

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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

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Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Twenty-fifth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, March 14, 2007 and is called to order at 4:15 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable William J. Murphy, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

PRESENT - 70: The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Ajello, Almeida, Amaral, Baldelli-Hunt, Brien, Caprio, Carter, Church, Coderre, Corvese, Costantino, Dennigan, DeSimone, Diaz, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Flaherty, Fox, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Ginaitt, Gorham, Handy, Jackson, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lewiss, Lima, Long, Loughlin, Malik, Mattiello, McCauley, McManus, McNamara, Melo, Menard, Moffitt, Mumford, Naughton, O'Neill, Pacheco, Palumbo, Petrarca, Picard, Rice, Rose, Savage, Schadone, Segal, Serpa, Shanley, Silva, Singleton, Slater, Smith, Story, Sullivan, Trillo, Ucci, Vaudreuil, Walsh, Wasylyk, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

ABSENT - 5: Representatives Crowley, Jacquard, San Bento, Scott, Watson.

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 13, 2007 is approved as printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT

March 14, 2007

I hereby appoint the following Representatives to serve on the Special House Committee to Study Water Use and Distribution in Rhode Island:

Representative Carol Mumford
Representative Robert Watson

William J. Murphy
SPEAKER

NEW BUSINESS

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL 36-14-6

I, Thomas C. Slater, State Representative, District 10, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative, to participate in the consideration of, and to vote upon: 07-H 6155-AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF GENALCO, INC. (**THIS ACT WAS PASSED ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007.**)

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter:
Work for Company

3. (Complete and (A.) or (B.) and cross out whichever does not apply
B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

THOMAS SLATER
REPRESENTATIVE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 14th day of March, 2007.

DAVID W. DUMAS
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Slater is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1, above.

WILLIAM J. MURPHY
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MARCH 14, 2007

House Bill No. 6158**BY** Trillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF APPONAUG AREA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION {LC2597/1}

03/14/2007 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6159**BY** San Bento, Corvese, Palumbo, Brien, Melo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY {LC2610/1}

03/14/2007 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6160**BY** Pacheco, Lewiss, Kennedy, Gallison, Melo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PARTY COMMITTEES AND CONVENTIONS {LC2455/1}

03/14/2007 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

Representative Pacheco-An Act relating to Elections

Representative San Bento -An Act relating to Domestic Relations

Representative Trillo -An Act relating to Charter of Apponaug

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 267 (State Police)**BY** Gibbs, Algieri, Breene**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS (give the Traffic Tribunal jurisdiction over the penalty for the nonpayment of a toll and make the penalty a traffic violation) {LC1104/1}

03/14/2007 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 473 SUB A**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (allow and empower a number of named individuals to join other named persons in matrimony on the specified dates and in the specified places) {LC1662/1/A}

03/14/2007 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 690

BY Breene

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

(allow the town of Hopkinton to establish a municipal court) {LC2208/1}

03/14/2007 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 766 (Corrections)

BY Metts, Pichardo, Perry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -

CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (increase the amount a prisoner may maintain deposited in a bank account from \$500 to \$1,000) {LC1107/1}

03/14/2007 Referred to House Judiciary

CALENDAR

From the Calendar is taken:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007:

1 2007-H 6156

BY Lima

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION OPPOSING LINCOLN PARK'S DECISION TO NOT ALLOW RIPTA TO TRANSPORT THEIR RIDERS INTO LINCOLN PARK

Ordered on the Calendar

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Wednesday, March 21, 2007,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a Special House Commission meeting to Study Water Use and Distribution in Rhode Island at the rise.

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

Representative McNamara 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 Schadone announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 205 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 Gallison announces that the Committee on Municipal Government will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 205 of the State House.

GUESTS

Representatives Williamson and Dennigan welcome to the House Chamber as guests Specialist Matthew Pettinicchio along with his father John Pettinicchio.

Representative McNamara welcomes to the House as a new page, Cassandra Mullins.

Representative Church welcomes to the Chamber Jonathan Mundy.

Representative Silva welcomes to the House Chamber Ashelee Fagnant and Catherine DaSilva.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:28 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Flaherty, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Timothy Packhem; seconded by Representatives Fox and Gorham 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.

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Francis P. McCabe
Clerk of the House

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