Irish selection.

President Irons introduces the Irish Heritage Guest Speaker, Justice Maureen McKenna Goldberg, Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Justice Goldberg delivers the Irish Heritage address.

Senate Minority Leader Algieri introduces the Hank Doiron Duo for a musical selection.

The Hank Doiron Duo performs an Italian selection.

Senate Majority Leader Montalbano introduces the Italian Heritage Guest Speaker, Mayor David Cicilline, Mayor of the City of Providence.

Mayor Cicilline delivers the Italian Heritage address.

Immediately following Mayor Cicilline's remarks and applause has ended, Moira Costigan will perform an Irish selection and after her performance and applause has ended, the Hank Doiron Duo will perform an Italian selection.

President Irons introduces the Most Reverend Robert Mulvee, Bishop of the Diocese of Providence, for the Benediction.

President Irons offers closing remarks, thanking: Supreme Court Justice Maureen McKenna Goldberg, Providence

Mayor David Cicilline, the Most Reverend Robert Mulvee, Bishop of the Diocese of Providence, Father Louis Natalizia of the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in North Providence, Moira Costigan (& Co.) of the Perishable Theatre in Pawtucket, and the Hank Doiron Duo.

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
Tuesday, March 18, 2003

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