

# 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 9, 2018

Third Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 9, 2018 and is called to order at 4:18 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, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Winfield

**ABSENT** – 6: Representatives Almeida, Canario, McKiernan, O'Grady, Tobon, Williams.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Fellela 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 3, 2018, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Joseph Almeida is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

Representative Daniel McKiernan is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

Representative Newberry announces the We the People Constitution Competition for high schools is looking for judges, on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9 to noon at West Warwick High School. Anyone interested please contact him for details.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 7067**

**BY** Filippi, Shekarchi, Hull, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF F. NORRIS PIKE {LC3355/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Filippi seconded by Leader Shekarchi and Representative Hull by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 7068**

**BY** Filippi, Shekarchi, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DAVID CONRAD ULRICH {LC3356/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Filippi seconded by Representative Hull by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leader Shekarchi reminds members today is the annual Ethics Training with Jason Gramitt, Education Coordinator of the RI Ethics Commission at the rise of the House in the House Lounge, and also tomorrow, Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> after session there will be a training session from 4:30-7:00 PM, on sexual harassment, discrimination and diversity.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS**

**House Resolution No. 7069**

**BY** Shekarchi, Morgan

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC3399/1}

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 Whip Filippi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 7070**

**BY** Shekarchi, Morgan

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES {LC3400/1}

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.

**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 4:31 P.M. on motion of Representative Filippi, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Norris Pike and David Conrad Ulrich; on motion of Representative Lombardi, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Joseph V. DeGiulio, Sr. and Frank R. Benell, Jr.; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Linda M. McElroy**

**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE DEBORAH A. FELLELA**

Dear God: We ask your blessing this day on all our deliberations. Let your wisdom and compassion guide all our elected leaders as we try to improve the lives of our citizens. Amen.