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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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 one.

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Tuesday, January 23, 2001

Seventh Day

one. The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 23, 2001, and is called to order at 4:11 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable John B. Harwood, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 97 members present and 2 members absent as follows:

PRESENT - 97; The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Abdullah.Odiase, Aiken, Ajello, Almeida, Anderson, M., Anderson, S., Anguilla, Barr, Benson, Bierman, Brien, Callahan, Cambio, Caprio, Carroll, Carter, Cerra, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Coogan, Corvese, Costantino, Crowley, Dennigan, DeSimone, Faria, Flaherty, Fleury, Fox, Gallison, Garvey, George, Giannini, Ginaitt, Gorham, Henseler, Hetherington, Hogan, Iwuc, Jacquard, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Knickle, Lally, Lanzi, Levesque, Lewiss, Lima, Long, Lowe, Maher, Malik, Martineau, McCauley, McNamara, Menard, Montanaro, Moran, Moura, Mumford, Munschy, Murphy, W.H., Murphy, W.J., Naughton, Palangio, Palumbo, Picard, Pires, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, San Rents, Savage, Schadone, Scott, Shanley, Shavers, Sherlock, Simonian, Slater, Smith, Story, Sullivan, Tejada, Thompson, Trillo, Vieira, Voccola, Wasyluk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

ABSENT - 2; Representatives Amaral, Burlingame.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Picard, 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 Wednesday, January 17, 2001, is approved as printed.

GUEST

At 4:12 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker yields the rostrum to Representative Henseler.

By unanimous consent, Representative Henseler addresses the members of the House and welcomes to the House Admiral Barbara McGann of the United States Navy.

By unanimous consent, Admiral McGann addresses the members of the House.

At 4:18 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker returns to the rostrum.

NEW BUSINESS

Representatives Sullivan, Coelho, Cicilline, Rose, Dennigan and several other members of the House introduce (01-H 5171) An Act relating to cities and towns - telecommunications.

Read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Representative Picard introduces (01-H 5172) An Act relating to insurance - comprehensive motor vehicle insurance reparations.

Representative Faria introduces (01-H 5204) An Act relating to public officers and employees - retirement system contributions and benefits.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representatives Moura and Palumbo introduce (01-H 5205) An Act relating to labor and labor relations employment security- general provisions.

Representative Moura requests (001-H 5205) be placed on the Calendar for Wednesday, January 24, 2001.

There is no objection.

Read and placed on the Calendar for Wednesday, January 24, 2001.

Representatives Henseler, Martineau and Watson introduce (01-H 5206) House Resolution expressing condolences.

Representative Martineau requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on motion of Representative Martineau, seconded by the entire House of Representatives, and by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

Representatives Kennedy, Coderre, Kilmartin, Barr and Martineau introduce (01.H 5207) House Resolution proclaiming January 21-27, 2001 as "Nurse Anesthetists' Week" in Rhode Island.

Representative Kennedy requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on motion of Representative Kennedy, seconded by Representative Watson, and by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

Representative Palumbo introduces (01-H 5208) House Resolution extending the reporting date of the special House commission to study the rapid depletion of finfish in Rhode Island coastal waters.

Representative Palumbo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on motion of Representative Palumbo, seconded by the entire House of Representatives, and by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

CALENDAR

Special Order of Business for Tuesday, January 23, 2001:

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4, of the Rhode Island Constitution, the Committee on Judiciary recommends advice and consent be given to the appointment of Frank J. Williams as Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Representative Flaherty moves advice and consent be given

To this appointment, seconded by Representatives Williamson, W.J. Murphy, Cicilline, Ginaitt, Reilly, Simonian, Martineau, Montanaro, Wasyluk, Brien, Palumbo, Shavers, Sullivan, Carroll, Levesque, Anderson, Anguilla, Moran, Schadone, Garvey, Voccola, Knickle, McNamara, DeSimone, Kilmartin, Hogan, Trillo, Moura, Rabideau, Bierman, W.H. Murphy, Watson, Callahan, Story, Quick, Gorham, Mumford, Fleury, Savage, George, Faria, Cambio, Benson, Coelho, Gallison, Jacquard, Picard, Lima, Tejada, Carter, Cerra, Corvese, Lewiss, Costantino, Caprio, Giannini and Shanley.

Representatives Watson and Cicilline discuss the appointment.

The appointment passes, on a roll call vote, 94 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 94; The Honorable Speaker Harwood and Representatives Abdullah.Odiase, Aiken, Ajello, Almeida, Anderson, M., Anderson, S., Anguilla, Barr, Benson, Bierman, Brien, Callahan, Cambio, Caprio, Carroll, Carter, Cerra, Cicilline, Coderre, Coelho, Coogan, Corvese, Costantino, Crowley, Dennigan, DeSimone, Faria, Flaherty, Fleury, Fox, Gallison, Garvey, George, Giannini, Ginaitt, Gorham, Hetherington, Hogan, Iwuc, Jacquard, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Knickle, Lally, Lanzi, Levesque, Lewiss, Lima, Long, Lowe, Maher, Malik, Martineau, McCauley, McNamara, Menard, Montanaro, Moran, Moura, Mumford, Munschy, Murphy, W.H., Murphy, W.J., Naughton, Palangio, Palumbo, Picard, Pisaturo, Quick, Rabideau, Reilly, Rose, San Bento, Savage, Schadone, Scott, Shanley, Shavers, Simonian, Slater, Smith, Story, Sullivan, Tejada, Thompson, Trillo, Vieira, Voccola, Wasyluk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

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