

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

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

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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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Thursday, March 15, 2007

Twenty-sixth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, March 15, 2007 and is called to order at 4:22 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, Caprio, Carter, Church, Coderre, Corvese, Costantino, Dennigan, DeSimone, Diaz, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Flaherty, Fox, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Ginaitt, Gorham, Handy, Jacquard, 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, Scott, Segal, Serpa, Shanley, Silva, Singleton, Slater, Smith, Story, Sullivan, Trillo, Ucci, Vaudreuil, Walsh, Wasylyk, Watson, Williams, Winfield.

ABSENT -5: Representatives Brien, Crowley, Jackson, San Bento, Williamson.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Reverend Gerald Hussey from Saint Catherine's Church in Little Compton who delivers the Invocation.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Naughton who leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Wednesday, March 14, 2007 is approved as printed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Jon Brien is out of the country and will be unable to attend session Thursday, March 15, 2007.

Representative William San Bento will be unable to attend session Thursday, March 15, 2007.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE****COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

Representative Gallison, for the Committee on Municipal Government, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**Senate Bill No. 92**

**BY** Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN {LC361/1}

03/15/2007 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 135**

**BY** Algieri, Breene

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN TO FINANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVES IN THE TOWN CONSISTENT WITH THE APPROVED CHARLESTOWN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR {LC166/1}

03/15/2007 Placed on House Calendar

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 6161**

**BY** Lally, Shanley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES {LC2527/1}

03/15/2007 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6162 (by request)**

**BY** Carter, Scott

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY {LC2613/1}

03/15/2007 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Resolution No. 6163****BY** Murphy**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY {LC2638/1}

Representative McNamara requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative McNamara seconded by Representatives Carter, Shanley, Ehrhardt, Singleton, Kilmartin, Loughlin, O'Neill, Lally, McCauley, Vaudreuil, Ucci, Giannini and Almeida by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6164****BY** Mattiello, Giannini, Ucci, Costantino, Corvese**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY {LC2639/1}

Representative Mattiello requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Mattiello seconded by Representatives Ucci, Lima, Loughlin, Corvese, Schadone, Costantino, Melo, Giannini, Rice, Palumbo, Almeida, and Ginaitt by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6165****BY** Shanley, Lally, Petrarca, O'Neill**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH ANNUALLY AS "IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2641/1}

Representative Shanley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Shanley seconded by Representatives Lally, Naughton, McCauley, Coderre, Loughlin and many other members of the House 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 Lally-An Act relating to alcoholic beverages

Representative Carter-An Act relating to taxation

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 848**

**BY** Levesque C

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF RICHMOND EQUIPMENT CO., INC. {LC2585/1}

03/13/2007 Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar 03/14/2007 Senate read and passed

03/15/2007 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 849**

**BY** Levesque C

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF HOME CREDIT CORPORATION OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2584/1}

03/13/2007 Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar 03/14/2007 Senate read and passed

03/15/2007 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 850**

**BY** Revens

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF APPONAUG AREA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION {LC2601/1}

03/13/2007 Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar 03/14/2007 Senate read and passed

03/15/2007 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 851**

**BY** Fogarty P

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF SAND DAM RESERVOIR ASSOCIATION {LC2620/1}

03/13/2007 Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar 03/14/2007 Senate read and passed

03/15/2007 Referred to House Corporations

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Lima wishes Representative Joanne Giannini a Happy Birthday.

Representative Lima wishes Representative Jan Malik and his wife Mary a Happy 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March.

Representative Gallison congratulates Representative Melo, the Honorable Speaker Murphy and the entire Portuguese Delegation on all their efforts in succeeding to keep the Portuguese Government Council Office open in the state of Rhode Island.

Representative Costantino announces that the Committee on Finance will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

### GUESTS

Representative Giannini welcomes to the House Chamber as guests Peter Mancini, City Council President; Michael Solomon, Councilman; and Raymond Dettore.

Representative Loughlin welcomes to the House as a guest his daughter, Carrie E. Loughlin.

Representative McCauley welcomes to the Chamber Patrick Griffin owner of Patrick's Pub.

Representative Carter welcomes to the House Chamber Retired Judge John Cappelli.

The Honorable Speaker Murphy welcomes to the House invited guests A. Ralph Mollis, Secretary of State; Father Healey and Retired Justice John Cappelli, of the Rhode Island District Court.

The Honorable Speaker Murphy also welcomes to the House invited guests-from the 6<sup>th</sup> Division District Court, former Senator Jerry Smith; Bob Burke, caterer from Pot au Feu and the Federal Reserve; Anthony Paliotta owner of Security Cleaners; and Thomas Falcone from Scituate, RI.

### HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Words of Welcome	William J. Murphy, Speaker of the House
Remarks	Honorable Donald L. Carcieri, Governor
Irish Step Dancers	Damhsa Irish Dance Studio
Irish Heritage Address	Justice Francis J. Darigan, Jr. Rhode Island Superior Court
Irish Poem	Representative Joseph M. McNamara

Irish Toast	Representative J. Patrick O'Neill
Irish Music Selections	Pendragon
Irish Songs	Representative Richard W. Singleton Representative John J. Loughlin II
Italian Heritage Address	Honorable David Cicilline Mayor of Providence
Italian Toast	Representative Lisa Baldelli-Hunt
Italian Music Selections	Loriana De Crescenzo
Benediction	Reverend Jared J. Costanza Saint Elizabeth's Church of Bristol

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:50 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Fox seconded by Representative Watson the House adjourns, on a voice vote.

**Linda M. McElroy**  
**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX****SAINT PATRICK'S INVOCATION****REVEREND GERALD HUSSEY**

SIGMUND FREUD ONCE REMARKED; "THE IRISH IS THE ONLY RACE OF PEOPLE FOR WHOM PSYCHOANALYSIS IS OF NO USE WHATSOEVER."

WE DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS BECAUSE THE IRISH ARE SO THICKHEADED OR JUST TOO BRIGHT TO BE DUPED BY A SHRINK. BUT WHO ELSE COULD INVENT A THING LIKE IRISH COFFEE? ONLY IRISH COFFEE PROVIDES IN A SINGLE GLASS ALL FOUR ESSENTIAL FOOD GROUPS: ALCOHOL, CAFFEINE, SUGAR AND FAT.

THE IRISH, TOO, ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR ABILITY TO "TURN A PHRASE" AS THEY SAY, TO PUT WISDOM INTO JUST A FEW BRIEF WORDS OR EVEN A PRAYER. FOR EXAMPLE:

"AS YOU SLIDE DOWN THE BANISTER OF LIFE, MAY THE SPLINTERS NEVER POINT IN THE WRONG DIRECTION."

OR: "MAY THOSE WHO LOVE US, LOVE US. AND THOSE WHO DON'T LOVE US, MAY GOD TURN THEIR HEARTS, AND IF HE CAN'T TURN THEIR HEARTS, THEN MAY HE TURN THEIR ANKLES, SO WE'LL KNOW THEM BY THEIR LIMPING."

OR: "MAY YOU BE IN HEAVEN AN HOUR BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD."

PERHAPS THE GREATEST IRISH PERSON OF PRAYER WAS NONE OTHER THAN DEAR AND GLORIOUS ST. PATRICK HIMSELF, THE APOSTLE OF IRELAND, WHOM WE HONOR HERE IN THIS AUGUST CHAMBER TODAY. AND HIS PRAYER IS MY PRAYER FOR ALL OF YOU TODAY:

MAY THE STRENGTH OF GOD GUIDE US.

MAY THE POWER OF GOD PRESERVE US.

MAY THE WISDOM OF GOD INSTRUCT US.

MAY THE HAND OF GOD PROTECT US.

MAY THE WAY OF GOD DIRECT US.

MAY THE SHIELD OF GOD DEFEND US.

MAY THE ANGELS OF GOD GUARD US-

AGAINST THE SNARES OF THE EVIL ONE.

MAY YOUR GRACE, O LORD, ALWAYS BE OURS,

THIS DAY AND FOREVER.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND MAY LUCK BE OUR COMPANION, MAY FRIENDS STAND BY OUR SIDE, MAY HISTORY REMIND US ALL OF IRELAND'S FAITH AND PRIDE. MAY GOD BLESS US WITH HAPPINESS. MAY LOVE AND FAITH ABIDE.

GOD BLESS THE IRISH AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.



**APPENDIX****SAINT JOSEPH'S BENEDICTION****REVEREND JARED J. COSTANZA**

Father in heaven, we give you thanks for all the blessings and gifts you have bestowed upon us.

As we honor Saint Joseph-husband of Mary, protector of the universal church, and patron of the worker-we recall the great commitment with which he responded to the many responsibilities that You entrusted to him, especially that of taking care of Your Son.

Grant us that same spirit of devotion. Help us to respond more faithfully to the responsibilities you have entrusted to us. Keep our hearts and minds united in your love and committed to serving you and your people. Keep us mindful of the many sacrifices made for us by our ancestors, and committed to preserving our heritage and traditions.

Father, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, bless all here present. Give them the strength to follow the holy and just example of Saint Joseph. Bless them with the gifts of wisdom and right judgment, that they may carry out their duties with honor, strength, and concern for the common good.

We ask this and all prayers through Him who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Saint Patrick, pray for us.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 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

**2 2007-S 92**

**BY Sosnowski**

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Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

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Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis P. McCabe**  
**Clerk of the House**

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