

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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# JOURNAL

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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 sixth day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen.**

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Second Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, January 7, 2015 and is called to order at 4:30 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 72 members present and 3 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT - 72:** The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and 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, 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, Winfield

**ABSENT – 3:** Representatives Canario, Naughton, Williams.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Azzinaro 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, January 6, 2015, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Due to illness, Representative Anastasia Williams is unable to attend session today, January 7, 2015.

**APPOINTMENTS****FROM SPEAKER NICHOLAS MATTIELLO:**

January 7, 2015

I appoint the following:

Representative Charlene Lima, **Deputy Speaker**

Representative Donald Lally, **Speaker Pro Tempore**

Representative Grace Diaz, **Democratic Caucus Chair**

Representative Kenneth Marshall, **Senior Deputy Majority Leader**

I appoint the following as **Deputy Majority Leaders:**

Representative Marvin Abney

Representative Mia Ackerman

Representative Gregg Amore

Representative Samuel Azzinaro

Representative Dennis Canario

Representative Stephen Casey

Representative Arthur Corvese

Representative Robert Jacquard

Representative Mary Messier

Representative William O'Brien

Representative Jeremiah O'Grady

Representative Thomas Palangio

Representative Deborah Ruggiero

Representative Scott Slater

I appoint the following members to the House **FINANCE** Committee:

Representative Raymond Gallison – Chairman

Representative Eileen Naughton – Deputy Chairwoman

Representative John Carnevale – Vice Chairman

Representative Robert Jacquard -- Secretary

Representative Marvin Abney

Representative Gregg Amore

Representative Jean-Philippe Barros

Representative Anthony Giarrusso

Representative Joy Hearn

Representative Raymond Hull

Representative Jan Malik

Representative Kenneth Marshall

Representative Patricia Morgan

Representative Daniel Reilly  
Representative Deborah Ruggiero  
Representative Patricia Serpa  
Representative Scott Slater  
Representative Teresa Tanzi  
Representative Carlos Tobon

I appoint the following members to the House **FINANCE Subcommittees**

**EDUCATION**

Representative Robert Jacquard, Chairman  
Representative Marvin Abney  
Representative Gregg Amore  
Representative Anthony Giarrusso  
Representative Joy Hearn  
Representative Patricia Serpa  
Representative Carlos Tobon

**HUMAN SERVICES**

Representative Eileen Naughton, Chairwoman  
Representative Marvin Abney  
Representative Robert Jacquard  
Representative Anthony Giarrusso  
Representative Scott Slater  
Representative Carlos Tobon

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Representative Scott Slater, Chairman  
Representative Gregg Amore  
Representative Jean-Philippe Barros  
Representative John Carnevale  
Representative Kenneth Marshall  
Representative Patricia Morgan

**ENVIRONMENT/TRANSPORTATION**

Representative Deborah Ruggiero, Chairwoman  
Representative Joy Hearn  
Representative Raymond Hull  
Representative Jan Malik  
Representative Daniel Reilly  
Representative Teresa Tanzi

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Representative John Carnevale, Chairman  
Representative Jean-Philippe Barros  
Representative Robert Jacquard  
Representative Jan Malik  
Representative Daniel Reilly

I appoint the following members to the House **CORPORATIONS** Committee:

Representative Brian Kennedy, Chairman  
Representative William O'Brien, Vice Chairman  
Representative Mary Messier, Secretary  
Representative Stephen Casey  
Representative Raymond Johnston  
Representative Katherine Kazarian  
Representative Charlene Lima  
Representative Michael Marcello  
Representative Kenneth Marshall  
Representative Michael Morin  
Representative Robert Nardolillo  
Representative Jared Nunes  
Representative Jeremiah O'Grady  
Representative Robert Phillips  
Representative Sherry Roberts  
Representative Joseph Trillo  
Representative Anastasia Williams

I appoint the following members to the House **JUDICIARY** Committee:

Representative Cale Keable, Chairman  
Representative Doreen Costa, Vice Chairwoman  
Representative Christopher Blazejewski, Secretary  
Representative Edith Ajello  
Representative Joseph Almeida  
Representative Dennis Canario  
Representative David Coughlin  
Representative Robert Craven  
Representative John Edwards  
Representative Blake Filippi  
Representative Donald Lally  
Representative Jeremiah O'Grady  
Representative Joseph Solomon

I appoint the following members to the House **LABOR** Committee:

Representative Joseph Shekarchi, Chairman  
Representative Thomas Palangio, Vice Chairman  
Representative Arthur Corvese, Secretary  
Representative Stephen Casey  
Representative Michael Chippendale  
Representative John Edwards  
Representative Deborah Fellela  
Representative Anthony Giarrusso  
Representative Kenneth Marshall  
Representative Daniel McKiernan  
Representative Joseph McNamara  
Representative Helio Melo  
Representative Jared Nunes

Representative Stephen Ucci  
Representative Thomas Winfield

I appoint the following members to the House **HEALTH, EDUCATION and WELFARE** Committee:

Representative Joseph McNamara, Chairman  
Representative Grace Diaz, Deputy Chairwoman  
Representative Samuel Azzinaro, Vice Chairman  
Representative Dennis Canario, Secretary  
Representative Marvin Abney  
Representative Mia Ackerman  
Representative Gregg Amore  
Representative David Bennett  
Representative Arthur Corvese  
Representative Kathleen Fogarty  
Representative Arthur Handy  
Representative Robert Lancia  
Representative Shelby Maldonado  
Representative James McLaughlin  
Representative Michael Morin  
Representative Justin Price  
Representative Aaron Regunberg

I appoint the following members to the House **OVERSIGHT** Committee:

Representative Karen MacBeth, Chairwoman  
Representative Michael Chippendale, Co-Vice Chairman  
Representative Scott Slater, Co-Vice Chairman  
Representative Raymond Johnston - Secretary  
Representative Lauren Carson  
Representative Arthur Corvese  
Representative John Edwards  
Representative Arthur Handy  
Representative Donald Lally  
Representative Daniel McKiernan  
Representative William O'Brien  
Representative Thomas Palangio  
Representative Daniel Reilly  
Representative Patricia Serpa  
Representative Thomas Winfield

I appoint the following members to the House **MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT** Committee:

Representative Robert Craven, Chairman  
Representative Mia Ackerman, Vice Chairwoman  
Representative Raymond Johnston, Secretary  
Representative Gregg Amore  
Representative Jean-Philippe Barros  
Representative David Bennett  
Representative Gregory Costantino  
Representative David Coughlin

Representative Blake Filippi  
Representative Kathleen Fogarty  
Representative Joy Hearn  
Representative Charlene Lima  
Representative Kenneth Marshall  
Representative Shelby Maldonado  
Representative Brian Newberry

I appoint the following members to the House **ENVIRONMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES** Committee:

Representative Arthur Handy, Chairman  
Representative David Bennett, Vice Chairman  
Representative Jeremiah O'Grady, Secretary  
Representative Blake Filippi  
Representative John Lombardi  
Representative Michael Marcello  
Representative Joseph McNamara  
Representative Helio Melo  
Representative Eileen Naughton  
Representative William O'Brien  
Representative Thomas Palangio  
Representative Justin Price  
Representative Aaron Regunberg  
Representative Scott Slater  
Representative Carlos Tobon

I appoint the following members to the House **SMALL BUSINESS** Committee:

Representative Patricia Serpa, Chairwoman  
Representative Jared Nunes, Vice Chairman  
Representative Robert Phillips, Secretary  
Representative Lauren Carson  
Representative John Edwards  
Representative Arthur Handy  
Representative John Lombardi  
Representative Shelby Maldonado  
Representative Daniel McKiernan  
Representative Michael Morin  
Representative Robert Nardolillo  
Representative Justin Price  
Representative Deborah Ruggiero  
Representative Teresa Tanzi  
Representative Thomas Winfield

I appoint the following members to the House **VETERANS AFFAIRS** Committee:

Representative Jan Malik, Chairman  
Representative Samuel Azzinaro, Vice Chairman  
Representative Mary Messier, Secretary  
Representative Marvin Abney

Representative Dennis Canario  
Representative Stephen Casey  
Representative Doreen Costa  
Representative Deborah Fellela  
Representative Robert Jacquard  
Representative Robert Lancia  
Representative Karen MacBeth  
Representative James McLaughlin  
Representative Eileen Naughton  
Representative Joseph Solomon  
Representative Carlos Tobon

I appoint the following members to the House **RULES** Committee:

Representative Samuel Azzinaro, Chairman  
Representative Arthur Corvese, Vice Chairman  
Representative Grace Diaz, Secretary  
Representative Joseph Almeida  
Representative Christopher Blazejewski  
Representative Michael Chippendale  
Representative Katherine Kazarian  
Representative Cale Keable  
Representative Donald Lally  
Representative Charlene Lima  
Representative Kenneth Marshall  
Representative William O'Brien  
Representative Daniel Reilly  
Representative Scott Slater  
Representative Stephen Ucci

Received and placed on file.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Bill No. 5000**

**BY** Craven, Casey, Morin, Azzinaro, Keable

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts retirement income from state personal income tax.) {LC1/1}

01/07/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

#### **House Resolution No. 5001**

**BY** Mattiello, DeSimone, Gallison, O'Grady, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JEANETTE KATHERINE KENNEDY {LC200/1}

Representative DeSimone requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Leader DeSimone seconded by the Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Gallison, Edwards, Kennedy, Lima, Shekarchi, Costantino, Serpa, Fellela, Marcello, Hearn, Nunes, Jacquard, Ajello, Maldonado, Fogarty, Ackerman, O'Grady, Palangio, Regunberg, Amore, Handy, Lombardi, Tanzi, Ruggiero, Carson, Morin, Craven, Carnevale, O'Brien, McKiernan, Almeida, Marshall, Ucci, MacBeth, McLaughlin, Messier, Casey, McNamara, Malik, Azzinaro, Corvese, Diaz, Slater, Bennett, Trillo, Costa, Giarrusso, Morgan, Reilly, Price, Chippendale, Nardolillo, Roberts, Phillips, Filippi, Lancia, Melo, Tobon, Barros, Abney, Solomon, Coughlin, Kazarian, Lally, Keable, Johnston, Blazejewski, Winfield, and Leader Newberry by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5002****BY** Messier, Mattiello, DeSimone, Newberry, Phillips**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF JAMES F. BARON {LC311/1}

Representative Messier requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Messier seconded by the Honorable Speaker Mattiello, Leader DeSimone, and Representatives Edwards, Newberry, Phillips, Trillo, Costa, Giarrusso, Morgan, Reilly, Roberts, Chippendale, Price, Lancia, Filippi, Melo, Tobon, Barros, Abney, Coughlin, Kazarian, Lally, Johnston, Blazejewski, McLaughlin, MacBeth, Casey, McNamara, Malik, Azzinaro, Corvese, Slater, Diaz, Hull, Bennett, Ajello, Jacquard, Marcello, Hearn, Costantino, Lima, Shekarchi, Kennedy, Maldonado, Ackerman, O'Grady, Palangio, Regunberg, Amore, Tanzi, Lombardi, Handy, Craven, Morin, Carson, Ruggiero, O'Brien, McKiernan, Almeida, and Marshall by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

The Honorable Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Phillips, on behalf of the Woonsocket Delegation, Lima and Tobon discuss the resolution.

**House Resolution No. 5003****BY** Azzinaro, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE GULLUSCIO FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF RETIRED WESTERLY POLICE CHIEF JAMES R. GULLUSCIO {LC256/1}

Representative Azzinaro requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Azzinaro seconded by Representatives Kennedy, Hull, Corvese, and Marshall by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representatives Hull and Diaz express profound sympathy for the passing of Representative Lally's family members.



**GUEST**

Representative Jacquard welcomes to the House Chamber as a guest Andrew Morsilli from East Greenwich.

**TRANSMITTAL**

By unanimous consent, all matters on the clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to Her Excellency, the Governor, to the Honorable Secretary of State, and the Honorable Senate forthwith.

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:12 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Messier, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of James Baron; on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Timothy Sherlock; on motion of Representative Corvese and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Dante "Doc" Nigris, Richard Gawlik, Dr. David C. Petreccia; on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Police Chief James Gulluscio; on motion of Representative Costa, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Anthony Nicoletti; on motion of Representative Ucci, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Keith Swartzentrover; on motion of Representative Almeida, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Senator Edward Brooks; on motion of Representative Gallison, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John Bradfield seconded by Leaders DeSimone and Newberry the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Linda M. McElroy**

**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE SAMUEL A. AZZINARO**

Dear God: We come to you and ask your blessing. We ask you to show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Help us to work together to challenge and encourage each other to strive for excellence in all our endeavors. Amen