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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the sixth day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen.

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Tuesday, January 6, 2015

First Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 6, 2015 and is called to order at 4:27 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Marvin L. Abney, Senior Representative from Newport.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Friday, June 20th-Saturday, June 21st, 2014, is approved.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney presents Brother Thomas Gerrow, F.S.C., President of LaSalle Academy in Providence who delivers the Invocation.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

POSTING OF COLORS AND ACCOMPANIMENT

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney requests the Cranston Fire Department Honor Guard to post the colors, accompanied by the Rhode Island Professional Fire Fighters Pipe & Drum Band.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney calls on Delia Tanzi, Amanda Marshall, Mia Slater, Madeline Slater and Gianna Ucci, to lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney calls on Christopher M. Davey, University of Rhode Island Junior to sing the "National Anthem".

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney announces the receipt of the following communication:

January 6, 2015

The Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello
Speaker of the House of Representatives
323 State House
Providence, RI 02903

To the Honorable House of Representatives:

I, Nellie M. Gorbea, Secretary of State, hereby certify the following list of members elected to the House of Representatives in the General Assembly, in accordance with the certificate of election filed in this office by the Board of Elections on the third day of December, 2014, as provided by Section 22-3-1 and 22-3-13 of the General Laws of Rhode Island:

- 1 Rep. Edith H. Ajello
- 2 Rep. Christopher R. Blazewski
- 3 Rep. Thomas A. Palangio
- 4 Rep. J. Aaron Regunberg
- 5 Rep. John J. DeSimone
- 6 Rep. Raymond A. Hull
- 7 Rep. Daniel P. McKiernan
- 8 Rep. John Joseph Lombardi
- 9 Rep. Anastasia Williams
- 10 Rep. Scott Slater
- 11 Rep. Grace Diaz
- 12 Rep. Joseph S. Almeida
- 13 Rep. John M. Carnevale
- 14 Rep. Charlene Lima
- 15 Rep. Nicholas A. Mattiello
- 16 Rep. Robert B. Lancia
- 17 Rep. Robert B. Jacquard
- 18 Rep. Arthur Handy
- 19 Rep. Joseph M. McNamara
- 20 Rep. David A. Bennett
- 21 Rep. Eileen S. Naughton
- 22 Rep. Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.
- 23 Rep. K. Joseph Shekarchi
- 24 Rep. Joseph A. Trillo
- 25 Rep. Jared R. Nunes
- 26 Rep. Patricia L. Morgan
- 27 Rep. Patricia A. Serpa
- 28 Rep. Robert A. Nardolillo
- 29 Rep. Sherry Roberts
- 30 Rep. Antonio Giarrusso

- 31 Rep. Doreen M. Costa
- 32 Rep. Robert E. Craven, Sr.
- 33 Rep. Donald J. Lally, Jr.
- 34 Rep. Teresa Tanzi
- 35 Rep. Kathleen A. Fogarty
- 36 Rep. Blake Anthony Filippi
- 37 Rep. Samuel A. Azzinaro
- 38 Rep. Brian Patrick Kennedy
- 39 Rep. Justin Price
- 40 Rep. Michael W. Chippendale
- 41 Rep. Michael J. Marcello
- 42 Rep. Stephen R. Ucci
- 43 Rep. Deborah A. Fellela
- 44 Rep. Gregory J. Costantino
- 45 Rep. Mia Ackerman
- 46 Rep. Jeremiah T. O'Grady
- 47 Rep. Cale P. Keable
- 48 Rep. Brian C. Newberry
- 49 Rep. Michael A. Morin
- 50 Rep. Stephen M. Casey
- 51 Rep. Robert D. Phillips
- 52 Rep. Karen L. MacBeth
- 53 Rep. Thomas Winfield
- 54 Rep. William W. O'Brien
- 55 Rep. Arthur J. Corvese
- 56 Rep. Shelby Maldonado
- 57 Rep. James N. McLaughlin
- 58 Rep. Carlos E. Tobon
- 59 Rep. Jean P. Barros
- 60 Rep. David Coughlin, Jr.
- 61 Rep. Raymond H. Johnston, Jr.
- 62 Rep. Mary D. Messier
- 63 Rep. Katherine S. Kazarian
- 64 Rep. Helio Melo
- 65 Rep. Gregg Amore
- 66 Rep. Joy Hearn
- 67 Rep. Jan Malik
- 68 Rep. Kenneth A. Marshall
- 69 Rep. Raymond E. Gallison, Jr.
- 70 Rep. John G. Edwards
- 71 Rep. Dennis M. Canario
- 72 Rep. Daniel Patrick Reilly
- 73 Rep. Marvin L. Abney
- 74 Rep. Deborah Ruggiero
- 75 Rep. Lauren Carson

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State of Rhode Island on this sixth day of January, A.D.2015.

Respectfully Yours,
Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

Received and placed on file.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 73 members present and 2 members absent as follows:

PRESENT - 73: Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Carnevale, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lally, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, Mattiello, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield

ABSENT – 2: Representatives Canario, Naughton.

ADDRESS

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney addresses the members of the House.

APPOINTMENTS

The Chair appoints Representative Ackerman, Representative Ajello, Representative Bennett, Representative Chippendale, Representative Costantino, Representative Fellela, Representative Giarrusso, Representative Handy, Representative Johnston, and Representative Kazarian, Representative Lombardi, Representative McLaughlin, Representative Morgan, Representative Nunes, Representative O'Grady, Representative Phillips, Representative Ruggiero, and Representative Tanzi to escort the Honorable Secretary of State to the rostrum of the House.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Nellie M. Gorbea, Secretary of State addresses the members of the House.

The Representatives-elect rise, as Secretary of State, Nellie M. Gorbea, administers the Oath of Office to all members.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney calls for nominations.

Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy of Westerly, the new Dean of the House, nominates

Representative Nicholas A. Mattiello of Cranston, to be Speaker of the House of Representatives.
Representative Kennedy discusses the nomination.

The nomination is seconded by Representative Charlene Lima of Cranston. Representative Lima offers her remarks.

The nomination is also seconded by Representatives O'Grady, Ackerman, Ajello, Handy, Filippi, Carnevale, Ucci, Amore, McKiernan, Lombardi, Barros, O'Brien, Carson, Price, Palangio, Craven, Marshall, Winfield, Gallison, DeSimone, Tanzi, Ruggiero, Almeida, Williams, Coughlin, Jacquard, Hearn, Serpa, Costantino, Tobon, Nunes, Marcello, Fellela, Fogarty, Messier, Malik, Corvese, Diaz, Lancia, MacBeth, Solomon, McNamara, Azzinaro, Slater, Regunberg, Trillo, Newberry, Shekarchi, Melo, Edwards, Lally, Costa, McLaughlin, Morin, Casey, Reilly, Nardolillo, Giarrusso, Phillips, Kazarian, Johnston, Morgan, Bennett, Roberts, Maldonado, Keable, Blazejewski, Hull, Chippendale and Abney.

Leader DeSimone seconded by Whip Edwards, moves that nominations be closed.

The motion to close nominations prevails, on a voice vote.

The election of Representative Nicholas Mattiello as Speaker of the House prevails, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting for Representative Mattiello.

MATTIELLO-Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Carnevale, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lally, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, Mattiello, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

The Chair declares the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello of District 15 is re-elected Speaker of the House for the years 2015-2016.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney announces the receipt of the following communication:

January 5, 2015

Honorable Nicholas Mattiello
Speaker of the House
Room 323, State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Speaker Mattiello,

I regret to inform you that I will be unable to attend Inauguration on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Please note that if I were present, I would enthusiastically vote for you as House Speaker. I look forward to serving the great people of District 21 and working with you during the 2015 session.

Sincerely,

Eileen S. Naughton
State Representative-District 21

Received and placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE

January 6, 2015

Representative Canario is out of state. He would like the official House Journal to reflect that had he been present today for the election of Speaker, he would have voted for Nicholas A. Mattiello.

Sincerely,

Representative Dennis M. Canario

Received and placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS

The Chair appoints Representative Almeida, Representative Amore, Representative Azzinaro, Representative Casey, Representative Costa, Representative Diaz, Representative Edwards, Representative Keable, Representative Malik, Representative Marshall, Representative McNamara, Representative Messier, Representative O'Brien, Representative Serpa, and Representative Shekarchi, Representative Slater, and Representative Trillo as a committee to escort the Speaker-elect, and his wife, Mary Ann and his sons, Nicholas and Anthony to the rostrum.

The Chair appoints Representative Blazejewski, Representative Carnevale, Representative Corvese, Representative Craven, Representative DeSimone, Representative Gallison, Representative Hearn, Representative Hull, Representative Jacquard, Representative Lally, Representative MacBeth, Representative Marcello, Representative Melo, Representative Morin, Minority Leader Newberry, Representative Palangio and Representative Ucci as a committee to escort the Honorable Paul A. Suttell, Chief Justice of Rhode Island Supreme Court to the rostrum.

OATH OF OFFICE

The House attends while the Honorable Presiding Chief Justice Suttell administers the Oath of Office to the Honorable Speaker.

NOW PRESIDING

At 5:35 o'clock P.M. The Honorable Marvin Abney turns over the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Nicholas A. Mattiello.

The Honorable Speaker Mattiello addresses the members of the House.

At 5:52 o'clock P.M. The Honorable Speaker Mattiello turns over the rostrum to the Honorable Gina M. Raimondo, Governor.

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo, Governor addresses the members of the House.

At 5:55 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Governor Raimondo, yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Mattiello.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

The Honorable Speaker Mattiello welcomes back to the rostrum Christopher M. Davey, to sing "God Bless America".

ELECTION OF THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The Honorable Speaker declares the election of Clerk is in order and calls for nominations.

Representative Mary Messier, of Pawtucket seconded by Representative Barros nominates Francis McCabe to be Clerk of the House for the Session 2015-2016.

There being no further nominations, Representative Johnston seconded by Representatives Edwards and Tobon move that nominations be closed.

The motion to close nominations prevails, on a voice vote.

Representative Messier moves that Representative Barros be directed to cast one ballot for Francis McCabe of Pawtucket to be Clerk of the House for the 2015-2016 Session, seconded by Representative Tobon.

Representative Barros casts one ballot for Francis McCabe for the office of the Clerk of the House for the years 2015-2016. The motion prevails by unanimous consent on a voice vote.

Francis P. McCabe is elected Clerk of the House of the Session 2015-2016.

ELECTION OF RECORDING CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The Honorable Speaker declares the election of a Recording Clerk is in order and calls for nominations.

Representative Corvese, seconded by Representative O'Brien, nominates Linda McElroy of North Providence to be Recording Clerk of the House for the Session 2015-2016.

There being no further nominations, Representative Lally, seconded by Representative Corvese, moves that nominations be closed.

The motion to close nominations prevails, on a voice vote.

Representative Lally moves that Representative Corvese be directed to cast one ballot for Linda McElroy of North Providence to be Recording Clerk for the 2015-2016 Session, seconded by Representative O'Brien.

Representative Corvese casts one ballot for Linda McElroy for the office of Recording Clerk of the House for the years 2015-2016. The motion prevails by unanimous consent on a voice vote.

Linda McElroy is elected Recording Clerk of the House of the Session 2015-2016.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Speaker Mattiello administers the Oath of Office to the Clerk of the House, Frank McCabe and the Recording Clerk of the House, Linda McElroy for the 2015-2016 Session.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney announces the receipt of the following communication:

January 6, 2015

The Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello
Speaker of the House of Representatives
323 State House
Providence, RI 02903

To the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to inform you that on this sixth day of January A.D 2015 the oath of engagement was administered as Speaker of the House of Representatives for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations to the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello.

Yours sincerely,

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

Received and placed on file.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader DeSimone addresses the members and announces that new seat assignments for the 2015-2016 are being passed out by the pages and for the members who have not had their photos taken with their guests before session a photographer will be available at the conclusion of the session today in Room 35. The Leader also announces that session will convene at 4:00 P.M. tomorrow and invites families and friends to a reception immediately following the rise of the House on the third floor outside the Speaker's office.

GUESTS

Representative Mattiello welcomes his friends-Nicholas Capobianco, John Ricci, Jim and Ann Malloy, John Sepe and Mike Sepe, Chairman of the Democratic City Committee in Cranston, Mayor Elorza, Mayor Diossa and John Manning to the House Chamber as guests.

Representative Trillo welcomes to the House Chamber as guests Diane DeSimone, wife of Majority Leader DeSimone, along with his sons John and Anthony; his sister Gail Tella, her husband, Bob; his sister, Mary Lombardi; and his brother, Thomas DeSimone.

Representative Diaz welcomes to the House Mayor Jorge Elorza, Mayor James Diosa, Tony Simmons, newly elected Representative Carlos Tobon, newly elected Representative Shelby Maldonado, newly elected Representative Jean Philippe Barros, Cristina Piccini, Gisselle Familia, Rubeu Feliz, Carrie Bridges, David Perdomo, and Julia Perdomo.

Representative Chippendale thanks his wife, Sherri; and his children Paige and Seighin for their support and welcomes to the Chamber newly elected Representative Robert Nardolillo, III along with his wife Jacqueline; his son, Rocco; his daughter, Milania; his father, Bob Nardolillo, Jr.; his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore DeVincenzo; his grandmother, Dorothy Nardolillo; his mother-in-law, Teresa Jurczyk; and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Nardolillo.

Representative Newberry welcomes to the House newly elected Sherry Roberts along with her mother, Laurie Sherman Di Salvo; her daughter, Tia Roberts; and Paul Porto, friend.

Representative Gallison welcomes to the House Chamber Antonio Teixeira, Bristol Town Administrator; his parents, Raymond and Barbara Gallison; his wife, Diane; his sons, Timothy (member of the Bristol Police Department), and his son, Nathan (member of the Pawtucket Police Department).

Representative Tobon welcomes to the Chamber his father, Carlos A. Tobon; his mother, Sonia L. Tobon; his brothers, Alejandro D. Tobon and Jorge M. Tobon; his grandmother, Rosalbina Cristancho, Leon Cataño, Sr. & Rocio Cataño, Godparents; Leon Cataño, Jr., cousin; and his girlfriend, Daisy; Mama Ama and Isaac, Wascar Montilla, Elvis Carasco, John Florez and Casey, Kurtis Thomas, John Perilli, Greg Troy (President Cross RI); Maggie Picot; Paul Choquette (Gilbane); Father Bob Burni (Priest) and Sandra Cano, Councilwoman at Large Pawtucket.

Deputy Speaker Lima welcomes to the House Chairman of the Democratic Party Cranston, Mike Sepe and his son Steven Sepe; Councilman Paul Archetto, Councilman Richard Santamaria and Councilman Mario Aceto, former Representative Joanne Giannini and her sister, Susan, the fifteen newly elected

freshman; Representative Robert Nardolillo III and family. Deputy Speaker Lima also wishes her husband, Frank Fiorenzano a Happy Birthday.

Representative Slater welcomes to the House Chamber Bianca Rodriguez-Slater, Mia E. Slater, Madeline LuLu Slater, Councilman Wilbur Jennings, and Laurence Mancini.

Representative Morgan welcomes to the Chamber newly elected to the Republican Caucus Justin Price along with his family and friends: his son, Aaron; his mother, Marcia; Jessica Wolki; his brother, Wade and his wife, Debbie; Brother Stacy and his wife Beatrice; Clay Johnson, Steve Simo and his son, Tyler; Ed Kirby; USMC Sgt. Richard Austin; Dianne Allen and Bob Hartmon.

Representative Shekarchi welcomes newly elected Representative Joseph Solomon, Jr. to the House along with his family Joe Sr.; Cindy, Michael, Anthony and Nicole Mattiello.

Representative Giarrusso welcomes newly elected Representative Bob Lancia along with his wife, Maryann Lancia; Lisa Cardello, stepdaughter; Scott Boudreau, stepson, Uncle David and Aunt Nancy, Aunt Mary, Cousin Danny Nelson and sons; Rev. Ginger O'Shan, dear friend; and Eileen Grossman, friend.

Representative Jacquard welcomes newly elected Representative David Coughlin, Jr. along with his daughter, Ashley Coughlin and Ashley's mother, Lucy Raposo.

Representative Costa welcomes newly elected Representative Blake Filippi along with his family. Representative Costa also welcomes her husband, Jim; her daughter, Gabrielle Reid; Ray Morrissey; Dan Paterson, and Mark Smiley.

Representative Tanzi welcomes to the House Chamber her husband, Dr. Eric Buchbaum and her daughter, Delia Tanzi Buchbaum. Representative Tanzi also welcomes newly elected Representative Kathleen Fogarty along with her parents, Ann and Dave Reilly; her sister, Liz; brother's, Mike and Dave; her niece, Madison; her in-laws, Bing and Pat Fogarty, Sheila; Phil and wife Jen; nephews, George and Jackson; Stacia; Regina and Chris Toomey; her husband, Brendan; and children, Brendan Jr. and Lauren.

Representative Palangio welcomes newly elected Representative Dan McKiernan along with his wife, Christina; his son, Thomas; his daughter, Bridget and his mother, Carole.

Representative Trillo welcomes back to the Chamber Representative Daniel Reilly his fiancée Dr. Alexandra Costa; her parents, Peter Costa, Sr. and Dr. Suzanne Costa; his brother, Christopher Reilly and his grandmother, Patricia Reilly.

Representative Kennedy welcomes to the House Ryan Quattromani of Westerly and says hello to his father, Ronald Kennedy, who is watching the session at home.

Representative Aaron Regunberg introduces to the House Chamber Erica Regunberg, Rob Dann, Katie Cielinski, Ralph Preiss, Marcia Preiss, Amanda Clarke, Abby Godmo, and Stephen Rodriguez.

Representative Ucci welcomes to the Chamber newly elected Representative Lauren Carson and her family.

Majority Leader DeSimone welcomes to the House Marilyn Trillo, wife of Representative Trillo; and his cousin Father Capoverdi and reminds members session will convene tomorrow at 4 o'clock P.M.

BENEDICTION

The Honorable Speaker Mattiello presents Reverend Giacomo Capoverdi, Pastor of Church of the Immaculate Conception in Westerly for the benediction.

(For Benediction see Appendix of this Journal)

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:47 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Almeida, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Nancy Serrano, New York Police Officers Rafael Ramos, and Wenian Liu; on motion of Representative O'Brien, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Charlene Stanzione and Jeanette Kennedy; on motion of Representative Blazejewski and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Donald J. Lally, Sr. and Francis X. Lally; on motion of Representative Ucci, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Raymond Johnson; seconded by Representatives DeSimone and Newberry the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

It is an honor to be asked to offer the invocation on this auspicious occasion. I have the greatest regard for all who are called to public service and particularly for the men and women, in this chamber, who so generously offer their time and talent to serve the people of this great State.

As you prepare to assume this great responsibility let us now pause and ask the God and father of all who devote themselves to the common good for his guidance and protection.

Father, Watch over and protect all our elected officials. Provide them with the courage and wisdom to successfully fulfill their vocation in life.

Help them to understand and accept personal differences and unite them with a common purpose, dedication and commitment to achieve justice and prosperity for all the citizens of Rhode Island, always being mindful of those most vulnerable in our midst.

Also bless their families, many of whom are here today, who sacrifice much so that their loved ones may serve others.

Lord we offer this prayer knowing that we come to know and serve you best through our selfless service to others. Please continue to pour out your blessings on the service of all of the elected officials gathered before you here today.

And we ask all of this in your name. Amen

APPENDIX**BENEDICTION**

O Lord our God,

We pray today for the work that needs to be done during this Legislative calendar. Help all members of this body. Especially Speaker Mattiello, my cousin, Leader John DeSimone, and my State Representative Sam Azzinaro.

May all present who are elected by the people and for the people, be selfless in their desire to do what is right and have the wisdom, fortitude and courage to avoid what is wrong.

Help them in their legislation to be inspired by the patron saint of lawyers and politicians, St. Thomas More, rather than by Charles Darwin because while *Survival of the Fittest* may be a good working description of Process of Evolution, a government of humans ought to elevate itself to a higher order.

Help this Legislative body not to be sidetracked with immoral pursuits, but rather let their pursuits be that of embracing the cause of the Motto of our State, "Hope". Let that hope be a source of inspiration for all Rhode Islanders: pregnant moms, the aged, couples in the sacred bond of marriage, businessmen and the self employed.

Help this Legislative Body, O Lord, to put Rhode Island back on the Right track, from the shores of Westerly, to the woodlands of Burriville, to the Bays of the East. May all of us in the Ocean State and her Representatives remember how futures are built. Amen.