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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, March 5, 2019 and is called to order at 4:23 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, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, 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, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 2: Representatives Casey, Marshall.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Lyle 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, February 28, 2019, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representative Stephen Casey is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 226**

**BY** Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Eric Ruscitti to join Katelyn Trotta and Vincent Ruscitti in marriage on or about June 8, 2019, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC1166/1}

03/01/2019 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 227**

**BY** Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dan E. Blackstone to join Victoria Sardelli and Connor Taub in marriage on or about May 5, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC1062/1}

03/01/2019 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 228**

**BY** Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Michael A. Mack to join Mary Hannah Stewart and John Veale in marriage on or about November 2, 2019, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.) {LC1092/1}

03/01/2019 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 336**

**BY** Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christine Kennedy to join Maeve Shea Kennedy and Zachary Adam Fand in marriage on or about June 8, 2019, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC1472/1}

03/01/2019 Referred to House Judiciary

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE****TRANSFER OF BILL**

Chairman Jacquard, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Judiciary:

**House Bill No. 5468****BY** Filippi, Lyle, Roberts, Nardone, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS (Requires audio and video recordings of all open meetings of state and quasi-public agencies and bodies to be transmitted to the secretary of state's office.) {LC906/1}

03/01/2019 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019:****1. 2019-H 5041****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Amore, Noret, Abney, Ackerman, Carson, Phillips, Hawkins, McEntee, Ruggiero, Morin, Vella-Wilkinson, Edwards, Costantino, Lima, Almeida, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Bennett, McLaughlin, Tobon, Casimiro, Shanley, Barros, Knight, Messier, Place, Leader Filippi, and Representatives Chippendale, Johnston, Cassar, and Donovan.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, 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, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2019-H 5096****BY** Maldonado**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Johnston, Barros, Lyle, Tanzi, Messier, and Tobon.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, 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, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2019-S 75**  
**BY DiPalma**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Bennett, Tanzi, Abney, Ruggiero, McEntee, Carson, Fogarty, and Cortvriend.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Azzinaro, Corvese, Phillips, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

## NEW BUSINESS

**House Resolution No. 5800****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Morin, Jackson, Carson**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2019, TO BE "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC523/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson seconded by Representative Williams, Morin, Jackson, Carson, Leader Filippi, Representative Hull, Leader Shekarchi, Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Tanzi, McNamara, Kislak, Diaz, Slater, Bennett, Messier, Hull, Lyle, Knight, Ajello, Walsh, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Kazarian, Canario, Cassar, Costantino, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Abney, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Ackerman, Amore, Serodio, Noret, Phillips, Hawkins, Ruggiero, Marszalkowski, Caldwell, McEntee, Craven, McKiernan, Millea, Almeida, O'Brien, Ucci, Solomon, Blazejewski, and Corvese by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 5801****BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2056/1}

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 Resolution No. 5802****BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2058/1}

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.

## GUESTS

Representative Azzinaro welcomes to the House Chamber as guests Father Giacomo Capoverdi and Father David Ingo.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representative Serpa congratulates Representative Deb Fellela and family on the birth of her granddaughter, Mia Munroe Fellela weighing 6lbs. 12oz. daughter of Kyle (Capitol TV) and his wife, Amanda Fellela. Speaker Mattiello also congratulates Representative Fellela and Kyle.

**RULE 7D**

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

Representative Handy-An Act relating to Agriculture and Forestry

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

Representative Hull welcome to the House as guests the Providence United Pumas Girls U12 Soccer Team: Alexa Barajas, Claire Campagnone, Hannah Carlotta, Karina Contreras, Kiara Cosme, Emma Goglia, Jayda Gonzalez, Olivia Iafrate, Elaine Joy, Gianni Rabielli, Zoe Smith, Moriah Stefanik, Estela Uddin-Alves, and Ava Zito, along with their Coach Luis Rabielli and Asst. Coaches, Bruce Goglia, and Pedro Barajas. They will represent Providence in soccer leagues and tournaments all over New England this year. Speaker Mattiello welcomes them to the House and wishes them good luck.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 5803**

**BY** Mattiello, Shekarchi, Costantino, Barros, Tobon

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BERNARD A. HARWOOD {LC2049/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Costantino seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Lima, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Millea, Tobon, Barros, Kennedy, Corvese, Phillips, Lombardi, Lyle, Johnston, Maldonado, Ajello, Walsh, and Bennett by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

Speaker Mattiello discusses the resolution.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**RULE 7D**

**The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Canario-An Act relating to Camping Fees

Representative Tobon-An Act relating to Public Utilities and Carriers-Duties of Utilities and Carriers

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUEST**

Representative McLaughlin welcomes First Sergeant Sean Caruso to the House as a guest. Speaker Mattiello thanks Sean for his service to our great country.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leader Shekarchi wishes Dee DeOliveira in Legislative Data a Happy Birthday and thanks Dee for all her good work every day. Speaker Mattiello also wishes Dee a Happy Birthday.

Chairman Amore announces that the Committee on Small Business will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**RULE 7D**

**The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Lima-An Act relating to Divorce and Pets

Representative Marszalkowski-An Act relating to Criminal Offenses

**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.

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE****COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5125 SUB A**

**BY** Williams, Blazejewski, Alzate, Barros, Shanley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE REPRODUCTIVE PRIVACY ACT (Serves to codify the privacy rights guaranteed by the decision reached in the United States Supreme Court case of Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973) and its progeny.) {LC518/A/3}  
03/05/2019 Placed on House Calendar (03/07/2019)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:53 o'clock P.M. on behalf of Speaker Mattiello and Leader Shekarchi on motion of Representative Costantino, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Bernard A. Harwood; on motion of Representative Ruggiero, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Joe Tiexiera; on motion of Representative Lyle, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Thomas F. Rush, Jr. and Aline S. Moreau; on motion of Representative Hull, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Frank R. Walker III; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*



**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE JOHN W. LYLE, JR.**

Dear Lord: As we start a new week we ask your blessing on this people's house. May your spirit be our guide as we try to solve the persistent problems of our constituents. Amen.

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

**Senate Bill No. 75**

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Daniel R. Baker to join Christy Caroline Baker and Amber Lynn Stewart in marriage on or about August 25, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC682/1}

03/05/2019 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019:**

1.     **2019-H 5115**  
      **BY** Corvese  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- EXPLOSIVES,  
      FIREWORKS, AND PYROTECHNICS  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
  
2.     **2019-H 5187**  
      **BY** Cassar  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON - VALIDATING  
      AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER  
  
      Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.
  
3.     **2019-S 87**  
      **BY** Lynch Prata  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019:**

1.     **2019-H 5125 SUB A**  
      **BY** Williams  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE REPRODUCTIVE  
      PRIVACY ACT  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and  
      passage of Substitute A.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

Tuesday, March 5, 2019