

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Fifty-fifth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, May 28, 2019 and is called to order at 4:25 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

## POSTING OF COLORS

Speaker Mattiello presents the Posting of Colors by the Hope High School Junior ROTC Color Guard. Speaker Mattiello thanks the Color Guard for the Posting of Colors.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Messier who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 68 members present and 7 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 68 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 7: Representatives Barros, Canario, Donovan, Morin, Noret, Serodio, Solomon.

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, May 23, 2019, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Michael Morin is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Representative Joseph J. Solomon Jr is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Representative Susan Donovan is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Representative Joe Serodio is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Representative Dennis M. Canario is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Representative Thomas E. Noret is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-H 5207 SUB A**  
**BY Kennedy**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- TRAVEL INSURANCE ACT**

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 Kennedy, Bennett, Diaz, Azzinaro, Edwards, Johnston, Nardone, and Chippendale.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Place, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2019-H 5543 SUB A****BY Williams****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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 Bennett, Diaz, Kislak, Jackson, McLaughlin, Tanzi, Johnston, Blazejewski, Alzate, Ajello, Walsh, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Cassar, Abney, Ranglin-Vassell, Ackerman, Carson, Caldwell, McEntee, Ruggiero, Speakman, Almeida, Williams, and Vella-Wilkinson.

By unanimous consent, Representative McNamara seconded by Leader Shekarchi and Representative Edwards offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2019 -- H 5543 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2019 -- H 5543 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS", as follows:

1. On page 3, line 19, by inserting the following language after the first reference on the line to "specialist,": "individuals or organizations that represent the populations that are most affected by pregnancy-related deaths or pregnancy-associated deaths and lack of access to maternal health care services,".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative McNamara

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LC001829/2  
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Representative McNamara discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 63 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Nardone, Newberry, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Leader Filippi, Representative McNamara, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Williams, Knight, and Kislak discuss the act, as amended. Representative Newberry requests to vote in sections, page 3, lines 9- 22 separately from the rest of the act. The Honorable Speaker Mattiello rules page 2, lines 8-14 and page 3, lines 23-29 is divisible from the entire bill.

**The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, except for page 2, lines 8-14 and page 3, lines 23-29, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:**

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**Page 2, lines 8-14 and page 3, lines 23-29, prevails, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:**

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, O'Brien, Phillips, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Filippi, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**The entire act prevails.**

**3. 2019-H 6034**

**BY Ackerman**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE MANVILLE FIRE DISTRICT -- AMENDMENT OF CORPORATE CHARTER**

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

Chairman Maldonado moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Costantino, Johnston, Lyle, and Ackerman.

Representative McLaughlin discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### GUESTS

Representative Millea welcomes to the House Chamber as guests Bill Belisle, and Dave Belisle, Mount St. Charles Hockey Coaches as they conclude their legendary coaching careers. Speaker Mattiello congratulates and thanks them for what they have done.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Resolution No. 6154**

**BY** Millea, Mattiello, Shekarchi, Filippi, Casey

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING MOUNT ST. CHARLES ICE HOCKEY COACHES BILL AND DAVID BELISLE AS THEY CONCLUDE THEIR LEGENDARY COACHING CAREERS {LC1846/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Millea seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Ackerman, Jacquard, Casey, Phillips, and McKiernan by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

At 5:05 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker yields the rostrum to Bill and Dave Belisle.

By unanimous consent Dave and Bill Belisle address the members of the House.

At 5:06 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker returns to the rostrum. Speaker Mattiello wishes them the best of luck in the future.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Speaker Mattiello announces that Chairman Abney, (due to the lengthy Calendar in Finance) requests all members to report to Finance at this time.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

Leader Shekarchi and on behalf of Speaker Mattiello welcome to the House the **Rhode Island Academic Decathlon Winners. Bishop Hendricken Team:** Logan LeMay, Timothy Moren, David Weekers, Joseph D'Alfonso, Timothy Dziekan, Jonas Kendra, Xavier Lora, Ryan Murphy, and Jack O'Hara, along with Coach Sister Carol Ann Murray, and President Father Robert Marciano (not in attendance). **Gold Medalists** in State Competition winning \$500 college scholarships: **Bishop Hendricken:** Timothy Dziekan and Ryan Murphy. Stephen Lemme, **Cranston West;** Anne Rogers, **LaSalle Academy;** and Pratul Maddipudi, **Wheeler School.** Students from **East Greenwich High School** who won medals in the on-line U. S. Academic Decathlon Nationals: Kavana Girish, Brant Wei and Jonathan Yao. Leader Shekarchi also recognizes John Howell who is the **President of the Academic Decathlon.** Speaker Mattiello welcomes all to the House and offers congratulations.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 6155**

**BY** Mattiello, Shekarchi, Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett, McNamara

**ENTITLED,** HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING MEMBERS OF THE BISHOP HENDRICKEN HIGH SCHOOL TEAM ON THEIR VICTORIES AT THE RHODE ISLAND AND NATIONAL ACADEMIC DECATHLONS {LC2724/1}

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 Speaker Mattiello, Representative Vella-Wilkinson, Leader Filippi, Representatives Shanley, McNamara, Bennett, and Kennedy by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**RULE 7D**

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

Representative Jacquard-An Act relating to Courts and Civil Procedure

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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 Diaz and Speaker Mattiello wish Representative Scott Slater a Happy Birthday.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

Representative Alzate, and on behalf of Representative Tobon and Barros, welcome to the Chamber as guests from Arjona, Colombia-Students from Arjona: Kenny Davie Rodriguez Torres, Darwin Castano Hernandez, Valeria Castilla Divasto, Anwar Garcia Acevedo, Ivan Pereira Durango, and Sergio Miranda Ortega. Here today along with their Teachers/Chaperones from Arjona: Melissa Pontiers Mancilla, Ivan Enrique Pereira, Magalis Morales also Juan Pablo Barrera, Liason (lives in RI, but came from Arjona) and his daughter, Briana Barerra. Speaker Mattiello welcomes them to the United States, Rhode Island and the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 6156**

**BY** Shekarchi, Filippi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2722/1}

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. 6157**

**BY** Shekarchi, Filippi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2723/1}

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.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

### GUESTS

Representative Vella-Wilkinson acknowledges the Hope High School Junior ROTC Color Guard: Cadet Katherine Escobar, Cadet Graciela Escobar, Cadet Wendy Ortiz, and Cadet Miguel Cespedes lead by First Sergeant Daryl Jent. They Posted the Colors to open the Memorial Day Ceremony at session today.

Representative Speakman welcomes her niece, Chelsea Kelley to the House Chamber. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes Chelsea.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### RULE 7D

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

Representative Fellela-An Act relating to Emergency Medical Transportation Services

### 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.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

#### **House Bill No. 5171 SUB A**

**BY** McEntee, Craven, Casimiro, Blazejewski, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE

GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Statute of limitation for childhood sex abuse claims extended to 35 years.) {LC55/A/2}

05/28/2019 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2019)



**House Bill No. 5475 SUB A****BY** Shekarchi, McEntee, Craven, Millea, Jackson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- CONTRIBUTION AMONG JOINT TORTFEASORS (Settlement of claim related to Ringling Circus incident shall not discharge other joint tortfeasors.) {LC1533/A/1} 05/28/2019 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2019)**Senate Bill No. 494 SUB A****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 Feld Entertainment/Ringling Brothers Circus accident of 5/4/14 would not discharge other joint tortfeasors.) {LC1648/A/1} 05/28/2019 Placed on House Calendar (05/30/2019)**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:24 o'clock P.M. on motion of Leader Shekarchi seconded by Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a voice vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE MARY DUFFY MESSIER**

Lord God: We ask your blessing now on each member of our assembly. We ask for your guidance that we do the best we can for all the people in Rhode Island. Amen.

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-H 5329 SUB A**  
**BY Serpa**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**

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

- 2. 2019-H 5964 SUB A**  
**BY Casimiro**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM**

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

- 3. 2019-H 5304**  
**BY Fellela**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION**

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-H 5171 SUB A**  
**BY McEntee**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION**

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

- 2. 2019-H 5475 SUB A**  
**BY Shekarchi**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --PROCEDURE**  
**IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- CONTRIBUTION AMONG JOINT TORTFEASORS**

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

- 3. 2019-S 494 SUB A**  
**BY Lynch Prata**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE**  
**IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - CONTRIBUTION AMONG JOINT TORTFEASORS**

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

- 4. 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.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Thursday, May 23, 2019**  
**Updated: Tuesday, May 28, 2019**