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**JOURNAL**  
**-OF THE-**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, May 8, 2019 and is called to order at 4:27 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, 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, Speakman, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 2: Representatives Fellela, Tanzi.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Quattrocchi 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, May 7, 2019, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representative Deborah A Fellela is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 431 SUB A as amended**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, Ciccone, Archambault, Conley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- NON-ERISA COVERED PENSION PLANS (Requires all defined pension plans not covered by ERISA having 200 or more members comply with ERISA's annual reporting provisions, excluding government plans.)

{LC1764/A/1}

05/08/2019 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 494**

**BY** Lynch Prata, McKenney, McCaffrey, Archambault, Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - CONTRIBUTION AMONG JOINT TORTFEASORS (Provides that a release by one claimant relative to claims relating to the Field Entertainment/Ringling Brothers Circus accident of 5/4/14 would not discharge other joint tortfeasors.) {LC1648/1}

05/08/2019 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 812 as amended**

**BY** Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Roger Kroha to join Jennifer Nasser and Daniel Rubino in marriage on or about October 12, 2019, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.) {LC2463/1}

05/08/2019 Referred to House Special Legislation

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 6078**

**BY** Corvese, O'Brien, Craven, McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the URI College of Engineering Building as the "Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering.") {LC2549/1}

05/08/2019 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 6079**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Jackson, Williams, Casimiro, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- INSURANCE BENEFITS {LC2577/1}

05/08/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6080****BY** Morin, Phillips, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows Woonsocket to assess different tax rates upon motor vehicles and ratable tangible personal property to comply with Motor Vehicle/Trailer Tax Elimination Act.) {LC2586/1}  
05/08/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6081****BY** Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY (Validates and ratifies amendments to the home rule charter of the town of Coventry, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Coventry on November 6, 2018.) {LC2593/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Chippendale seconded by Leaders Shekarchi, Filippi, and Representative Noret on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019:****1. 2019-H 5163 SUB A****BY** Phillips

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Canario, Phillips, Abney, Serodio, Almeida, Hull, McLaughlin, Jackson, Corvese, Blazejewski, Donovan, Carson, and Maldonado.

Representatives Knight and McNamara discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Price, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2019-H 5932**

**BY** Marszalkowski

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN BLACKSTONE VALLEY

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the resolution, seconded by Representatives Casey, Johnston, Blazejewski, McLaughlin, Corvese, Ruggiero, Costantino, Serodio, and Ackerman.

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, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Speakman, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2019-H 5907****BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Chairwoman Williams moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Solomon, Blazejewski, Alzate, Casimiro, Maldonado, Knight, Jackson, Kislak, Corvese, Diaz, Bennett, Edwards, Hull, Lombardi, Ajello, Walsh, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Canario, Cassar, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Ackerman, Carson, Serodio, Ruggiero, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson, McEntee, and Messier.

Representative Almeida, Williams, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Edwards, Jacquard, Ranglin-Vassell, Ucci, and Diaz discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, 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, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Almeida, Barros, Ranglin-Vassell.

RECUSED - 0:

**4. 2019-S 851****BY** Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Chippendale.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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, 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, Speakman, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### GUESTS

Representative Noret welcomes Joziah Fry from Coventry High School and congratulates him for winning the first Junior National Wrestling Championship ever in Rhode Island. Along with Joziah is his father, Brian Fry, his mother, Brandy Fry, his sister, Deisha Fry, Charles Gaffney, Coach, and Joao Vincente, Coach. Speaker Mattiello congratulates Joziah.

Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello welcome George Sotirakos from Wein-O-Rama in Cranston to the House and they thank him and his family for the wieners they provided today.

Representative Amore welcome to the House the 2019 Small Business Week Award Winners: Justin Oakley, Michael Viera, Phoebe Fogarty, Joseph Fogarty, (on behalf of Raymond Fogarty), Sennen Conte, Galen Conte, Christopher Sanford, Susan Pascale-Frechette, Bryan Gibb, Sujata Mehta, Pamela LaBreche, Gwendolyn Graham, Roger Graham, Matthew Banoub, Lei Nichols, and Kristi Langslet along with Mark Hayward, District Director of the US Small Business Administration.

Representative McEntee welcomes her constituent, Ali Castrovillari to the House.

Representative Quattrocchi welcomes to the House Chamber as guests the Scituate High School Drama Club and congratulates them on being chosen the lead school to represent RI at the New England Drama Festival: **Drama Club Members:** Kyla Carvahlo, Nathaniel Smyth, Riley Borden, Sophia Collins, Juliana Desnoyers, Eli Plasse, Maranda Salvas, Gage Testa, Amy Vieira, and Lauryn Hall, along with Mr. John Barnes, Scituate Drama Coach and wife, Mrs. Lesley Barnes

Representative Cortvriend welcomes to the House 2019 Aquidneck Island Robotics Team 78, Air Strike and congratulates them for their outstanding achievement in winning the Chairman's Award-RI District, Engineering Award-South East MA District Quality Award-Central MA District.

**Students:** Lucy Bosch, Spencer Dellenbaugh, Wren Hager, Isabella Heffernan, Nathan Janssen, Sami Jefferds, Ben Jope, Jacob Jope, Ella Junge, Eva Junge, Jacob Kimes, Tim Lopes, Noah Manuel, Ben Rosenberg, Charlie Silveria, Aislinn Sullivan, Tom Hilmer and their **Mentors:** Rick Blight, J. Rick Casey, Tom Dolan, Gary Gabriel, Michael DeSousa, Paige Manuel, Brad Mello, Joseph Menassa, Tim Sieben, and Elizabeth Stevens. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes and congratulates them.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leader Shekarchi announces there will be a Democratic Caucus (members only) tomorrow at 3 PM in the House Lounge, for the Budget and House priorities.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 6082**

**BY** Cortvriend, Mattiello, Shekarchi, Filippi, Edwards

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING TEAM 78, AIRSTRIKE, ON QUALIFYING FOR THE NEW ENGLAND "FOR INSPIRATION AND RECOGNITION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY" (FIRST) ROBOTICS COMPETITION DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP AND COMPETING AT THE FIRST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP {LC2499/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Cortvriend seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Leaders Shekarchi, Filippi, Representatives Edwards, Solomon, Shanley, Kislak, Ruggiero, and Canario by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Vice Chairman Canario announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet today, at the rise of the House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUEST**

Representative Kennedy welcomes Jackson Brainerd, a policy specialist with the National Conference of the State Legislatures. Jackson will be staffing the NCSL State and Local Taxation Task Force for Chairman Abney this year.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 6083****BY** Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Chippendale, Filippi, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 74TH ANNIVERSARY OF V-E DAY (VICTORY IN EUROPE) ON MAY 8, 2019, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC2598/1}

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 Leader Shekarchi, Representative Chippendale, Leader Filippi, Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, and Kennedy by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

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

Representative Corvese -An Act relating to Insurance  
An Act relating to Insurance

Representative Kislak -An Act relating to State Affairs & Government- Adult Education

Representative Alzate -An Act relating to Hardship Drivers Licenses

Representative Mendez -An Act relating to Education-Certification of Teachers

Representative Barros -An Act relating to Insurance  
An Act relating to Parole

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representative McLaughlin recognizes V-E Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

Representative Speakman welcomes her students from Roger Williams University in her State and Local Government class-Jack Green, Joshua Walsh and Christopher Chipchak. Speaker Mattiello welcomes them to the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:



**RULE 7D**

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

Representative Caldwell-An Act relating to Education-Certification of Teachers

Representative McKiernan-An Act relating to Education-Curriculum

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUEST**

Representative Millea and Speaker Mattiello welcome back to the House former Representative Robert Nardolillo.

**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 Transmittal to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:36 o'clock P.M. on motion of Majority Whip Edwards, seconded by Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a voice vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT QUATTROCCHI**

Bless us Lord as we gather today for this session. Teach us to be generous in our outlook, courageous in the face of difficulty, and wise in our decisions. Amen.

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

**Senate Bill No. 851**

**BY** Rogers

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY (Validates and ratifies amendments to the home rule charter of the town of Coventry, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Coventry on November 6, 2018.) {LC2531/1}

05/08/2019 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019:****1. 2019-H 5119****BY** Morin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE AND CHILD PRODUCTS SAFETY

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

**2. 2019-H 5993****BY** Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

**3. 2019-H 5160****BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAW 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$160,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FUND THE SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2019-2024

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**4. 2019-H 5174****BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 LEASE REVENUE BONDS OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS BY THE PROVIDENCE PUBLIC BUILDINGS AUTHORITY TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, REHABILITATION, REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS AT THE CITY'S SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BUILDING ENVELOPE REPAIR, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING IMPROVEMENTS, FIRE CODE COMPLIANCE AND PEST CONTROL, INCLUDING DESIGN AND FEASIBILITY, ENGINEERING OR OTHER STUDIES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

- 5. 2019-S 512 SUB A**  
**BY McCaffrey**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --**  
**ARBITRATION -- CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS**

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

- 6. 2019-S 747**  
**BY Lombardi**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MINIMUM**  
**WAGES**

Committee on Labor recommends passage in concurrence.

- 7. 2019-S 748**  
**BY Lombardi**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS**

Committee on Labor recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, May 3, 2019**

**Updated: Tuesday, May 7, 2019**