

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

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**JOURNAL**  
**-OF THE-**  
**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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Ninth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, January 29, 2015 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 71 members present and 4 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** - 71: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, 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, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, O'Brien, O'Grady, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Winfield

**ABSENT** – 4: Representatives MacBeth, Naughton, Nunes, Williams.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Tanzi 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 Wednesday, January 21, 2015 is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representative Nunes is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 29, 2015 due to illness.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015:**

- 1. 2015-H 5020**  
**BY** Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 2. 2015-H 5022**  
**BY** Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 3. 2015-H 5023**  
**BY** Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 4. 2015-H 5025**  
**BY** Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 5. 2015-H 5026**  
**BY** Giarrusso  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 6. 2015-H 5030**  
**BY** Abney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. **2015-H 5035**  
**BY** Abney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

8. **2015-H 5094**  
**BY** Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

9. **2015-H 5095**  
**BY** Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Leader DeSimone moves passage of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Leader Newberry. The Consent Calendar prevails, 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, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, 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, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, O'Brien, O'Grady, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

#### IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015:

1. **2015-H 5080**  
**BY** Canario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LOULOU'S DECOR, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Representative Kennedy moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Phillips, Shekarchi, Canario, Tanzi, O'Brien, 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, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, 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, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, O'Brien, O'Grady, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2015-H 5098**

**BY** Giarrusso

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF EAST GREENWICH CITIZENS WHO CARE

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Representative Kennedy moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Phillips, Johnston, O'Brien, and Canario.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows: 0

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, 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, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, O'Brien, O'Grady, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Serpa announces that the Committee on Small Business will not meet today at the rise of the House.

Representative Corvese wishes Representative Sam Azzinaro a very Happy Birthday.

Representative Azzinaro announces that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House

Representative Bennett acknowledges the DOT and DPW's throughout the state on a great job by all. The Honorable Speaker Mattiello thanks Governor Raimondo and all involved in the public safety of our state and all the helping citizens of Rhode Island.

Representative Kennedy announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House

Representative Craven announces that the Committee on Municipal Government will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 5212**

**BY** Chippendale, Nardolillo, Corvese, Ucci, Hull

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25TH THROUGH JANUARY 31ST, 2015, AS "NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC820/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Chippendale seconded by Representatives Nardolillo, Corvese, Hull, Ucci, Trillo, Costa, Giarrusso, Reilly. Price, Roberts and Edwards by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 5213**

**BY** Lancia, Nardolillo

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RAYMOND BUTTERFIELD, II {LC890/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Nardolillo discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Lancia seconded by Representatives Nardolillo, Jacquard, Trillo, Costa, Giarrusso, Roberts, Chippendale, Price, and Bennett by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5214**

**BY** Ruggiero

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ROSEMARIE CORRENTE {LC876/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Ruggiero seconded by Leader DeSimone by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Nardolillo wishes a Happy Birthday to his parents Bob Nardolillo Jr and Kim Nardolillo.

Representative Gallison announces that the Committee on Finance will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

Representative Marshall wishes good luck to the New England Patriots.

**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.

**DESK HELD OPEN**

The Honorable Speaker Mattiello holds the desk open.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**House Bill No. 5215**

**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, Melo, Blazejewski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Requires persons seeking a Rhode Island driver's license to

complete a minimum of six (6) hours of over-the-road driver's training from a licensed driver's training school within this state.) {LC544/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5216**

**BY** Corvese, Ucci, Melo, Blazejewski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FUTURE (Requires that insurance carriers notify the division of motor vehicles of any policy cancellation or termination by the insurer or insured.) {LC547/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5217**

**BY** Corvese, Regunberg, Handy, Azzinaro, Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - GENERATION - TRANSPORTATION - STORAGE - TREATMENT - MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE (Requires hospitals and pharmacies to provide sharps containers for public use.) {LC542/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5218**

**BY** Lancia, Diaz, Regunberg, Roberts, Price

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (This act would provide that electric rate increases over five percent (5%) in a three (3) year period be subject to general assembly approval.) {LC367/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5219**

**BY** Edwards, Corvese, Amore, Shekarchi, Ajello

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCESS TO OPIOID ANALGESICS WITH ABUSE-DETERRENT PROPERTIES (Requires policies and plans issued by health insurers to cover abuse-deterrent drug formulations of opioid analgesics in the same manner in which the policies and plans cover non-abuse deterrent drugs formations.) {LC765/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5220**

**BY** Ucci, Nardolillo, Regunberg, Winfield, Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION (Creates the Identify Theft Protection Act of 2015, to protect personal information from unauthorized access, use, modification, destruction or disclosure, and to preserve the confidentiality and integrity of such information.) {LC773/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5221**

**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -

REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Prohibits utility rate increases in excess of two and one-half percent (2.5%) over any twenty-four (24) month period.) {LC548/1}  
01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Resolution No. 5222**

**BY** Shekarchi, Ucci

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES AND AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE REQUIREMENTS AND FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING APPRENTICESHIP PREREQUISITES FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Amends the commission to study the requirements and feasibility of implementing apprenticeship prerequisites for public works contracts by increasing the membership to 12, extending reporting date to July 1, 2015, and expiration to September 1, 2015.) {LC880/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5223**

(by request)

**BY** Edwards, Canario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ABANDONMENT OF CATS (Exempts a "licensed releasing agency" from the offense of abandoning cats.) {LC782/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5224**

**BY** Tanzi, Handy, Lombardi, Fogarty, Maldonado

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Requires smoking bar owners to demonstrate on a quarterly rather than annual basis that revenues generated from tobacco products exceeds revenue generated from food and beverage sales.) {LC393/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5225**

**BY** Tanzi, Ackerman, Handy, Lombardi, Maldonado

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN (This act would increase the minimum age to buy and sell tobacco products from eighteen (18) years to twenty-one (21) years.) {LC396/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5226**

**BY** Shekarchi, Kennedy, Regunberg, Tanzi, Ruggiero

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - GET ON YOUR FEET LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM (Established "The Get On Your Feet Loan Forgiveness Program" in Rhode Island, to assist recent college and university graduates in the repayment of their student loans.) {LC826/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance



**House Bill No. 5227****BY** Shekarchi, Kennedy, McNamara, Malik, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE TAX ELIMINATION ACT OF 1998 (Amends the provisions of the general laws relating to the state car tax in order that the assessment of used motor vehicles would be based on the average trade-in price, rather than retail price.) {LC757/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5228****BY** Diaz, Slater, Maldonado, Tobon, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TUITION EQUITY (Creates the "Student Equal Economic Opportunity Act" which would identify those students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition at public universities, colleges or community colleges.) {LC726/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5229****BY** Blazejewski, Tanzi, Tobon, Barros, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HUMAN RESOURCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL (Provides for a wage reimbursement incentive for employers participating in the non-trade apprenticeship program and permits the governors workforce board to establish rules and regulations for the program.) {LC804/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5230****BY** Ucci, Winfield, Corvese, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT (Directs the office of management and budget to develop a plan to implement a centralized administrative hearing agency.) {LC639/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5231****BY** Ucci, Winfield, Lombardi, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Reduces the minimum corporate tax from five hundred dollars (\$500) to fifty dollars (\$50.00).) {LC622/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5232****BY** Ucci, Winfield**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ATTACHMENT (Provides that child support garnishment be paid first before any other garnishment including a garnishment for the payment of taxes.) {LC635/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5233****BY** Ucci, Winfield, Lombardi, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Increases the minimum amount of a state purchase subject to competitive bidding.) {LC623/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5234****BY** McNamara, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC230/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5235****BY** Lancia, Reilly, Newberry, Roberts, McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BUDGET (Requires that the governor submit a zero based budget to the general assembly. The zero based budget would be phased in over a five (5) year period.) {LC347/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5236****BY** Morgan, Lancia, Chippendale, Reilly, Giarrusso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC413/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5237****BY** Morgan, Reilly, Chippendale, Price, Nardolillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Prohibits the collection of a sales or use tax on that portion of a motor vehicle lease payment representing taxes payable by the lessor on the leased motor vehicle.) {LC416/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5238****BY** Corvese, Ucci, Melo, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE TAXATION (Requires the state tax administrator to provide written notice of the existence of a lien on real property owned by a decedent, to his or her executor, administrator, heirs-at-law and surviving joint tenant.) {LC549/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5239****BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Excludes corporations from minimum tax if corporation has been out of business for more than twelve (12) consecutive months or not in business for entire tax year.) {LC539/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5240**

**BY** McLaughlin, Casey, Phillips, Messier

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX

(Lowers the minimum corporate tax from five hundred dollars (\$500) to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for new closely held domestic corporations for the first three (3) years the corporation files tax returns.) {LC197/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5241**

**BY** McLaughlin, Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES -

LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Provides a sales and use tax holiday on the Friday after Thanksgiving in the month of November in each calendar year at a tax rate of three and one-half percent (3.5%).) {LC274/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5242**

**BY** Lombardi, Corvese, Ucci, Regunberg, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

HOUSING RESOURCES -- HOMELESS SHELTERS (Establishes a homeless shelter standards commission.) {LC839/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5243**

**BY** Amore

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Gregg Amore to join Michael Anthony Silva and Marisa Martinez in marriage on or about July 25, 2015, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC712/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5244**

**BY** Amore, Lombardi, O'Brien, McKiernan, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMBLING AND

LOTTERIES (Permits social gaming at certain locations where gambling is incidental to a bona fide friendship and only players of the game would receive anything of value.) {LC803/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5245**

**BY** Nardolillo, Edwards, Serpa, Ucci, Amore

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CRIMINAL

TRANSMISSION OF HIV (Creates a criminal offense for knowingly transmitting HIV to another person.) {LC753/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5246****BY** Corvese, Ucci, Lombardi, Edwards, Melo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - GENERAL STATE OFFICERS

(Enables the general assembly in grand committee to fill a vacancy in the office of the lieutenant governor.) {LC543/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5247****BY** Morgan, Chippendale, Giarrusso, Nardolillo, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE

IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS (Provides that no party would be deemed jointly liable in tort for an injury to person or property unless it is determined that such person is at least fifty-one percent (51%) liable in tort for the injury.) {LC422/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5248****BY** Morgan, Chippendale, Giarrusso, Nardolillo, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE

IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - CONTRIBUTIONS AMONG JOINT TORTFEASORS

(Requires that a tortfeasor's share of a judgment be borne by all parties to the action in accordance with their pro rata share of culpability whenever a tortfeasor is found to be unable to satisfy their share.) {LC433/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5249****BY** Morgan, Lancia, Reilly, Giarrusso, Nardolillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT

(Requires retailers to examine a photo id to verify that a buyer presenting an EBT card is entitled to use the card. It further provides that a retailer who neglects to perform such verification shall be suspended from the program for 1 month.) {LC420/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5250****BY** Morgan, Reilly, Giarrusso, Nardolillo, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT

(Prohibits eligible recipients of direct cash assistance from using said funds to purchase alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets, or tobacco products.) {LC525/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5251****BY** Diaz, Reilly, O'Brien, McKiernan, Almeida**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT

SYSTEM (Allows classified employee to be a candidate for elective state office.) {LC725/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5252****BY** Maldonado, Hearn**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES -- BARRINGTON (Changes the real property tax exemption for St. Andrew's School to five (5) acres.) {LC305/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 5253****BY** Hearn, Malik**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- LICENSES GENERALLY (Removes the prohibition of the town of Barrington from issuing Class A licenses.) {LC307/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 5254****BY** Malik, Hearn**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON (Ratifies and confirms November 4, 2014, amendments to the Barrington Home Rule Charter approved by the electors.) {LC306/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 5255****BY** Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - SEWAGE CHARGES (Authorizes municipal sewer systems to service/maintain lines in bordering city/town with no legal liability or agreement.) {LC729/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 5256****BY** Phillips, Newberry, Casey, Serpa, Reilly**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Prohibits smoking in any area including dwelling units of any building owned or operated by a city or town housing authority.) {LC38/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 5257****BY** Slater, Trillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - HARBORS AND HARBOR LINES (Establishes an order of priority for persons applying for moorings, and would create a fee schedule for moorings.) {LC733/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Resolution No. 5258****BY** Azzinaro, DeSimone, Corvese, Edwards, Marshall**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2015 AND 2016 {LC885/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Bill No. 5259**

**BY** Morin, Casey, Phillips, Ackerman, Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- BUDGET COMMISSIONS (Subjects budget commissions to chapter 46 of title 42 of the general laws, "Open Meetings" in its entirety.) {LC764/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5260**

**BY** McLaughlin, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Provides sales/use tax holiday on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday after Thanksgiving in each calendar year.) {LC195/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5261**

**BY** Ucci, Winfield, Corvese, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Allows bake sales to be held on election days at polling places.) {LC637/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5262**

**BY** Winfield, Casey, Costantino, Hull, Morin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY (Authorizes state fire marshals to prohibit public adjusters from physical presence on and solicitation or inspection of the premises under investigation until twenty-four (24) hours after control of the premises is released to its owner or occupant.) {LC805/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5263**

**BY** Diaz, Fellela, Carnevale, Almeida, Regunberg

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND AUTOMOBILE REPOSSESSION ACT (Imposes a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine for violations of the act after a hearing and conviction by the motor vehicle dealers' license and hearing board.) {LC328/1}

01/29/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Representative Gallison, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Resolution No. 5007****BY** O`Grady, Amore, O'Brien, Regunberg, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ASSESS RHODE ISLAND'S "FAIR FUNDING FORMULA" {LC252/1}

01/29/2015 Placed on House Calendar (02/04/2015)

**House Bill No. 5008****BY** Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TO PURCHASE 138 NARRAGANSETT AVENUE IN SAID TOWN AND TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND RENOVATION THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,500,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR {LC287/1}

01/29/2015 Placed on House Calendar (02/04/2015)

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 6 SUB A****BY** O`Neill, Cote, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD (Ratifies the 2014 amendment to the North Smithfield town charter and would provide for the town charter's amendment to be applicable to state law relative to school committee composition, election and terms of members.) {LC327/A/1}

01/29/2015 Placed on House Calendar (02/03/2015)

**Senate Bill No. 141****BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF OSCAR GLIEBERMAN, M.D., A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION {LC626/1}

01/29/2015 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Resolution No. 142****BY** Picard, Crowley, Cote, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, ENHANCING BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS, AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY {LC673/1}

01/29/2015 Referred to House Corporations

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:56 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representatives Ucci and Slater, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Lucy A. Colarusso; on motion of Representative Ruggiero, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Rosemarie Corrente; on motion of Representatives Lancia and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Raymond Butterfield II; on motion of Representative Hearn, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Vincent Arico; on motion of Representatives Casey and Morin, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Marc A. Freuh; on motion of Representative Amore, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Corey Agin seconded by Leaders DeSimone and Newberry and Representative Trillo the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Linda M. McElroy**  
Recording Clerk



**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE TERESA A. TANZI**

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

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2015:**

- 1. 2015-H 5004 SUB A**  
**BY** Newberry  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD

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

- 2. 2015-S 6 SUB A**  
**BY** O`Neill  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2015:**

- 1. 2015-H 5007**  
**BY** O`Grady  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ASSESS RHODE ISLAND'S "FAIR FUNDING FORMULA "

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

- 2. 2015-H 5008**  
**BY** Ruggiero  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TO PURCHASE 138 NARRAGANSETT AVENUE IN SAID TOWN AND TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND RENOVATION THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,500,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Thursday, January 29, 2015**

**APPENDIX**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2015:**

- 1. 2015-H 5048**  
**BY** Malik  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 2. 2015-H 5049**  
**BY** Handy  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 3. 2015-H 5050**  
**BY** Ruggiero  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 4. 2015-H 5072**  
**BY** Abney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 5. 2015-H 5073**  
**BY** Canario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Thursday, January 29, 2015**