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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 22, 2019 and is called to order at 4:29 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 71 members present and 4 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 71 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, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 4: Representatives Handy, Price, Tobon, Ucci.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Jacquard 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 21, 2019, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representative Carlos Tobon is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 201 SUB A**

**BY** Raptakis, Rogers

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COVENTRY SEWER AUTHORITY (Enables the town of Coventry to charge owners of lands using the sewage works interest charges in excess of charges paid by the town.) {LC131/A/1}

05/22/2019 Referred to House Municipal Government

**Senate Bill No. 715**

**BY** DiPalma, Ruggerio, Conley, McCaffrey, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Amends the date that a new, fully reflective registration plate would be issued from January 1, 2020 to December 1, 2019. The act would also increase the registration fee for fully reflective plates from \$6.00 to fifteen dollars \$15.00.) {LC2136/1}

05/22/2019 Referred to House Finance

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 6134**

**BY** Williams, Fellela, Alzate, Millea, McKiernan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION (Provides employer pays any excess damages for an injured minor/clarifies liability of employer for violation of continuation of health care benefits for injured employee caused by employer/ repeals obsolete/inapplicable workers' compensation laws.) {LC2640/1}

05/22/2019 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Resolution No. 6135**

**BY** Shanley

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION KNOWN AS THE "RHODE ISLAND ONLINE DATA TRANSPARENCY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION COMMISSION" (Reinstates the life and extends the reporting and expiration dates of the "Rhode Island Online Data Transparency and Privacy Protection Commission" from February 5, 2019, to February 5, 2020, and would expire on May 5, 2020.) {LC2666/1}

05/22/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6136****BY** McKiernan, Caldwell, Solomon, Johnston, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DISTRIBUTED GENERATION INTERCONNECTION (Requires elec. distribution co. to provide actual interconnection cost to customers within 90 days of modification/modifies application process with technical amendments approved by PUC not applicable to completed applications. eff. 30 days after passage.) {LC2669/1}

05/22/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6137****BY** McEntee, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC RESIDENCE--TAX CREDIT (This act would amend the definition of commission under the Rhode Island historical preservation and heritage commission to include for purposes of historic structure property tax reduction in the town of Narragansett.) {LC2677/1}

05/22/2019 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Resolution No. 6138****BY** Carson, Ruggiero, Donovan, Caldwell, Handy**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 1ST THROUGH 7TH, 2019, AS "RESILIENCY WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2650/1}

05/22/2019 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 6139**

(by request)

**BY** Abney, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS (Extends historic tax credits for 3 years until December 31, 2022, projects which have been funded through the Cultural Arts and the Economy Grant program, as enacted in chapter 145 of the 2014 Pub. L., and which would have expired on December 31, 2019.) {LC2637/1}

05/22/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019:****1. 2019-H 6012****BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Corvese, McLaughlin, Tanzi, Hull, O'Brien, Jackson, Johnston, and Abney.

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, 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, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

- 2. 2019-H 5436 SUB A**  
**BY Ucci**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE**

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

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the Calendar tomorrow, Thursday, May 23, 2019.

- 3. 2019-H 5287 SUB A**  
**BY Shekarchi**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- NON-ERISA COVERED PENSION PLANS**

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Phillips, Abney, Serodio, Carson, Ackerman, Noret, McEntee, Millea, Vella-Wilkinson, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Cassar, Hull, McLaughlin, Tanzi, Jackson, McNamara, Diaz, Slater, Bennett, Place, Knight, Messier, Shanley, Casey, Johnston, Casimiro, and Blazejewski.

By unanimous consent, Representative Craven seconded by Representatives Edwards, and Shanley offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2019 -- H 5287 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- NON-ERISA COVERED  
PENSION PLANS**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2019 -- H 5287 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- NON-ERISA COVERED PENSION PLANS", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 3, by deleting the word "pension", and by inserting in place thereof the word "benefit".
2. On page 1, line 4, by deleting the word "pension", and by inserting in place thereof the word "benefit".
3. On page 1, line 5, by deleting the word "which".
4. On page 1, line 6, by deleting the language "annual reporting".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Craven

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LC001206/2  
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Representative Craven discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails 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, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, 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, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Leader Shekarchi discusses the act, as amended.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, 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, 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, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### GUESTS

Representative Casey and on behalf of fellow Eagle Scouts Representatives Edwards, Ucci and McNamara welcome to the Chamber the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America. They are here today to present to the House their "Report to the State" The Scouts are here today with Tiffany Bumgardner-Scheffler, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Field Service of the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America; Dan Friel, Director of Communicants; Scouts: Justina Ladio- Pack 1, Warwick, Harrison Caito- Pack 6, Cranston, Bradley Wayland- Pack 6, Cranston, Ari Gabriel- Pack 6, Cranston, Jackson Caito from Pack 6 in Cranston, Derek Capirchio-Troop 8, Cranston, Stephen Capirchio-Troop 8, Cranston, Atticus Hamilton-Troop 8, Cranston, Marco Lalongo-Troop 8, Cranston, Adam Jackvony-Troop 8, Cranston, Joseph McCartney-Troop 8, Cranston, Kovin Rasombath-Troop 8, Cranston, Jonathan Harge-Troop 8, Cranston, David Xiong-Troop 8, Cranston and James Ladino. Speaker Mattiello welcomes them to the House and his neighbor Tom, here with his children, Derek and Stephen.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Resolution No. 6140**

**BY** Mattiello, Shekarchi, Casey, Edwards, Ucci

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION WELCOMING THE NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE FOR THEIR 2018 "REPORT TO THE STATE" PRESENTATION {LC2676/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Casey seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Casey, McNamara, Bennett, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Representative Azzinaro invites members to the annual ceremony commemorating Memorial Day and honoring the service of America's fallen heroes. It will be held tomorrow morning at 11 AM in the Garden of Heroes.

**RULE 7D**

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

Representative Lima -An Act relating to Renaming the Airport

Representative Slater -An Act relating to Animals

Representative Nardone -An Act relating to Mechanical Trades

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

Representative Lima welcomes to the House the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) Samuel Salganik.

Representative Newberry welcomes to the House Chamber as guests Bart Koopman and his wife, Elise Koopman-Verhoeff, along with her parents, Peter Verhoeff and Marleen Verhoeff, and Lukas Fell. Speaker Mattiello welcomes them to the House and the United States.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 6142**

**BY** Casimiro, Shekarchi, Filippi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE "CHOOSING WISELY CAMPAIGN" ON MAY 21, 2019, AND DECLARING THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO BE A "CHOOSING WISELY STATE" {LC2592/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Casimiro seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative McLaughlin announces the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sky Dive on June 30<sup>th</sup> for our Veterans Family Relief Fund. Speaker Mattiello thanks Representative McLaughlin for all he does.

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.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**RULE 7D**

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

Representative McNamara-An Act relating to Rhode Island Livable Home Modification Act

Representative Millea-An Act relating to Motor Vehicle 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.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:08 o'clock P.M on motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Rosetta Mary Louise Desrosiers; on motion of Representative Diaz, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Kathy Gee seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*



**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT B. JACQUARD**

Almighty God, our strength from day to day, keep each of us faithful to the claims of justice and freedom. Amen.

APPENDIX

**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR**

**Senate Bill No. 222**

**BY** Paolino, de la Cruz, Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD (Ratifies the Home Rule Charter amendments adopted and approved by the electors of North Smithfield on November 6, 2018.) {LC1088/1}

05/22/2019 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 630**

**BY** Crowley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the city of Central Falls which were adopted and approved by the electors of the city on November 6, 2018.) {LC1772/1}

05/22/2019 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019:****1. 2019-H 5672 SUB A****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- THE PERMANENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING ACT

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

**2. 2019-H 5113****BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**3. 2019-H 5436 SUB A****BY** Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE

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

**4. 2019-S 746****BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MIDDLETOWN ROTARY CLUB, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Monday, May 20, 2019**

**Updated: Wednesday, May 22, 2019**