

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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# JOURNAL

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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 30, 2018

Twelfth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 30, 2018 and is called to order at 4:22 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 Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, 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, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Winfield.

**ABSENT** – 6: Representatives Bennett, Casey, Craven, Edwards, Slater, Walsh.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Casimiro 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 25, 2018, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Stephen Casey is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

Representative John G. Edwards is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

Representative Scott Slater is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

Representative Moira J. Walsh is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

Representative David Bennett is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018:**

- 1. 2018-H 7065**  
**BY** Ruggiero  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 2. 2018-H 7187**  
**BY** Canario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi, seconded by Minority Leader Morgan on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS-60: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casimiro, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Cunha, Donovan, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Solomon, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chairman Abney announces all members should have received a green book entitled *Budget at a 2<sup>nd</sup> Glance*. Speaker Mattiello thanks the Chairman for all his hard work.

**GUESTS**

Representative Ruggiero welcomes to the House Chamber as guests from AARP RI: Phil Zarlengo-AARP Executive Board who received the Andrus Award for community service. He is here along with his wife, Charlotte Zarlengo; Kathleen Connell, State Director-AARP-RI, Alan Neville, State President, AARP and John DiTomasso, Associate State Director-AARP.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 7326**

**BY** Ruggiero, Shekarchi, Morgan, Ajello, Lancia

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DR. PHIL ZARLENGO FOR RECEIVING THE "2017 AARP RHODE ISLAND ANDRUS AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE" {LC4048/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Ruggiero seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan and by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Keable announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 7327****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Morgan, Shanley, McNamara**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF MARY ANN FERRUCCIO-GALLUCCI {LC4244/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson seconded by Leaders Shekarchi, Morgan, Representatives Solomon, McNamara, Serpa, Shanley, and Speaker Mattiello by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 7328****BY** Shekarchi, Morgan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC4289/1}

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. 7329****BY** Shekarchi, Morgan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC4290/1}

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.

**House Resolution No. 7330****BY** Fogarty, Carson, Corvese, Shekarchi, Morgan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28TH TO FEBRUARY 3RD OF 2018 TO BE "PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4316/1}

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 Carson, Corvese, Leaders Shekarchi, Morgan, and Representative Winfield by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader Shekarchi announces the annual Greater of Providence Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheon at the Convention Center is being held tomorrow at noon.

Leader Shekarchi reminds members the deadline to submit Campaign Finance Reports is tomorrow and informs members the Providence Journal Photographer will be in the House Lounge tomorrow before and after session to take head and shoulder shots for future use in any political stories.

### GUEST

Leader Shekarchi and on behalf of Speaker Mattiello and the entire House welcomes to the House and to Rhode Island as a guest U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Resolution No. 7331**

**BY** Kennedy, Shekarchi, Morgan, McNamara, Abney

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, ENHANCING BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY {LC4249/1}

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 Leaders Shekarchi, Morgan Representatives McNamara, Abney, and Speaker Mattiello 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 4:47 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Corvese, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Norman Ricci, Jr.; on motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Mary Ann Ferruccio-Gallucci; on motion of Representative Perez and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Cesar Rolando Garcia; on motion of Representative Lima, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Anthony Pizzi, Sr.; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Linda M. McElroy**

**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE JULIE A. CASIMIRO**

Eternal God: We give thanks for giving us another day to serve your people. Send your spirit this day, and every day, to guide us as we strive to make life better for all Rhode Islanders. Amen.