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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, May 15, 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 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 70 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, 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, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 5: Representatives Handy, O'Brien, Solomon, Ucci, Walsh.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Fellela 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 14, 2019, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Moira Walsh is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

Representative Stephen Ucci is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 405 SUB A**

**BY** Sosnowski, Conley, Coyne, DiPalma, Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Defines the term "farm products" for the purposes of enforcement and regulation of the agricultural functions of the department of environmental management.){LC1639/A/1}

05/15/2019 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**Senate Resolution No. 633 SUB A**

(Dept. of Transportation)

**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GARVEE BONDS {LC2196/A/1}

05/15/2019 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Bill No. 687 SUB A**

**BY** Ruggerio, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Pearson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE - NEW BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES (Allows a contractor or builder to hire a qualified third-party inspector or state inspector to perform an inspection if a building official fails to perform an inspection within forty-eight (48) hours after notification, excluding weekends/holidays.){LC1311/A/2}

05/15/2019 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 713 SUB A**

**BY** Ciccone, Miller, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY AND WORKS - LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Requires builders on state public school contracts \$5,000,000 or more to have 15% of the labor performed by apprentices, and sets forth other consequential requirements for such contracts.){LC1781/A/1}

05/15/2019 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Bill No. 714 SUB A**

**BY** Coyne, Conley, Sosnowski, Sheehan, McKenney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND (Requires the workforce board to fund a non-trade apprenticeship incentive program in fisheries.){LC1739/A/1}

05/15/2019 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Bill No. 726 SUB A****BY** Cano, Goodwin, Ciccone, Lombardi, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- APPRENTICESHIPS

(Comprehensively amends the state's apprenticeship laws to make them easier to understand and be more consistent with each other and applicable federal regulations.){LC1045/A/1}

05/15/2019 Referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6110****BY** Lima, Costantino, Ruggiero, Mendez, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

(Authorizes the imposition of administrative penalties against a school district that fails to link the school district's bullying policy on the homepage of the school district's website.){LC2623/1}

05/15/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 6111****BY** McKiernan, O'Brien, Serpa, Serodio, Millea**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Directs the council on elementary and secondary education assign LEA Assistance Partners to help local education agencies implement new curriculum.){LC2574/1}

05/15/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 6112****BY** Lima, Ucci, Costantino, Corvese, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Requires state departments, agencies to promulgate rules and regulations prior to the first day of the next legislative session after passage with general assembly oversight committees to keep public record of same.){LC2624/1}

05/15/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6113****BY** Alzate, Ucci, Casimiro, Maldonado, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE

OFFENSES (Permits division of motor vehicles to issue probationary operator's licenses to those who had their licenses suspended, under certain conditions and for reasons of extreme hardship. Offenses involving alcohol, injury or death would be ineligible.){LC2622/1}

05/15/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6114****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- LIMITED

GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS (Requires that all persons seeking appointment as a limited guardian or guardian pursuant to chapter 15 of title 33 ("Limited Guardianships and Guardianship of Adults") be required to undergo a criminal background check.){LC2611/1}

05/15/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6115****BY** Shekarchi, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION (This act makes a number of technical amendments to the general laws, prepared at the recommendation of the Law Revision Office. Article I contains the reenactment of title 5 of the general laws. Article II includes the statutory construction provisions.){LC2597/1}

05/15/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6116****BY** Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Bennett Schiff to join Taylor Burns and Zachary Lafleur in marriage on or about September 21, 2019, within the Town of Burrillville, Rhode Island.){LC2633/1}

05/15/2019 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**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 &amp; Welfare recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Bennett, Johnston, Blazejewski, Maldonado, Casey, Casimiro, Shanley, Leader Filippi, Representatives Hull, Lombardi, McLaughlin, Jackson, Corvese, Diaz, Slater, Jacquard, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Canario, Serpa, Cassar, Costantino, Azzinaro, Abney, Donovan, Ackerman, Noret, Serodio, Amore, Marszalkowski, Ruggiero, Hawkins, Phillips, Caldwell, McEntee, Craven, McKiernan, Speakman, Millea, Almeida, Morin, Vella-Wilkinson, Edwards, Messier, and Fellela.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, 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, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2019-H 5482**

**BY O'Brien**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Johnston, Casimiro, Lyle, Roberts, McLaughlin, Blazejewski, Corvese, Slater, Bennett, Tobon, Marszalkowski, Ackerman, McEntee, and Almeida.

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, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, 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, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Casey, Johnston, and Leader Shekarchi.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, 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, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### GUESTS

Leader Shekarchi welcomes to the House Chamber as guests nurses who contributed to writing the book called "The Spirit of Nursing": Ms. Deborah Quirk, Ms. Allison Horrocks, Ms. Jeannine Borozny, and Ms. Donna Horrocks. Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello thanks them and Representative David Bennett for all they do for all patients and the people of RI.

Representative Marszalkowski congratulates Cadence Solon, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Ashton Elementary School, on winning an essay contest to be Governor for the day. Representative Marszalkowski welcomes Cadence to the House along with her mother Sarah Kline, her father, Stephen Kline and her Aunt Jacky. Speaker Mattiello also congratulates Cadence.

Representative Speakman welcomes from her State and Local Government Class at Roger Williams University Student Phoebe Thaler as a guest. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes Phoebe to the House.

### 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 Canario 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.

### RULE 7D

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

Representative Bennett -An Act relating to Styrofoam Containers

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUEST**

Representative Bennett welcomes Nathan Connell from the Warwick School Committee.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**RULE 7D**

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

Representative Blazejewski-An Act relating to Retail Licenses

Representative Maldonado-An Act relating to Physical Therapy in School Settings

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUEST**

Representative Mendez welcomes his friend Seyi Solanke to the House. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes Seyi to the House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**RULE 7D**

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

Representative Williams -An Act relating to Workers Comp

**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 4:46 o'clock P.M on motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi and as a further mark of respect to the memories of all those law enforcement officers that have died in the line of duty; on motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ruth Davis Gershman; seconded by Majority Whip Edwards and Minority Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE DEBORAH A. FELLELA**

Loving God: We give you thanks for this day and every day. Bless this chamber so that all Representatives know that in this, the people's house, all voices are respected, even in disagreement. Amen.



APPENDIX

CALENDAR

**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**