

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

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**JOURNAL**  
**-OF THE-**  
**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 first day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and nineteen.**

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Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Second Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, January 2, 2019 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, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Sr., Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Jr., Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Jr., Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, Mattiello, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Jr., Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams

**ABSENT** – 1: Representative Canario.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Azzinaro 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 Tuesday, January 1, 2019, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

January 2, 2019

The Honorable Nicholas Mattiello, Speaker  
RI State House, Room 323  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Speaker Mattiello, and Honorable Members of the House,

I am pleased to announce the following appointments:

Representative Justin K. Price has been appointed Senior Deputy Minority Leader  
Representative Sherry Roberts has been appointed Deputy Whip  
Representative Robert Quattrocchi has been appointed Deputy Minority Leader

Very truly yours,

Blake Filippi  
House Minority Leader

Received and placed on file.

Speaker Nicholas Mattiello makes the following appointments:

House Committee on Rules

Representative Arthur Corvese, Chairman

Representative Stephen Ucci, First Vice-Chairman

Representative William O'Brien, Second Vice-Chairman

Representative Samuel Azzinaro

Representative Julie Casimiro

Representative Michael Chippendale

Representative Grace Diaz

Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy

Representative Alex Marszalkowski

Representative Joseph McNamara

Representative Christopher Millea

Representative Brian Newberry

Representative Robert Phillips

Representative Patricia Serpa

Representative Scott Slater

Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson

Representative Anastasia Williams

Received and placed on file.

### GUESTS

Representative Shanley welcomes to the House Warwick Police Chief, Colonel Stephen McCartney, along with his wife, Pauline, his daughter, Kerry Prout, and her husband, Joseph Prout, his grandkids, Janessa, Joseph, and Stephen Prout. Speaker Mattiello welcomes the Colonel to the House and wishes him a long and healthy retirement.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 5000****BY** Mattiello, Shekarchi, Corvese, Lima, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE MOST REVEREND, BISHOP ROBERT E. MULVEE {LC316/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, and on behalf of Speaker Mattiello and Leader Shekarchi, Representative Corvese requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Corvese seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Lima, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Ackerman, Phillips, Casey, Hull, Kennedy, Lombardi, Johnston, Solomon, Edwards, Ucci, Fogarty, Tobon, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5001****BY** Shekarchi, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Bennett**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING WARWICK POLICE CHIEF STEPHEN MCCARTNEY ON HIS RETIREMENT AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE {LC190/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Shanley seconded by Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Bennett, McNamara, Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Hull, Lombardi, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 5002****BY** Mattiello, Shekarchi, Kennedy, Hawkins, Costantino**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE RAYMOND W. FOGARTY {LC317/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Mattiello and Leader Shekarchi, Representative Kennedy requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Kennedy seconded by Speaker Mattiello. Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Hawkins, Costantino, Fogarty, McNamara, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representative McLaughlin acknowledges Representative Abney, Speaker Mattiello, Sue Pegden and Capitol TV.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 5003**

**BY** Mattiello, Shekarchi, Filippi, Newberry, Quattrocchi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH, 41ST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES {LC148/1}

On behalf of Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi, and the Republican caucus, Leader Filippi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Leader Filippi seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Newbury, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Nardone, Roberts, Place, Hawkins, Kennedy, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5004**

**BY** Mattiello, Shekarchi, Filippi, Newberry, Quattrocchi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE DAVID W. DUMAS {LC97/1}

On behalf of Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi, and the Republican caucus Leader Filippi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Leader Filippi seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Newbury, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Roberts, Kennedy, Place, Hawkins, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a rising vote. Representative Corvese discusses the resolution.

**House Resolution No. 5005**

**BY** Mattiello, Shekarchi, Amore, Serodio, Williams

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE A. CASTRO {LC147/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, On behalf of Speaker Mattiello and Leader Shekarchi, Representative Williams requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Williams seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Amore, Serodio, Williams, Kennedy, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a rising vote. Representative Williams and Speaker Mattiello discuss the resolution. Speaker Mattiello acknowledges Gina Moura and her son Paul Moura, Jr.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Fogarty wishes her mother, Ann Reilly a “Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday”.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### **House Resolution No. 5006**

**BY** Mattiello, Shekarchi, Lima, Ucci, Corvese

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ALFRED CARPIONATO {LC318/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, On behalf of Speaker Mattiello and Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Lima and Corvese, Representative Ucci requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Ucci seconded by Representative Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi, Lima, Corvese, Casey, Abney, Kennedy, Bennett, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a rising vote. Speaker Mattiello discusses the resolution.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of the Coventry Delegation (Representatives Serpa and Roberts) Minority Whip Chippendale welcomes the newly elected Representatives from the Coventry delegation-Representatives Tom Noret, James Jackson, and George Nardone. Whip Chippendale also welcomes Representatives Bernie Hawkins and David Place from the Gloucester Delegation to the House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### NEW BUSINESS

**House Resolution No. 5007****BY** Roberts, Shekarchi, Filippi, Mattiello, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOHN THOMAS LEYDEN {LC304/1}

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 Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi, Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Nardone, Chippendale, Fogarty, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Leader Shekarchi announces the new permanent seating assignments will be issued tomorrow. The new seating will take effect on Tuesday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:29 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Shanley, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Dennis M. Lavalley; on motion of Representative Roberts, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John Thomas Leyden; on motion of Representative Price, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Keith Harvey; on motion of Representative Corvese, as a further mark of respect to the memory of Bishop Robert Mulvee; on motion of Representative Barros, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Paul Savickas; on motion of Representative Lima, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Elsa Sarmiento; on motion of Representative Kazarian, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Antranig (Anto) Mesrobian; on motion of Representative Kennedy, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Raymond W. Fogarty; on motion of Leader Filippi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of David Dumas; on motion of Leader Filippi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Honorable President George H.W. Bush; on motion Representative Williams, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Honorable George A. Castro; on motion Representative Ucci, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Alfred Carpiolato; on motion Representative Johnston, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Patricia Demers; on motion of Representative Quattrocchi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Antonio Farias; seconded by Leader Shekarchi and Minority Whip Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE SAMUEL A. AZZINARO

Dear Lord: We pray that you bless this House of Representatives. As we begin our session please give us your wisdom, your patience and guidance as we try to solve the problems facing our great State.  
Amen