

**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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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, May 1, 2019 and is called to order at 4:19 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, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, 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, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 2: Representatives Fogarty, McKiernan.

**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 Tuesday, April 30, 2019, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representative Kathleen Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Representative Diaz presents Cadence Santo who attends John F. Deering Middle School in West Warwick and will sing the National Anthem. Speaker Mattiello thanks Cadence.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 6043**

**BY** Lima, Serpa, Slater, Diaz, Mendez

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO PUBLIC SAFETY DOGS AND HORSES (Provides special protection to public safety canines and horses that are intentionally or maliciously subjected to cruelty, injuries, or death, by increasing the potential criminal and civil penalties for the offenders.) {LC2232/1}

05/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6044**

**BY** Lyle, Filippi, McNamara, Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - POLITICAL ADVERTISING (Removes the exemption that allows elected officials to appear on a Rhode Island PBS Foundation television station program one hundred and twenty (120) days before any election in which they are a candidate.) {LC2512/1}

05/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6045**

**BY** Costantino, Shekarchi, Hawkins, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE 9/11 MEMORIAL (Directs the department of administration to add the names of all Rhode Islanders who were killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, to be added to the 9/11 Memorial located in the state house.) {LC2489/1}

05/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

**House Bill No. 6046**

**BY** Kazarian, Amore, Serodio, Cassar

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Providence Country Day School, a Rhode Island nonprofit corporation, located in East Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC2513/1}

05/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6047**

**BY** Quattrocchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC2528/1}

05/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 6048****BY** Abney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Arnold Haskins Campbell, Esq., to join Alexandra Campbell Swoyer and Jeffrey Michael Carbone in marriage on or about August 9, 2019, within the Town of Middletown, Rhode Island.) {LC2518/1}  
05/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 40****BY** DiPalma, Conley, Euer, Goldin, Paolino

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS - NET NEUTRALITY (Requires Internet service providers to follow Internet service neutrality requirements.) {LC293/1}  
05/01/2019 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 190****BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - CONDOMINIUM LAW - MANAGEMENT OF CONDOMINIUM (Provides that financial and other records be made available for examination by unit owners within thirty (30) days of a request being made.) {LC1144/1}  
05/01/2019 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 256 SUB A****BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- TRAVEL INSURANCE ACT (Creates the travel insurance act to establish comprehensive/uniform regulatory framework for travel insurance. Clarifying/bolstering enforcement authority over participants in the travel insurance industry.) {LC1246/A/1}  
05/01/2019 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 271****BY** Sosnowski, Coyne, Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES (Eliminates the cap on the maximum fee allowable for submitting an application for certification to the board of certifications of operators of public water supply facilities.) {LC1252/1}  
05/01/2019 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Resolution No. 404****BY** Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Conley, DiPalma, Euer

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECT AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE RHODE ISLAND COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (CRMC) {LC1972/1}  
05/01/2019 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**Senate Bill No. 516****BY** Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOLLEY LANDING (Renames the landing in South Kingstown known as Wordens Pond Landing to Holley Landing.) {LC1720/1}  
05/01/2019 Referred to House Municipal Government

**Senate Bill No. 527 SUB A as amended**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY** Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES (Provides that Class F and F-1 liquor licenses may be issued to corporations, LLCs, and political organizations.) {LC1606/A/1}  
05/01/2019 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 536****BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (Allows disability insurance with a benefit limit in excess of a benefit limit available from an admitted insurer to be written in the surplus lines market.) {LC1775/1}  
05/01/2019 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 620****BY** Felag, Seveney, Sosnowski, Conley, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (Clarifies the number of ounces a manufacturer of malt beverages is allowed to sell on their premises as twenty-four (24) twelve ounce (12 oz.) bottles or cans, or twenty-four (24) sixteen ounce (16 oz.) bottles or cans.) {LC2168/1}  
05/01/2019 Referred to House Corporations

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019:****1. 2019-H 5062****BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Committee on Health, Education &amp; Welfare recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Bennett, Edwards, Handy, Hull, Lombardi, Roberts, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Abney, Serodio, Phillips, Ajello, and Cortvriend.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 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, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, 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, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2019-H 5924**

**BY** Maldonado

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--  
PROCEDURES GENERALLY -- THE STATE FALSE CLAIM ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Millea, Bennett, Blazejewski, Maldonado, Alzate, Casimiro, Leader Filippi, Representatives McEntee, Almeida, and Vella-Wilkinson.

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, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2019-H 5931**

**BY** Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE  
CHARTER OF VECTOR CUSPIS OCEANUS, LLC

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Carson, Leader Shekarchi, and Representative Abney.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 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, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, 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, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### GUESTS

Representative Diaz addresses members in recognition of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Care Awareness Day. Representative Diaz welcomes to the House Greg Barker, Joanna A. Medina, Arianna and Zaria Boutine, Lisa Marciniak, Theresa McFarlane, A.J. Mariniak & Linda Hargrove. Representative Diaz thanks Leanne Barrett for all her hard work.

### NOW PRESIDING

At 4:34 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Mattiello yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Resolution No. 6049**

**BY** Diaz, Mattiello, Shekarchi, McNamara, Abney

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY OF 2019 TO BE "CHILD CARE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2543/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Diaz seconded by Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Ruggiero, Slater, Leader Filippi, Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Abney, Kennedy, Bennett, Ackerman, Ranglin-Vassell, McEntee, Almeida, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Tanzi, Casey, Solomon,

Johnston, Blazejewski, Maldonado, Casimiro, Kazarian, Fellela, Messier, Tobon, Cassar, Millea, and Donovan by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

#### **RULE 7D**

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

Representative Edwards-An Act relating to Rhode IslandI Municipal Infrastructure Program

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Edwards wishes his mother, Mary Ann Edwards a very Happy Birthday.

Representative Azzinaro wishes his grandson, Ryan Gullusio a very Happy “26<sup>th</sup>” Birthday. Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy also wishes Ryan a Happy Birthday.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### **GUESTS**

Representative Edwards welcomes to the House former page and Representative Newberry’s daughter, Diane Newberry. Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy welcomes Representative Newberry’s wife, Beth.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### **RULE 7D**

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

Representative Ackerman-An Act relating to Health & Safety

Representative Serodio-An Act relating to Consumer Protection & Student Safety

Representative Speakman-An Act relating to Water Navigation

Representative Diaz -An Act relating to an Appropriation of \$100,000 Teach American RI

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.

Vice Chairman Phillips announces that the Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

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

Chairwoman Williams announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House.

Representative Ucci announces there is a birthday cake in the House Lounge for all Representatives that celebrate their birthdays in the months July-December.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### GUEST

Representative Alzate welcomes her professor Dr. Holly Harriel to the Chamber.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### RULE 7D

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

Leader Shekarchi-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government-Video, Lottery Games, Table Games & Sports Wagering

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Leader Shekarchi announces in recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day tomorrow there will be a short film "The Fence Between Us" that will be presented in the House Lounge at 3:30 PM. After the film there will be an open discussion with the students who produced the film and the holocaust survivors.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### **House Resolution No. 6050**

**BY** Speakman, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Cassar, Walsh

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY OF 2019 AS "MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2523/1}

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

There is no objection.



Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Speakman seconded by Representatives Caldwell, Cortvriend, Cassar, Walsh, Ajello, Kislak, Ruggiero, Leaders Filippi and Shekarchi, Representatives Ackerman, Lombardi, Tanzi, Fellela, Handy, and Ucci by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6051**

**BY** Shekarchi, Noret, Jacquard, Canario, Johnston

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 12 THROUGH MAY 18, 2019, TO BE "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY {LC2454/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Leader Shekarchi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Leader Shekarchi seconded by Representatives Noret, Jacquard, Canario, Almeida, Hull, Leader Filippi Representatives Azzinaro, Handy, Cortvriend, Johnston, Cassar, Costantino, and Morin by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6052**

**BY** Mattiello, Quattrocchi, Millea, Jacquard, Lima

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CRANSTON HISTORICAL CEMETERY COMMISSION'S DEDICATION AT HISTORIC CEMETRY #36 – CAPTAIN PHILIP SHELDON LOT {LC2527/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Quattrocchi discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Quattrocchi seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Millea, Jacquard, Lima, Leader Shekarchi, and Representative Noret by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Vella-Wilkinson announces the Federal Hill Veterans Coffee House is hosting this Monday the Italian American War Veterans of RI at Roma Restaurant at 310 Atwells Ave from 9-11 AM., and a lunch will follow all are welcome.

Representative McLaughlin announces he is working on trying to get Dr. Martin Luther King's niece as a guest at the State House on the abortion issue.

**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 4:54 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Louis Renna; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE GRACE DIAZ**

Dear God: Today we honor all the woman and men who dedicate their lives to caring for our children. Our child care workers are the caregivers for all future generations. We pray for the health and safety of all who care and support our child care workers. Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-H 5459**  
**BY Williams**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

- 2. 2019-H 5572**  
**BY Bennett**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, April 26, 2019**