

# 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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Thirty-second Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, April 3, 2018 and is called to order at 4:27 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, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Winfield.

**ABSENT** – 6: Representatives Ackerman, Cunha, Fellela, O'Grady, Solomon, Walsh.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Nardolillo 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 29, 2018, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Moira J. Walsh is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Representative Deborah Fellela is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Representative Joseph J. Solomon, Jr. is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018:**

1.     **2018-H 7918**  
      **BY** Keable  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2.     **2018-H 7960**  
      **BY** Abney  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3.     **2018-H 7961**  
      **BY** Abney  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4.     **2018-H 7985**  
      **BY** Solomon  
      **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, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin,

Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

#### IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018:

**1. 2018-H 7562**

**BY** Marshall

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Johnston, Costantino, Lima, Leader Morgan and Representatives Phillips, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Price, Giarrusso, Roberts, and Ruggiero.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2018-H 7408**

**BY** Price

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES TO REGULATE AND LICENSE THE INTENTIONAL MANIPULATION OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT THROUGH GEOENGINEERING

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.

Chairman Handy moves passage of the resolution, seconded by Representatives Marshall, Filippi, Quattrocchi, Giarrusso, Roberts and Leader Morgan.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

#### GUEST

Representative Diaz welcomes to the House Chamber as a guest, her nephew Elvin Peguero from the Dominican Republic. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes Elvin to the House.

#### 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.

#### RULE 7D

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

Representative Mendonca-An Act relating to School Safety.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Keable announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 205 of the State House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUEST**

Representative Kennedy welcomes to the House as a guest Sarah Brown from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). Speaker Mattiello also welcomes Sarah and thanks her and NCSL for all their assistance for the State of RI and the General Assembly.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 8035**

**BY** Barros, Shanley, Cunha, Casimiro, Maldonado

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY RHODE ISLAND'S MINIMUM PRICING STATUTES (Extends the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study Rhode Island's minimum pricing statutes from April 5, 2018, to April 4, 2019, and said commission expires on June 4, 2019.) {LC5376/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Barros seconded by Representatives Shanley, Kazarian, Maldonado, and Tobon by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 8036**

**BY** Morgan, Shekarchi, Serpa

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 5, 2018, TO BE "NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5409/1}

With the agreement of the majority, Leader Morgan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

**House Resolution No. 8037****BY** Shekarchi, Morgan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC5394/1}

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. 8038****BY** Shekarchi, Morgan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC5395/1}

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 Messier-An Act relating to Teacher Retirement.

Representative Fogarty-An Act relating to the Naming of URI Welcome Center.

Representative O'Brien-An Act relating to Business.

Representative Casimiro-An Act relating to Public Utilities and Carriers.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello congratulate Kathy Gregg from the Providence Journal on being inducted to the RI Hall of Fame for Journalism.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 8039****(General Treasurer)****BY** Shekarchi, Morgan, Kennedy, Serpa**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2018, TO BE "FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5396/1}

With the agreement of 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 Leader Morgan by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 8040****BY** Craven, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ELIZABETH M. TULLY {LC5416/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Hull invites members to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. tomorrow at 3 P.M. in the Bell Room of the State House.

Vice Chairman Canario 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 bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Lancia-An Act relating to Children and School Lunch

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUEST**

Representative Williams welcomes Oswaldo “Ozzie” Castillo from Puerto Rico to the House Chamber. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes Oswaldo to the House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS**

**House Resolution No. 8041**

**BY** Giarrusso, McNamara, Shekarchi, Morgan, Roberts

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 21, 2018, AS "DIPG AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5352/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Giarrusso seconded by Representative McNamara, Leader Morgan, Representatives Roberts, Nardolillo, Chippendale, Price, Mendonca, Filippi, Lancia, Quattrocchi, and Newberry 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 4:49 o’clock P.M. on motion of Representative Craven, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Elizabeth M. Tully; on motion of Representative Canario, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of George Medeiros; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*



**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT A. NARDOLILLO, III**

Bless us o Lord as we gather today for this session. Guide our minds and our hearts so that we will work for the good of our communities. Teach us to be generous in our outlook, courageous in the face of difficulty, and wise in our decisions, Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018:**

1. **2018-H 7045 SUB A**  
**BY** Serpa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CARE OF DOGS

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018:**

1. **2018-H 7178**  
**BY** Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HIGHWAYS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2018-H 7614**  
**BY** Marszalkowski  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO STUDY IMPLEMENTATION OF A FOOD RECOVERY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, March 30, 2018**