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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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Forty-ninth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, May 14, 2019 and is called to order at 4:18 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 70 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, 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, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 5: Representatives Almeida, Bennett, Blazejewski, Handy, Jackson.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Caldwell 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, May 9, 2019, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative James Jackson is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

Representative David Bennett is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019:****1. 2019-H 5116 SUB A**

**BY** Ackerman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Casimiro, Mendez, Barros, Johnston, Maldonado, Tanzi, McNamara, Ajello, Walsh, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Serpa, Lima, O'Brien, Caldwell, Vella-Wilkinson, Diaz, Abney, Donovan, Ackerman, Carson, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Serodio, Ruggiero, Hawkins, McEntee, and Tobon.

Representatives Newberry, Jacquard, Leader Filippi, Representatives McLaughlin, and Carson discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Hawkins, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Price, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Cassar, Filippi, McLaughlin, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2019-H 5986**

**BY** Ucci

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Corvese, Johnston, Casimiro, Knight, Barros, Tobon, McLaughlin, Edwards, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Noret, Serodio, Amore, Donovan, Hawkins, Abney, McEntee, Lima, Diaz, and Leader Filippi.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, 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, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2019-H 5946**

**BY** Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATIONS, DEMOLITION, REMEDIATION, ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND/OR RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWN HALL AT 80 BOSTON NECK ROAD AND AT MEMORIAL PARK (PLAT 90 LOT 23) AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$7,500,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Johnston, Craven, Tanzi, Shanley, Alzate, and Barros.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, 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, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Fellela congratulates her daughter, Ally Fellela on her graduation from Rhode Island College. Representative Fellela also wishes her daughter, Ally and sons, Matthew and Henry and Bill White in Capitol TV a very Happy Birthday.

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

Representative Noret wishes his best friend and wife, Julie a Happy "50<sup>th</sup>" Birthday. Speaker Mattiello also wishes Julie a Happy Birthday.

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

Representative Speakman and on behalf of Representative Knight congratulate Miss Winters of the 8th grade class of Kickemuit Middle School in the Bristol/Warren School District for winning the Change Maker Award for Middle School.

Chairman Craven announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Leader Shekarchi reminds members that we have passed the 40<sup>th</sup> legislative day and according to Rule 7D all Representatives must receive approval from the Speaker before Council will draft any bills *with the exception of* city and town bills, reinstatement of corporate charters, solemnization of marriage bills, appropriations & budget bills, and bills to create or extend the reporting dates of study commissions.

**RULE 7D**

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

Representative Costantino-An Act relating to Labor and Labor Relations

Representative Maldonado-An Act relating to Cities and Towns

**NEW BUSINESS**

**House Resolution No. 6108**

**BY** Shekarchi, Filippi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2628/1}

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. 6109**

**BY** Shekarchi, Filippi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2629/1}

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.

**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 4:38 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Messier, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Francis Crawley; on motion of Representatives Maldonado, and McLaughlin and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Tina-Marie (Brousseau) Sullivan seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE JUSTINE CALDWELL**

Almighty God: We pray you bless us with your wisdom, tolerance, and patience as we work to solve the needs of all of those who are struggling in our communities. Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-H 5536 SUB A**  
**BY** Mattiello  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016

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

- 2. 2019-H 5482**  
**BY** O'Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 3. 2019-S 718**  
**BY** McKenney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF W.D. SCHOCK CO., INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-H 5429**  
**BY** Casey  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

- 2. 2019-H 6011**  
**BY** Mattiello  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF GYM KIDS INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, May 10, 2019**