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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 first day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and nineteen.

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Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Seventh Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 15, 2019 and is called to order at 5:10 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 73 members present and 2 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 73: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

ABSENT – 2: Representatives Craven, Price.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Tobon 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

Representative Tanzi objects to the approval of the Journal as printed. After discussion, Leader Shekarchi moves that the Journal be approved as printed, seconded by Leader Filippi. The House Journal of Thursday, January 10, 2019, is approved as printed on a roll call vote, 49 members voting in the affirmative and 19 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 49: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Hawkins, Jackson, Johnston, Kennedy, Lima, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 19: Representatives Ajello, Caldwell, Carson, Cassar, Cortvriend, Donovan, Fogarty, Handy, Hull, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, McEntee, Messier, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Tanzi, Walsh.

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Justin K. Price is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

Representative Newberry wishes a Happy Birthday to his son, Aidan.

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 5122

BY Azzinaro, Hull, Shekarchi, Kennedy, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE WINE STORE ON BEING NAMED THE 2018 RETAILER OF THE YEAR BY BEVERAGE DYNAMICS {LC714/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 5123

BY Shekarchi, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC694/1}

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 Filippi by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Bill No. 5124**BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC693/1}

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 Filippi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader Shekarchi announces that the House will go into Recess and asks members to return to their seats at 6:30 PM for the Joint Session with the Senate to hear the Governor's State of the State Address. Governor Raimondo's State of the State Address will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. The Leader announces there will be no House legislative session on Thursday, January 17th. The Leader also announces the Environmental Council of Rhode Island will hold its annual coffee hour tomorrow at 3:15 PM at the State House Library.

Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello wish Representative Terri Cortvriend a Happy Birthday.

Leader Filippi announces the Republican Caucus will hold a response to the Governor's State of the State Address directly after in Room 101 and invites members.

RECESS

At 5:25 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Mattiello declares the House to be in recess until 6:30 o'clock P.M.

ORDER

At 6:45 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Mattiello calls the House to order.

APPOINTMENTS

The Honorable Speaker Mattiello appoints the following committee to escort the Honorable President of the Senate, and the members of the Honorable Senate, to the House Chamber to meet with the House of Representatives in Joint Session to hear the State of the State Budget Address of the Governor: Representative Ackerman, Representative Casimiro, Representative Chippendale, Representative Fellela, Representative Hawkins, Representative Jackson, Representative Serodio, Representative Vella-Wilkinson, and Representative Williams.

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 6:48 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Newberry, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Edward R. Wright; on motion of Representative Lyle, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of; Donna (Buteau) Roderick; on motion of Representative Azzinaro and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Patricia Panciera; on motion of Representative Hawkins and as a further mark of respect to the memory of William Nangle; on motion of Representative Fellela , and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Louis Massemmini and Toni Cotoia; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE CARLOS E. TOBON**

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 we serve.

Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019:

1. 2019-H 5037 SUB A

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2019 AND 2020

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

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Monday, January 14, 2019