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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, March 27, 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 74 members present and 1 member absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 74 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, 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, 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** – 1: Representative Coughlin.

## 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, March 22, 2018, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representative David A. Coughlin is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 27, 2018.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018:****1. 2018-H 7155**

**BY** Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - PSAT AND SAT TESTS

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Casey, Keable, Johnston, Edwards, Leader Morgan, Representatives Phillips, Lancia, Tobon, Cunha, Blazejewski, Messier, Morin, McLaughlin, Azzinaro, Diaz, Bennett, Marshall, Corvese, Abney, Ackerman, Donovan, Amore, McEntee, Ruggiero and Costantino.

Representatives Carson, McNamara, and Amore discuss the act

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, 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, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 1: Representative Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2018-H 7529**

**BY** Canario

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF LEGALIZING MARIJUANA

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Keable moves passage of the resolution, seconded by Representatives Johnston, Edwards, Marshall, Canario and Corvese.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, 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, McKiernan, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Perez, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 2: Representatives McLaughlin, Phillips.

RECUSED - 0:

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Bill No. 7959**

**BY** Newberry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Anthony C. Borghi to join Kerrie A. Driscoll and Christopher Anderson in marriage on or about April 7, 2018, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC5215/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Keable seconded by Leader Shekarchi and Representative Newberry on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**GUESTS**

Representative McNamara welcomes to the House Chamber from the Rhode Island Chapter of the Red Cross: Susan Roberts, Phyllis Detwiler, Neil Brockway, Mario Bruno, Stan Davis, Maria Morrison Barr, Krista Colleta, Rick Wilkens, Betty Dugan, Tony Novello, and Mayor Thomas Lazieh. Here today for their "Light the State House Red" event to honor volunteerism and the Red Cross mission. Speaker Mattiello welcomes them to the House and thanks them for all their great work for the community.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative McLaughlin and Speaker Mattiello welcome to the House former Central Falls Mayor and Councilman Thomas Lazieh.

Representative Serpa recognizes on National Humane Day, Representative Bill O'Brien and Representative Charlene Lima for receiving the Humane Society of the Year Award for their work on behalf of animals. Representative Serpa thanks them for their hard work.

Representative Vella-Wilkinson reminds members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Military/Veterans Outreach Day being held tomorrow.

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

**RULE 7D**

**The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Leader Shekarchi (on behalf of Speaker Mattiello)-An Act relating to Affordable Housing-Opportunities State Affairs and Government

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**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.

Vice Chairwoman Ackerman announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**RULE 7D**

**The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Tanzi-An Act relating to Human Services-Long Term Managed Care Arrangements

Representative McKiernan-An Act relating to Property that is Subject to Taxation

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Resolution No. 7999**

**BY** Mattiello, Shekarchi, Morgan, Williams, Keable

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM C. CLIFTON, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT COURT {LC5349/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Leader Shekarchi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Shekarchi seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Leader Morgan, Representatives Williams, Keable, Casimiro, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

Representatives Williams, Speaker Mattiello and Representative Handy discuss the resolution.

#### **House Bill No. 8000**

**BY** Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Scott Avedisian to join Christy Lee Angell and Matthew Stephen Moretti in marriage on or about May 4, 2018, within the City of Cranston, Rhode Island.) {LC5347/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Leader Shekarchi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Leader Shekarchi seconded by Representatives Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Shanley, Leader Morgan, and Representative Casimiro on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morin, Newberry, O'Brien, O'Grady, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**RULE 7D**

**The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Tobon-An Act relating to Taxation-Towns and Cities  
An Act relating to Education

Representative Edwards-An Act relating to Payment Wages-Unlawful Employment Practices

Representative Maldonado-An Act relating to Properties Subject to Taxation

Representative Blazejewski-An Act relating to Behavioral Healthcare

Representative Slater-An Act relating to Education-Healthcare and Safety of Pupils

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representative Handy announces the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Quahog week.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS**

**House Resolution No. 8001**

**BY** Shekarchi, Morgan

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC5342/1}

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. 8002**

**BY** Shekarchi, Morgan

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC5341/1}

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.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### **RULE 7D**

**The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Marshall-An Act relating to Public Utilities and Carriers  
An Act relating to Insurance

Representative Diaz-An Act relating to Criminal Offenses

#### **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 4:57 o'clock P.M. on motion of Leader Shekarchi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Justice William C. Clifton; on motion of Representative Tobon, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Richard Roland Desjarlais; seconded by Majority Whip Edwards and Leader Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS M. CANARIO**

Dear God: We come to you this hour asking for your blessing as we gather here today. We pray for guidance in our deliberations. Help us to always be mindful that we carry the hopes of those who we serve. Amen.



APPENDIX

CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018:**

1. **2018-H 7196**  
**BY** Corvese  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

2. **2018-H 7768**  
**BY** McNamara  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE SANDRA FEINSTEIN - GAMM THEATRE AND WISHING THEM WELL ON THEIR MOVE TO JEFFERSON BOULEVARD IN WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018:**

1. **2018-H 7039**  
**BY** Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEALERSHIPS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018**