

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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# 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 eighteen.**

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Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Ninth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 23, 2018 and is called to order at 4:23 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 69 members present and 6 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 69 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield

**ABSENT** – 6: Representatives Abney, Amore, Casey, Giarrusso, Lancia, Marshall.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Canario 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 Thursday, January 18, 2018, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

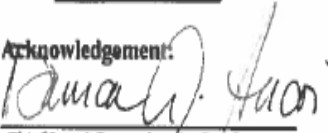
**CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST**

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Grace Diaz hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H - 7120 entitled: An Act Relating To State Affairs and Government-RI Health Benefit Exchange which is currently in the House Committee on Health Education and Welfare.

Signature: 

House District # 11

Date: January 12, 2018

Acknowledgement:   
Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

*NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Gregg Amore is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

Representative Kenneth Marshall is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

Representative Marvin Abney is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

Representative Stephen Casey is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 23rd, Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> due to a medical procedure.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE****TRANSFER OF BILL**

Chairman Jacquard, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare:

**House Bill No. 7136**

**BY** Ackerman, Shekarchi, McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson, Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - TANNING FACILITY SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (Prohibits the use of tanning facilities by persons less than eighteen (18) years of age.) {LC3487/1}

01/23/2018 Committee transferred to House H.E.W.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chairman Jacquard announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 7254**

**BY** Shekarchi, Morgan

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC4026/1}

Majority Leader Shekarchi request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi seconded by Minority Leader Morgan by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 7255**

**BY** Shekarchi, Morgan

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC4027/1}

Majority Leader Shekarchi request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi seconded by Minority Leader Morgan by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader Shekarchi announces that today all members will receive a copy of the House fiscal staff's 1<sup>st</sup> review of the Governor's Budget, *Budget at 1<sup>st</sup> Glance*. Electronic copies will be available online. On behalf of Chairman Abney and Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi thanks Sharon Reynolds Ferland and her staff for their diligent work.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### **House Resolution No. 7256**

**BY** Kennedy, Marshall, Costantino, Shekarchi, Morgan

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO REEXAMINE ALL RECENTLY APPROVED UTILITY RATE INCREASES FROM WHICH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION OR NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES WILL REALIZE TAX SAVINGS THIS YEAR THAT ARE NOT REFLECTED IN CURRENT RATES {LC3921/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Kennedy requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Kennedy seconded by Representatives Costantino, Leaders Shekarchi, Morgan, Representatives McLaughlin and Filippi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Leader Morgan wishes her mother, Doris Lane, a Happy "93<sup>rd</sup>" Birthday. Speaker Mattiello also wishes her a Happy Birthday.

**GUESTS**

Representatives Tanzi and Quattrocchi welcome to the House from the Tobacco Free Rhode Island Youth Advisory Board: Sabrina Estrella, Cumberland; Samantha Estrella, Cumberland; Sarah Mello, Tiverton, Nathan Moone, West Warwick; ; Kennedy Chartier, North Smithfield; Hanna Bill, Hopkinton; Bay Diorio, Warwick; Lena Legault-Ross, East Providence; and Ashley Amiot-Scituate.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Diaz wishes her mother Mercedes Peguero a Happy “85<sup>th</sup>” Birthday.

Representative Corvese wishes his mother, Rose Fabiano a Happy “87<sup>th</sup>” Birthday last Friday.

Speaker Mattiello wishes all the Representative’s mothers a Happy Birthday.

Vice Chairwoman McEntee announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Kennedy and Speaker Mattiello congratulate Chairwoman Fogarty on being selected as the 2017 State Legislator of the Year by the Southern Rhode Island Fire League.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 7257**

**BY** Fogarty, McEntee, Tanzi, Filippi, Hull

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING STEPHEN A. ALFRED ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN FOUR DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS TOWN MANAGER OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RHODE ISLAND {LC3378/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Fogarty requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Fogarty seconded by Representatives McEntee, Tanzi, Filippi, Johnston, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**TRANSMITTAL**

By unanimous consent, all matters on the clerk’s desk are ordered to be transmitted to Her Excellency, the Governor, to the Honorable Senate and the Honorable Secretary of State forthwith.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:42 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Tobon, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John Brown, Jr.; on motion of Representative Nunes, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Cleo Boisvert seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Linda M. McElroy**

**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS M. CANARIO**

Dear Lord: Let us pray together today for the victims and families of the members of Emanuel Church in South Carolina. We pray you bring your healing spirit on all those who are suffering from these senseless killings. Amen.