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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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 22, 2019

Ninth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 22, 2019 and is called to order at 4:26 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, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, 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, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh.

ABSENT – 2: Representatives Kazarian, Williams.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Diaz 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 Wednesday, January 16, 2019, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Katherine Kazarian is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

APPOINTMENTS

January 22, 2019

Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments:

Senior Deputy Majority Leader:

Representative Stephen Ucci

Deputy Majority Leaders:

Representative Mia Ackerman

Representative Jean-Philippe Barros

Representative Dennis Canario

Representative Julie Casimiro

Representative Arthur Corvese

Representative Gregory Costantino

Representative Deborah Fellela

Representative Raymond Johnston

Representative Shelby Maldonado

Representative Alex Marszalkowski

Representative Daniel McKiernan

Representative Michael Morin

Representative William O'Brien

Representative Robert Phillips

Representative Evan Shanley

Representative Scott Slater

Received and placed on file.

January 22, 2019

Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments to the **House Committee on Finance:**

Representative Marvin Abney, Chairman

Representative Scott Slater, First Vice Chairman

Representative Alex Marszalkowski, Second Vice Chairman

Representative Gregg Amore

Representative Jean-Philippe Barros

Representative Grace Diaz

Representative John Edwards

Representative James McLaughlin

Representative Mario Mendez

Representative Michael Morin

Representative William O'Brien

Representative Justin Price

Representative Robert Quattrocchi

Representative Carlos Tobon

Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson

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Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments to the **House Committee on Finance Subcommittees:**

Subcommittee on Education:

Representative Gregg Amore, Chairman

Representative Jean-Philippe Barros

Representative William O'Brien

Representative Justin Price

Representative Carlos Tobon

Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson

Subcommittee on General Government:

Representative Michael Morin, Chairman
Representative Gregg Amore
Representative Alex Marszalkowski
Representative Mario Mendez
Representative Justin Price

Subcommittee on Human Services:

Representative Alex Marszalkowski, Chairman
Representative Grace Diaz
Representative James McLaughlin
Representative Robert Quattrocchi
Representative Scott Slater
Representative Carlos Tobon

Subcommittee on Environment/Transportation:

Representative Carlos Tobon, Chairman
Representative John Edwards
Representative William O'Brien
Representative Robert Quattrocchi
Representative Scott Slater
Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson

Subcommittee on Public Safety:

Representative Jean-Philippe Barros, Chairman
Representative Grace Diaz
Representative Michael Morin
Representative Robert Quattrocchi
Representative Carlos Tobon

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Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments to the **House Committee on Judiciary:**

Representative Robert Craven, Chairman

Representative Evan Shanley, First Vice Chairman

Representative Carol McEntee, Second Vice Chairwoman

Representative Joseph Almeida

Representative Dennis Canario

Representative Julie Casimiro

Representative Arthur Corvese

Representative John Edwards

Representative James Jackson

Representative Daniel McKiernan

Representative Christopher Millea

Representative Thomas Noret

Representative David Place

Representative Sherry Roberts

Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson

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Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments to the **House Committee on Corporations:**

Representative Robert Jacquard, Chairman

Representative Raymond Johnston, First Vice Chairman

Representative Michael Morin, Second Vice Chairman

Representative Justine Caldwell

Representative Stephen Casey

Representative Michael Chippendale

Representative Bernard Hawkins

Representative Katherine Kazarian

Representative Brian Kennedy

Representative Charlene Lima

Representative Mario Mendez

Representative George Nardone

Representative Joe Serodio

Representative Patricia Serpa

Representative Joseph Solomon

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Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments to the **House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare:**

Representative Joseph McNamara, Chairman

Representative Dennis Canario, First Vice Chairman

Representative Robert Phillips, Second Vice Chairman

Representative Mia Ackerman

Representative Karen Alzate

Representative Gregg Amore

Representative Samuel Azzinaro

Representative David Bennett

Representative Christopher Blazejewski

Representative Julie Casimiro

Representative Susan Donovan

Representative John Lyle

Representative Shelby Maldonado

Representative Sherry Roberts

Representative Joe Serodio

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Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments to the **House Committee on Labor:**

Representative Anastasia Williams, Chairwoman

Representative Daniel McKiernan, First Vice Chairman

Representative Deborah Fellela, Second Vice Chairwoman

Representative Karen Alzate

Representative Christopher Blazejewski

Representative Stephen Casey

Representative John Edwards

Representative James Jackson

Representative John Lyle

Representative Carol McEntee

Representative Joseph McNamara

Representative Christopher Millea

Representative Brian Newberry

Representative Thomas Noret

Representative Stephen Ucci

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Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments to the **House Committee on Oversight:**

Representative Patricia Serpa, Chairwoman

Representative Raymond Johnston, First Vice Chairman

Representative Julie Casimiro, Second Vice Chairwoman

Representative Edith Ajello

Representative Michael Chippendale

Representative John Edwards

Representative Arthur Handy

Representative Brian Kennedy

Representative Charlene Lima

Representative Daniel McKiernan

Representative Brian Newberry

Representative Scott Slater

Representative Joseph Solomon

Representative Anastasia Williams

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January 22, 2019

Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments to the **House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:**

Representative David Bennett, Chairman

Representative Robert Phillips, First Vice Chairman

Representative William O'Brien, Second Vice Chairman

Representative Bernard Hawkins

Representative Raymond Hull

Representative Raymond Johnston

Representative Brian Kennedy

Representative John Lyle

Representative Alex Marszalkowski

Representative Carol McEntee

Representative Daniel McKiernan

Representative James McLaughlin

Representative Marcia Ranglin-Vassell

Representative Sherry Roberts

Representative Moira Walsh

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January 22, 2019

Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments to the **House Committee on Municipal Government:**

Representative Joseph Solomon, Chairman

Representative Jean-Philippe Barros, First Vice Chairman

Representative Shelby Maldonado, Second Vice Chairwoman

Representative Mia Ackerman

Representative Arthur Corvese

Representative Grace Diaz

Representative Bernard Hawkins

Representative Raymond Johnston

Representative Rebecca Kislak

Representative Charlene Lima

Representative George Nardone

Representative David Place

Representative Evan Shanley

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January 22, 2019

Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments to the **House Committee on Veterans Affairs:**

Representative Samuel Azzinaro, Chairman

Representative Carlos Tobon, First Vice Chairman

Representative Deborah Fellela, Second Vice Chairwoman

Representative Marvin Abney

Representative Dennis Canario

Representative Stephen Casey

Representative Julie Casimiro

Representative James Jackson

Representative Robert Jacquard

Representative James McLaughlin

Representative David Place

Representative Justin Price

Representative Patricia Serpa

Representative Joseph Solomon

Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson

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Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments to the **House Committee on Small Business**:

Representative Gregg Amore, Chairman

Representative Daniel McKiernan, First Vice Chairman

Representative Gregory Costantino, Second Vice Chairman

Representative Mia Ackerman

Representative Lauren Carson

Representative Liana Cassar

Representative Terri Cortvriend

Representative Deborah Fellela

Representative Kenneth Marshall

Representative Shelby Maldonado

Representative Michael Morin

Representative George Nardone

Representative Robert Phillips

Representative Robert Quattrocchi

Representative Joe Serodio

Representative Evan Shanley

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Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments to the **House Committee on Conduct:**

Representative Mia Ackerman, Chairwoman

Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson, First Vice Chairwoman

Representative Shelby Maldonado, Second Vice Chairwoman

Representative Marvin Abney

Representative Michael Chippendale

Representative Grace Diaz

Representative Deborah Fellela

Representative Robert Jacquard

Representative Christopher Millea

Representative Patricia Serpa

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Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments to the **House Committee on Special Legislation:**

Representative Stephen Casey, Chairman

Representative Grace Diaz, First Vice Chairwoman

Representative Bernard Hawkins, Second Vice Chairman

Representative Mia Ackerman

Representative Karen Alzate

Representative Samuel Azzinaro

Representative Kathleen Fogarty

Representative James Jackson

Representative Jason Knight

Representative John Lombardi

Representative John Lyle

Representative Shelby Maldonado

Representative Christopher Millea

Representative George Nardone

Representative Thomas Noret

Representative Deborah Ruggiero

Representative Teresa Tanzi

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Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments to the **Permanent Joint Committee on State Lottery**:

Representative Blake Filippi

Representative Michael Morin

Representative William O'Brien

Representative Scott Slater

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Speaker Mattiello announces the following appointments to the **Special Legislative Commission on Defense Economy Planning**:

Rep. Stephen Ucci, Co-Chairman

Representative Marvin Abney

Representative Dennis Canario

Representative Brian Kennedy

Representative David Place

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NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 5152

BY Shekarchi, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC897/1}

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.

House Resolution No. 5153**BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC896/1}

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Canario and Speaker Mattiello congratulate Representative Edwards on donating 100 gallons of blood.

Chairman Abney announces that a copy of the House fiscal staff's, "Budget at a Glance" is being handed out to all members today and will be also available on the website. Chairman informs members it will be updated again next week.

Representative Noret wishes a Happy "94th" Birthday to Vincent Petrarca, an outstanding constituent, lifelong family friend, World War II Veteran and proud father.

Representative Jackson welcomes his intern, Peter Jacques, a senior at Providence College. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes Peter to the House.

Representative Ranglin-Vassell wishes her aunt Louise "Aunt Lou" Jenkins a Happy "100th" Birthday on January 20th.

Representative Ruggiero announced the Senate and House Women's Caucus will hold a meet and greet this Thursday at the Rise in the Library.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5154****BY** Marshall, O'Brien, Millea, Almeida, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE BOSTON RED SOX ON WINNING THE 2018 WORLD SERIES {LC485/1}

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 O'Brien, Millea, Almeida, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Noret, Morin, Vella-Wilkinson, McKiernan, Leader Filippi, Representatives Craven, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5155

BY Marshall, Mattiello, Shekarchi, Kennedy, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS ON THEIR SPECTACULAR WIN AT THE AFC CHAMPIONSHIP {LC898/1}

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 Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi, Representative Kennedy, Leader Filippi, Representatives Costantino, O'Brien, Millea, Ucci, Morin, Vella-Wilkinson Almeida, Craven, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Carson and on behalf of Representative Abney, announce there are 6500 people in Newport without natural gas leaving the people without heat today, schools are closed this week and she asks everyone to keep them in their thoughts.

Leader Shekarchi announces training for Lexus Nexus today at the rise in the House Chamber.

Leader Shekarchi announces Director Peter Alviti, and the RI Department of Transportation will hold an Informational Workshop tomorrow at 1:15 PM at the Department of Administration in Conference Room A.

Leader Shekarchi announces the Ethics Commission will provide its annual ethics training tomorrow at the rise in the House Lounge.

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 5:10 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Place, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Helen F. (Gribbin) Rose; on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Domenic A. Ruscio; on motion of Representative Quattrocchi and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Sgt. Lester E. Hilton; on motion of Representative Almeida, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Herbert Spencer; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE GRACE DIAZ

Thank you God for Your presence here with us and Your blessings on this Assembly today and every day. Amen