

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

JOURNAL **-OF THE-** **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the first day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and eight.

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Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Twenty-third Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, March 5, 2008 and is called to order at 4:20 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable William J. Murphy, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 67 members present and 8 members absent as follows:

PRESENT - 67: The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Ajello, Almeida, Amaral, Baldelli-Hunt, Brien, Church, Coaty, Coderre, Corvese, Costantino, DeSimone, Diaz, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Flaherty, Fox, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Gorham, Handy, Jacquard, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lima, Long, Loughlin, Malik, Mattiello, McCauley, McManus, McNamara, Melo, Menard, Moffitt, Mumford, Naughton, O'Neill, Palumbo, Petrarca, Picard, Rice, Rose, Schadone, Scott, Segal, Serpa, Shanley, Silva, Singleton, Slater, Smith, Story, Sullivan, Trillo, Ucci, Vaudreuil, Walsh, Wasylyk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

ABSENT - 8: Representatives Caprio, Carter, Dennigan, Jackson, Lewiss, Pacheco, San Bento, Savage.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Moffitt who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, March 4, 2008 is approved as printed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Peter L. Lewiss well be unable to attend session Tuesday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 5, 2008 due to the flu.

Representative Edwin R. Pacheco will be unable to attend session Wednesday, March 5, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 8010 (by request)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (amend the definition of a "teacher" for purposes of teachers' retirement) {LC2392/1}

03/05/2008 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8011

BY Petrarca, Palumbo, Silva

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIGHT-OF-WAY (create additional penalties for certain motor vehicle violations. This act would also require state and municipal buildings to provide parking for motorcycles) {LC2386/1}

03/05/2008 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 8012

BY Petrarca, Palumbo, Silva

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (require all public buildings to provide specific designated parking for motorcycles at a base of three (3) to one hundred (100). Violators would be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) {LC2388/1}

03/05/2008 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 8013

BY Williamson

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A HOUSE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO REVIEW TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE {LC1048/1}

Representative Williamson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Williamson seconded by Representatives Fox and Loughlin by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Secretary of State, forthwith.

RULE 17**The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 17:**

Representative Petrarca-An Act relating to motor and other vehicles-right of way

Representative Petrarca-An Act relating to motor and other vehicles-parking facilities and privileges

Representative Serpa-An Act relating to education-Teachers' Retirement

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Diaz announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

Representative Corvese announces that the Committee on Labor will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 201 of the State House.

Representative Kennedy announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House

GUEST

Representative Ferri welcomes to the House Chamber his intern, Derek Troiano.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:28 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Costantino and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Domenic Calise, a Doorman in the House of Representatives for many years, seconded by Representatives Fox and Watson the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE VICTOR G. MOFFITT

Thank you God for Your presence here with us and Your blessings on this Assembly today and every day. Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008:

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BY Mumford

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Francis P. McCabe
Clerk of the House

Wednesday, March 5, 2008