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Thursday, January 22, 2004

Ninth Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Joseph A. Montalbano, President of the Senate, at 4:13 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 34: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Bates, Damiani, Irons, Ruggiero.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Cote, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Wednesday, January 21, 2004 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Goodwin, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber, Senator Goodwin's parents, the Honorable Thomas N. Goodwin, former State Senator from the City of Providence, and Patricia Goodwin, Ellen Myers and Jane Degan.

Upon suggestion of Senators Polisena, DaPonte and Perry, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable John M. Roney, former State Senator from the city of Providence.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2139**

BY Tassoni, Polisena, Connors, Felag, Fogarty P

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Senator Tassoni requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Tassoni, moves passage, seconded by Senator Blais.

Senator Blais, Felag and DaPonte, discuss the act.

Senator Polisena, seconded by Senators Blais and Raptakis, offers the following written motion to amend.

F L O O R A M E N D M E N T

TO

2004 -- S 2139

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2004 -- S 2139, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING", as follows:

(1) On page 2, line 22, by adding the following words after the word "profit": " and nonprofit".

(2) On page 2, line 24, by deleting the words and figures "January 31, 2005" and inserting in place thereof the words and figures "June 30, 2005".

Respectfully submitted,
SENATOR POLISENA

Senator Tassoni discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend fails of passage upon a roll call vote with 6 Senators voting in the affirmative and 24 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 6: Senators Blais, Breene, Felag, Fogarty, Polisena, Raptakis.

NAYS - 24: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Badeau, Caprio, Celona, Cote, DaPonte, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Revens, Roberts, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 34: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algieri, Alves, Badeau, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

NAYS - 0.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2140

BY Polisena, Roberts, Gallo, Paiva-Weed, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at 5:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 211 of the State House.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator DaPonte, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Perry, the Senate adjourns at 4:30 o'clock P.M. in memory of her nephew, Edward O. Hawkins, whose spirit will live on through the memory of his many good deeds.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR MARC A. COTE

Dear Lord, show us how to cooperate with each other in sharing our individual talents. Remind us that working together in a unified effort provides us with strength and produces desired end results. Amen.