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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, March 17, 2009 and is called to order at 4:24 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable William J. Murphy, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 71 members present and 4 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT - 71:** The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Ajello, Almeida, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Brien, Caprio, Carnevale, Carter, Coderre, Corvese, Costantino, DaSilva, Dennigan, Diaz, Driver, Edwards, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Fierro, Flaherty, Fox, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Jacquard, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lima, Loughlin, MacBeth, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McCauley, McNamara, Melo, Menard, Naughton, Newberry, Pacheco, Palumbo, Petrarca, Pollard, A. Rice, M. Rice, Ruggiero, San Bento, Savage, Schadone, Segal, Serpa, Shallcross-Smith, Silva, Slater, Sullivan, Trillo, Ucci, Vaudreuil, Walsh, Wasyluk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

**ABSENT - 4:** Representatives DeSimone, Jackson, Lally, O'Neill.

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, March 12, 2009 is approved as printed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**House Bill No. 5984**

**BY** Williamson

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLE --  
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (issuance of a special registration plate to all active and retired IAFF firefighters and be designated as "Professional Firefighters"; and would be subject to a minimum prepaid order of at least 900 plates) {LC2120/1}  
03/17/2009 Introduced, referred to House Constituent Services

**House Bill No. 5985****BY** Baldelli-Hunt**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - DEALERS, MANUFACTURERS, AND RENTAL LICENSES ( would require the addition of maintenance records in the course of business for an automobile dealer in addition, all records shall be transferred to the new owner upon sale of the dealership.) {LC2193/1}

03/17/2009 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5986****BY** Fox, Fierro, Rice A, Sullivan, DaSilva**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE - ADOPTING OF CODE (would mandate the adopting of a state energy conservation code.) {LC2184/1}

03/17/2009 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5987****BY** Fox, Pacheco, Slater, Kennedy, Almeida**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING RESOURCES - NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM ( would establish and fund the neighborhood opportunities program to address the housing and revitalization needs of the state's deteriorating neighborhoods.) {LC2197/1}

03/17/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5988****BY** Fierro, Savage, Slater, Ajello, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (would allow a parent who is working at 25 hours per week to qualify for subsidized child care during time spent at an educational or training program that will lead to increased earning capacity.) {LC2205/1}

03/17/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5989****BY** Baldelli-Hunt**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (would require that when a handicapped tag is issued that it contain a photograph of the person to whom it was issued.) {LC2192/1}

03/17/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5990****BY** Kilmartin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES ( would allow David W. Piccerelli to join Alexa Marie Tedoldi and Matthew Joseph Piccerelli in marriage on or about October 3, 2009 within the Town of Barrington, Rhode Island.) {LC2167/1}

03/17/2009 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5991****BY** McCauley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC2169/1}

03/17/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 5992****BY** Pollard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE ABBEY LANE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. WATER DISTRICT {LC2145/1}

03/17/2009 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 5993****BY** Ruggiero, Fox, Ehrhardt, Gallison, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES {LC625/1}

03/17/2009 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 5994****BY** Martin, Rice A, Walsh, Jackson, Edwards**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH ANNUALLY AS "IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1160/1}

Representative Martin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Martin seconded by Representatives Kilmartin, McNamara, Watson and many other members of the House by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 5995****BY** Fox**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY {LC2201/1}

Representative Fox requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

**House Resolution No. 5996****BY** Fox**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY {LC2199/1}

Representative Watson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Watson seconded by Representative Fox 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.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 493****BY** Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - REGULATION OF BOATS (would eliminate the requirement that Class 2 or 3 motorboats, as defined in the general laws, be provided with a bell.) {LC1319/1}

03/17/2009 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**Senate Bill No. 378****BY** Sosnowski, Felag, Walaska**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (would clarify sellers disclosure requirements regarding conservation easements) {LC953/1}

03/17/2009 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 561** as amended**BY** Paiva-Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN (would change the property tax abatement for Jamestown emergency medical services/volunteer fire dept, from an exemption of \$75,000 of the assessed valuation of property to a flat amount of \$700 per year.) {LC1030/1}

03/17/2009 Referred to House Municipal Government

**Rhode Island House of Representatives  
St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Day  
Heritage Celebration**

Welcome	Speaker William J. Murphy
Opening Prayer	Reverend Albert Kenney Rector, Our Lady of Providence Seminary Chaplain, LaSalle Academy
Pledge of Allegiance	Representative John J. Loughlin, II
Irish Toast	Representative Peter F. Martin
Greetings	Governor Donald L. Carcieri
Irish Poem	Representative Joseph M. McNamara
Irish Heritage Address	President John J. Bowen Johnson & Wales University
Irish Musical Selection	Lieutenant Darren Delaney R.I. State Police
Italian Toast	Representative Michael J. Marcello
Italian Heritage Address	Associate Justice Gilbert V. Indeglia RI Superior Court
Italian Musical Selection	Bob Mainelli
Closing Prayer	Reverend Angelo Carusi, Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Church Providence

The Honorable Speaker Murphy welcomes to the House Chamber as a guest Andre Tippett, former player of the New England Patriots.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:12 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****OPENING PRAYER****REVEREND ALBERT KENNEY**

They say in the mid 1800's millions of men, women and children emigrated Ireland to escape famine and persecution to come to the land of freedom and promise-the young and ever growing United States of America. In Rhode Island, the Irish settled in the four corners of our state and were hard working, faith filled men and woman who transformed society into the thriving centers of culture and commerce. They quickly rose from the poverty of their native land to become leaders of business, government and the church.

More importantly the Irish made an everlasting gift to the Catholic Church. Dozens of beautiful churches, vibrant schools and hospitals were built through the generous spirit and hard work of the Irish people. These Churches inspired countless numbers of prayers prayed by our Irish ancestors and continue today with the prayers of new immigrants.

No doubt the greatest Irishman of prayer and faith 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.

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 the RI House of Representatives.

**APPENDIX****CLOSING PRAYER****REVEREND ANGELO CARUSI**

Merciful Father, we place ourselves in your presence and give you thanks for all the blessings that you bestow upon us.

As we celebrate this great Feast of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Protector of the Universal Church and Patron of the worker, keep our hearts steadfast in your love and committed to your holy service. Keep us ever mindful of the sacrifices made for us by our ancestors and ever committed to preserving our heritage and traditions.

We ask you to bless all here present and to give us the strength to follow the holy and just example of St. Joseph. We pray in a special way for all our public servants, that St. Joseph will give them the gifts of wisdom and right judgment that they may carry out their offices with justice, honor, and strength.

Preghiamo in Italiano.

Signore, Parde Santo, noi te glorifichiamo, perche' nella tua bonta' hai colmato san Giuseppe dei doni del tuo Spirito, esaltandolo in mezzo al tuo populo come modello e ambasciatore presso la tua misericordia. Concedi al tuo populo la salute del corpo e la consolazione dello spirito, difesa nei pericoli, sicurezza nel lavoro, serenita' nella famiglia, pace e concordia nella comunita' e nel mondo intero. Accogli i voti e le preghiere che in unione con san Giuseppe oggi ti presentiamo con fiducia filiale.

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

Saint Joseph and St. Patrick...pray for us.