

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

JOURNAL

-OF THE-

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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.

Volume 145, No. 15

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Fifteenth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, February 6, 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 Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, 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, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

ABSENT – 6: Representatives Bennett, Hearn, Lima, O'Grady, Tanzi, Ucci.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Vella-Wilkinson 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, February 1, 2018, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Charlene Lima is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 6th, 2018.

Representative David Bennett is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 6th, 2018.

Representative Teresa Tanzi is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 6, 7 and 8th 2018.

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 7453**

BY Roberts, Price, Casimiro, Shekarchi, Morgan

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF EDWARD S. LORENZEN AND MICHAEL S. LORENZEN {LC4348/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Roberts seconded by Representatives Price, Casimiro, Leaders Shekarchi, Morgan and Speaker Mattiello by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

GUEST

Representative Ruggiero welcomes to the House her intern, Sebastian Gustave from Rhode Island College.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Abney announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

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 Handy announces tomorrow at 3 PM there will be a briefing on Energy Efficiency around Appliances.

Representative Chippendale informs members the doors will open tomorrow at 3:15 PM for elected officials to walk through for the service for Mr. Fung.

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. 7454****BY** Shekarchi, Morgan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC4526/1}

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. 7455**BY** Shekarchi, Morgan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC4525/1}

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.

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 4:37 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Roberts, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Edward Lorenzen and Michael Lorenzen; on motion of Representative Jacquard and Leader Shekarchi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Kwong Wen Fung; on motion of Representative Azzinaro and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Angelo Cozzolino; on motion of Leader Shekarchi and on behalf of Speaker Mattiello as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ted Marszalkowski; seconded by Whip Edwards and Leader Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE CAMILLE F.J. VELLA-WILKINSON

Dear God, as we continue to honor Black History month help us to value and honor our diversity with a vision for the future that respects the strength, creativity, and ideas that this diversity has so blessed this country with. Amen