

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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# 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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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, May 29, 2019 and is called to order at 4:25 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 67 members present and 8 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 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, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 8: Representatives Barros, Canario, Donovan, Noret, Serodio, Solomon, Tobon, Ucci.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Maldonado 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 28, 2019, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Stephen Ucci is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

Representative Joseph J. Solomon Jr is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

Representative Thomas E. Noret is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

Representative Dennis M. Canario is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 294**

**BY** Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT ACT OF 2013 (Requires annual reports to track the number of caregiver assessments given as part of the assessments conducted for Medicaid long term services and supports the creation of a family caregiver support association by the division of elderly affairs.) {LC1404/1}

05/29/2019 Referred to House H.E.W.

**Senate Bill No. 309**

**BY** Goodwin, Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES (Adds six members to the commission on traumatic brain injuries.) {LC1603/1}

05/29/2019 Referred to House H.E.W.

**Senate Bill No. 445 SUB A**

**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Goldin, Euer, Valverde

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits insurance companies from varying the premium rates charged for a health coverage plan based on the gender of the individual policy holder, enrollee, subscriber, or member. Effective 1/1/2021.) {LC1800/A/1}

05/29/2019 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 570**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Valverde, Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT (Requires Tricare to pay the healthcare services funding contributions for their contribution enrollees.) {LC1411/1}

05/29/2019 Referred to House Finance

## NEW BUSINESS

**House Bill No. 6158****BY** Craven, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS (Permits a Certificate C license to be issued to the University of Rhode Island to perform certain electrical maintenance and repair as long as the university regularly employs one or more Class B or Class M journeyman electricians.) {LC2716/1}

05/29/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6159****BY** Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Filippi, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MECHANICAL TRADES (Provide for a limited license to be issued to HVAC service personnel to work on electrical wiring, equipment and components when servicing HVAC systems.) {LC2511/1}

05/29/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

By unanimous consent, the House takes up:

## GUESTS

Representative Azzinaro welcomes to the House Chamber and congratulates the **Westerly High School Unified Basketball Team Division III Champions** (2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row): **PLAYERS:** Pierce Abosso, Jordan Ballata, Kiera Dowding, William Durfee, Brianna Falco, Nathaniel Guilmette, Peter Henry, Raymond Hill, Shelby Lewis, Alex Morgan, Gabriel Richter, Antwone Brown, John Vique, J.P. Sergi, Christopher Chappell and Mitchell Gomes with assistant Megan Garvin, Keisha Whitmier, Emily Gauvin, Luke Fallon, Anthony Ramirez, Michael Goldberg, Jada Fry, Jasmine Fry, Xochith Garcia, Rosemarie Marabella, and Breanna Brown. John Mathew-**Head Coach; Assistant Coaches**-Michaela Baker, Heather Bishop, Jonathan Mathews, Kristin Bruno, and Zachary Zazzera. Speaker Mattiello also congratulates and welcomes them to the House.

Representative Place welcomes to the House the members of the **Burrillville Police Department** who are recognized for their work on school safety protocol: Colonel Stephen Lynch, Major Dennis Leahey, Lieutenant Albert Carlow, Jr., Sergeant Brian Pitts, Officer Wayne Richardson, Officer Kathleen Kelley, and Detective Robert Veader. Speaker Mattiello thanks them for all their good work.

## NEW BUSINESS

**House Resolution No. 6160****BY** Place, Newberry, Shekarchi, Filippi, Mattiello**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND THANKING THE BURRILLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SCHOOL SAFETY {LC2618/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Place seconded by Representatives Newberry, Leaders Shekarchi, Filippi, Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Costantino and Casey by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

### NOW PRESIDING

At 4:35 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Mattiello yields the rostrum to the Honorable Deputy Speaker Lima.

### CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

#### 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.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ajello, Walsh, Cortvriend, Cassar, Serpa, Costantino, Williams, McKiernan, Millea, Almeida, Vella-Wilkinson, Morin, Speakman, Ruggiero, O'Brien, McEntee, Abney, Carson, Ackerman, Ranglin-Vassell, Amore, Phillips, Hawkins, Caldwell, Fogarty, Hull, Lombardi, Tanzi, McLaughlin, McNamara, Jackson, Kislak, Corvese, Slater, Edwards, Bennett, Bennett, Casey, Johnston, Blazejewski, Maldonado, Alzate, Casimiro, Fellela, Handy, Knight, Messier, Shanley, Mendez, Leader Filippi, Representatives Roberts, Nardone, and Deputy Speaker Lima.

Representatives Amore, Handy, and Hull discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: 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, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**NOW PRESIDING**

At 4:44 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Deputy Speaker Lima yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Mattiello.

**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.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Blazejewski, Maldonado, Alzate, Johnston, Kazarian, McLaughlin, Tanzi, Jackson, Corvese, Kislak, Bennett, Edwards, Walsh, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Cassar, Abney, Ranglin-Vassell, Ackerman, Carson, Amore, Phillips, Ruggiero, McEntee, Caldwell, Speakman, Millea, Vella-Wilkinson, and Williams.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: 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, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Chairman Maldonado moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Johnston, Blazejewski, Fellela, Bennett, Costantino, Leader Shekarchi, and Representative Mendez.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: 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, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### GUESTS

Representative Serpa welcomes the Chamber Scott Hornoff, Joshua Hornoff, Dave Hornoff, Cindy Wallace, Beth Powers, and Radha Natarajan. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes Scott to the House.

Representative Place welcomes to the Chamber Kyle Wilson and congratulates him on being named **Burrillville Teacher of the Year**. Representative Place also welcomes Kaitlyn Wilson, his wife; Emily and Maggie his daughters. Speaker Mattiello also congratulates Kyle.

Representative Newberry welcomes to the House Chamber as guests from the **New England Institute of Technology's Society for Advancement of Management (SAM)**: Henry "Hank" Johnson, **Assistant Professor and SAM Advisor**, Dr. Christine Stevens, **Business Management Department Chair at NEIT - Students** - Amaryha Bryan, Brittany Coonan, Joseph Foley, Isai Hernandez, Emma Peterson, Luke Marcotte, Erika Sinesi, and Sarrah Berkery.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### NEW BUSINESS

#### House Resolution No. 6161

**BY** Newberry, Roberts, Chippendale, Lyle, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING HENRY A. JOHNSON AND THE NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF MANAGEMENT TEAM FOR THEIR SUCCESS AT THE ANNUAL SAM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COMPETITION {LC2494/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Newberry seconded by Representatives Roberts, Chippendale, and Lyle by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6162**

**BY** Hull, Lombardi, Corvese, Shekarchi, Filippi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING NICOLE PALLOZZI ON BEING NAMED "MISS RHODE ISLAND USA 2019" {LC2719/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Hull seconded by Representative Lombardi, Leader Shekarchi, Representative Corvese, and Leader Filippi, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**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 Phillips 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 Price-An Act relating to Vehicles and Inspections

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

Leader Shekarchi, Speaker Mattiello, and the Cumberland delegation congratulate and welcome to the House the **Eagle Court of Honor**: Daniel Bradley, Connor Jordan, Samuel Millette, Luke Hamel, Zachary Robinson, William Newman, and Jack DeAngelis.

Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello wish Representative Phillips a Happy Birthday.

**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 5:06 o'clock P.M on motion of Representative Kennedy and as a further mark of respect to the memories of William C. Wilcox and Clara Gencarella; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*



APPENDIX

INVOCATION

**REPRESENTATIVE SHELBY MALDONADO**

Dear God: We ask you send your spirit and give us the gift of patience and understanding. As the pressures of being State Representatives increase, guide us to always place the health and happiness of our citizens above our own needs. Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

**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**