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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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Fiftieth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, May 20, 2015 and is called to order at 4:23 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 3 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** - 71: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield

**ABSENT** – 3: Representatives Carnevale, DeSimone, O'Grady,

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Winfield 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 19, 2015 is approved.

**RULE 7D****The following bills were announced pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Lima-An Act relating to Pawn Shops Holdings of Precious Metals

Representative Shekarchi-An Act relating to Jobs Incentive

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 6217**

**BY** Nardolillo, McNamara, Williams, Shekarchi, Lancia

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY (Requires that effective August 1, 2015, all school buses purchased for use in the state be equipped with seat belt assemblies for each passenger and operator seat. Also requires mandatory safety belt use by the school bus operator and each passenger.) {LC2709/1}

05/20/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 6218**

**BY** McLaughlin, Barros, MacBeth, Shekarchi, Maldonado

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits an insurer/health care entity from requiring pre-authorization and/or co-payments for certain medical testing prescribed by a physician where the physician determines there is an immediate, substantial and imminent threat to the person's health.) {LC2698/1}

05/20/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6219**

**BY** Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE RHODE ISLAND COMMODORES {LC2723/1}

05/20/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6220**

**BY** Azzinaro, Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Robert Elmer to join Jennifer Maria Loving and Robert Mann Williams in marriage on or about July 30, 2015, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.) {LC2721/1}

05/20/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 789**

(State Police)

**BY** Archambault, Coyne, Lombardi, Conley, McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS (Makes parking at any place where official signs prohibit parking subject to a fine of eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) {LC1795/1}

05/20/2015 Referred to House Judiciary

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015:**

**2. 2015-H 5686**

**BY** Naughton

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STROKE CARE CENTERS

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

Representative McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Bennett.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT**

**TO**

2015 -- H 5686

AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STROKE CARE CENTERS

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2015 -- H 5686, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STROKE CARE CENTERS", as follows:

- 1. On page 3, line 2, by inserting the language "comprehensive or" after the word "for".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative McNamara

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LC001628/2  
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The motion to amend 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, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**1. 2015-H 5950**  
**BY Keable**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Representative Keable moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Johnston, Edwards, Solomon, Coughlin, Abney, Blazejewski, Corvese, Ruggiero, Maldonado, Fogarty, Craven, and Reilly.

Representatives Newberry and Keable discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Chippendale,

Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 1: Representative McLaughlin.

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2015-H 6146**

**BY** Diaz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - ABANDONED PROPERTY

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

Representative Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Diaz, Slater, Hull, Bennett, Almeida, McKiernan, Carson, Abney, Marshall, and Ackerman.

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, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**4. 2015-S 393**

**BY** Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING NEW BUILDINGS

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage in concurrence.

Representative McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Tanzi and Fogarty.

Representatives Trillo and McNamara discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Costa, Trillo.

RECUSED - 0:

**5. 2015-S 394**

**BY** Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - RENAMING THE INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM HOUSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage in concurrence.

Representative McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Fogarty, Bennett, Abney, McLaughlin, and Tanzi.

Representatives Trillo and McNamara discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Malik, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Costa, Trillo.

RECUSED - 0:

**GUESTS**

Representative Carson welcomes Jan Slee and Charlene Rich from Rhody Light Houses to the House as guests.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 6221**

**BY** Carson, Ruggiero, Handy

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMENDING JAN SLEE, RHODYLIGHTS, AND THE MYRIAD VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRIBUTORS FOR THEIR BOUNDLESS EFFORTS TO PRESERVE RHODE ISLAND'S LIGHTHOUSES {LC2733/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Carson seconded by Representatives Ruggiero, Tanzi, Abney, Bennett, Azzinaro, Kazarian, and Fogarty, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representative Serpa announces that the Committee on Small Business will meet at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 6222**

**BY** Mattiello, Ucci, Edwards, Newberry, Blazejewski

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF JAMES J. SKEFFINGTON, SR. {LC2738/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Ucci seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Abney, Newberry, Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Solomon, Trillo, Giarrusso, Reilly, Phillips, Barros, Edwards, Azzinaro, Maldonado, Fogarty, Marshall, Palangio, Canario, Lombardi, Craven, McKiernan, O'Brien, Williams, and Naughton, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### GUESTS

Representative Diaz welcomes to the House Chamber as guests Boy's and Girl's Club Youth of the Year recipients. Representative Melo and on behalf of Representatives Amore Kazarian and Hearn congratulates Rossana Lopes-East Providence; Representative Phillips and on behalf of Representatives Morin and Casey congratulate Yvette Armstrong-Woonsocket; Representative Blazejewski and on behalf of the Providence delegation congratulates Keeyarah Robinson-Rodriguez-Providence; Representative Messier and on behalf of the Pawtucket delegation congratulates Sean Richardson-Pawtucket; Representative Abney and on behalf of the Newport delegation congratulates Jennifer Ruiz-Newport County; Representative McLaughlin and on behalf of Representatives MacBeth and Ackerman congratulates Raeqwong Roberts-Cumberland/Lincoln; Representative Bennett and on behalf of the Warwick delegation congratulates Dashawn Howland-Warwick. Representative Diaz also welcomes Mike Traves, Gary Rebello, Erin Gilliatt, Bill Brisht, Joe Pratt, Joe Fleming and Joan Panichas Milas.

Speaker Mattiello along with Representative Abney and on behalf of Representative Carson welcome Joe Pratt to the House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Resolution No. 6223**

**BY** Diaz, Slater, Hull, Messier, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF RHODE ISLAND YOUTH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM {LC2702/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Diaz seconded by Representatives Slater, Hull, Messier, Bennett, Reilly and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Azzinaro announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.



Speaker Mattiello and Representative Edwards wish Leader Newberry and his wife, Beth a Happy “21<sup>st</sup>” Anniversary, tomorrow.

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

### 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 5:02 o’clock P.M. on motion of Representative Serpa, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Michael Kelley; on motion of Representative O’Brien, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Paul Vorro; on motion of Representative Ucci and as a further mark of respect to the memory of James Skeffington, Jr.; on motion of Representative Edwards, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Richard M. Vars; seconded by Senior Deputy Majority Leader Marshall and Leader Newberry the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Linda M. McElroy**  
Recording Clerk

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS J. WINFIELD**

Dear God: Help us to rely upon you and to hear your voice within. When so many demand our attention, let us rely on your strength when we are overwhelmed. Amen.

## APPENDIX

## CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015:

1. **2015-H 6179**  
**BY** Kennedy  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS REGULATION  
  
Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
2. **2015-H 5898 SUB A**  
**BY** Winfield  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -  
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - GENERAL PROVISIONS  
  
Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and  
passage of Substitute A.
3. **2015-H 5068 SUB A**  
**BY** Fellela  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - COMPUTER  
CRIME  
  
Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and  
passage of Substitute A.
4. **2015-S 830**  
**BY** Paiva Weed  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE  
HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT  
  
Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.
5. **2015-S 796**  
**BY** Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs recommends passage in concurrence.

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015:**

**1. 2015-H 5426 SUB A**

**BY** Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - RHODE ISLAND WELL DRILLING CONTRACTORS LICENSING LAW

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

**2. 2015-H 5977**

**BY** Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - DRILLING OF DRINKING WATER WELLS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Wednesday, May 20, 2015**

**APPENDIX****TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR****Senate Bill No. 393**

**BY** Sosnowski, Jabour, Felag, McCaffrey, Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING NEW BUILDINGS (Names the new center for Chemical and Forensic Sciences at the University of Rhode Island the "The Richard E. Beaupre Center for Chemical and Forensic Sciences.") {LC1554/1}

05/20/2015 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 394**

**BY** Sosnowski, Jabour, Walaska, McCaffrey, Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - RENAMING THE INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM HOUSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (Names the International Engineering Program House located at the University of Rhode Island, the "John Grandin IEP House.") {LC1555/1}

05/20/2015 Transmitted to Governor