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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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Forty-fourth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, May 8, 2018 and is called to order at 4:28 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 70 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, 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** – 5: Representatives Abney, Casey, Cunha, Lima, Nunes.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Barros 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, May 3, 2018, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Stephen Casey is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

Representative Marvin Abney is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 8, 2018, due to a prior commitment in his district.

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

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018:**

- 1. 2018-H 7743**  
**BY Keable**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Keable moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Johnston and Leader Shekarchi.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Keable, seconded by Representative Johnston offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT****TO**

2018 -- H 7743

**AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2018 -- H 7743, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 2, by deleting the word "Rehab" and by inserting in place thereof the word "Raheb".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Keable

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LC004988/3  
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Representative Keable discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, O'Brien, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, 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 Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, 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.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2018-H 7939**

**BY** Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LAND SURVEYORS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Hull, Johnston, Marshall, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Casimiro, Ackerman, McEntee, O'Brien, Ruggiero, Giarrusso, and Chippendale.

Representative Chippendale discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, 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.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2018-H 8114**

**BY** Messier

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Barros, Johnston, Tobon, Maldonado, Messier, and Carson.

Representative Carson discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, 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.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

## NEW BUSINESS

**House Resolution No. 8172****BY** Marshall

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF ENACTING A LINE ITEM VETO, POTENTIAL RHODE ISLAND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS FOR A GOVERNOR RUNOFF, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ELECTION OF THE GOVERNOR (Extends the dates of the commission studying effects of enacting a line item veto, potential RI Constitutional amendments for Governor runoff, and requirements for the election of Governor from April 5, 2018 to June 8, 2018, and expires on June 15, 2018.) {LC5629/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Marshall seconded by Representatives Costantino, Edwards, and Coughlin 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 Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, 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.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**House Resolution No. 8173****BY** Shekarchi, Morgan

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC5628/1}

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. 8174****BY** Shekarchi, Morgan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC5627/1}

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.

**GUEST**

Representative Corvese welcomes to the House Richard Ferruccio, President of the RI Brothers of Correctional Officers. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes Richard to the Chamber and thanks him for his service to the Brotherhood and the State of Rhode Island through the Brotherhood.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 8175****BY** Corvese, Mattiello, Shekarchi, Azzinaro, McKiernan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MAY 6TH THROUGH MAY 12TH, 2018, AS "NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3260/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Corvese seconded by Representative O'Brien, Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Azzinaro, McKiernan, Amore, Ucci, Fellela, Leader Morgan, Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Lancia, Serpa, Phillips, Chippendale, Shanley, Barros, Tobon, Messier, Morin, Johnston, Costantino, Kazarian, Hull, Lombardi, and Almeida by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Vice Chairwoman Ackerman announces that the Committee on Municipal Government will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 205 of the State House.

Representative Carson welcomes the Volvo Ocean Race to Newport, Rhode Island.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Resolution No. 8176**

**BY** Carson, Abney, Ruggiero, Morgan, Mattiello

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION WELCOMING THE 2017-2018 VOLVO OCEAN RACE TO NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, ON MAY 19-20, 2018 {LC5301/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Carson seconded by Representative Ruggiero, Leader Morgan, Speaker Mattiello, and Leader Shekarchi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

### GUESTS

Representative Ruggiero welcomes to the House Chamber as guests the 2018 Small Business Week Award Winners: SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR-Kelly B. Mendall, President-Mikel, Inc., Middletown RI; NATIONAL SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR-David Evans, President; Evans Capacitor Company, East Providence; NEW ENGLAND WOMAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS-Carol Dancer, President, Absorbent Specialty Products, LLC., Cumberland; NEW ENGLAND VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS-Matt Vargas-Veterans Assembled electronics (VAe), Providence; SMALL BUSINESS EXPORTER-Michael Sigourney, CEO & Founder, Anne Beaupre Sigourney, CFO, Rick Grundy, President, AVTECH Software, Inc., Warren; SMALL BUSINESS MANUFACTURER-Donald J. Boyle, President, Jade Manufacturing Company, Inc., Warwick; HOME-BASED SMALL BUSINESS-Kim M. Coulter, Partner, Stony Hill Cattle Company, LLC., Charlestown; MICROENTERPRISE-Nancy Warner, Owner, The Worm Ladies of Charlestown, Inc., Charlestown; MINORITY-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS-Alba Rios, Owner, Spanish Wholesale Center, Central Falls; JEFFREY BUTLAND FAMILY OWNED SMALL BUSINESS-Lisa M. Sienkiewicz, Co-Owner, Gail Parella, Co-Owner, Gil's Appliances Bristol; RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT DIRECTOR AWARD-Posthumously-Cheryl Watkins Snead, Founder, President and CEO, Baneker Industries, Inc., North Smithfield. Speaker Mattiello welcomes the Award Winners to the House and thanks them for their work in Small Business.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader Shekarchi wishes a Happy Birthday to Representative Carol McEntee.

Representative Fellela wishes Happy Birthdays to her children Matthew, Kyle, Ally and Henry who are celebrating their birthdays in the next two weeks. Speaker Mattiello wishes a Happy Birthday to the Fellela children.

Representative Diaz extends congratulations to her youngest daughter Maria Diaz who will be graduating from Rhode Island College tomorrow, receiving her degree in nursing. Speaker Mattiello congratulates Representative Diaz.

### 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.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

#### COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Chairwoman Fogarty, for the Committee on Municipal Government, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**Senate Bill No. 2439 SUB A**

**BY** Ciccone, Ruggerio, Paolino, Nesselbush, Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE (Increases the amount of purchases the North Providence's purchasing agent may purchase an item, without bid, from \$1,500 to \$2,500.) {LC4070/A/1}

05/08/2018 Placed on House Calendar (05/10/2018)

**Senate Bill No. 2829**

**BY** Crowley, Nesselbush, Cano, Conley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS (Allows the city of Pawtucket to fill a vacancy on the Pawtucket City Council by combining councilmatic voting districts for a special primary election and special election in 2018.) {LC5545/1}

05/08/2018 Placed on House Calendar (05/10/2018)

### ADJOURNMENT

At 4:56 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of James E. Friel; on behalf of Speaker Mattiello, on motion of Leader Shekarchi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of James McPhillips; seconded by Majority Whip Edwards and Representative Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*



**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE JEAN PHILIPPE BARROS**

Eternal God; We thank you for giving us this day. Send your spirit to guide all our elected officials.  
Give us the courage and leadership to always look out for the health and safety of our great state. Amen.

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018:

1.     **2018-H 8078**  
      **BY** Regunberg  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
  
2.     **2018-H 8079**  
      **BY** Regunberg  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
  
3.     **2018-H 8112**  
      **BY** Costantino  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
  
4.     **2018-H 8113**  
      **BY** Ucci  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

Friday, May 4, 2018

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018:**

1. **2018-H 7383 SUB A**  
**BY** Keable  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - TRESPASS AND ACTIONS FOR POSSESSION

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

2. **2018-H 7767 SUB A**  
**BY** Cunha  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES

Committee on Municipal Government recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018:**

1. **2018-S 2439 SUB A**  
**BY** Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE

Committee on Municipal Government recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

2. **2018-S 2829**  
**BY** Crowley  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018**