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**-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 first day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and nineteen.**

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Fortieth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, April 23, 2019 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 69 members present and 6 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 69 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 6: Representatives Almeida, Carson, Lima, McKiernan, Price, Tobon.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Millea 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 Thursday, April 11, 2019, is approved.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Joseph Almeida is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

Representative Justin Price is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

Representative Lauren H. Carson is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

## CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-H 5769**  
**BY** Blazejewski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LOCAL OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Small Business recommends passage.

Chairman Amore moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Solomon, Casimiro, Kazarian, Barros, Tanzi, Jackson, McNamara, Kislak, Diaz, Slater, Bennett, Ajello, Walsh, Cortvriend, Cassar, Costantino, Abney, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Ackerman, Serodio, Ruggiero, Hawkins, Phillips, Speakman, Casey, Williams, and O'Brien.

By unanimous consent, Representative Blazejewski seconded by Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Johnston and Amore offers a written motion to amend.

**AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LOCAL OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY ACT**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2019 -- H 5769, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LOCAL OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY ACT", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 14, by deleting the language "U.S.C.A.", and by inserting in place thereof the language "U.S.C.".

2. On page 2, line 2, by deleting the language "U.S.C.A.", and by inserting in place thereof the language "U.S.C.".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Blazejewski

Representative Blazejewski discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Leader Filippi discusses the act, as amended.

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Filippi, Nardone, Newberry, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2019-H 5539**

**BY Shekarchi**

**ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP STATEWIDE SEPSIS PROTOCOLS**

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the resolution, seconded by Representatives Lyle, Fellela, Messier, Shanley, Casimiro, Kazarian, Solomon, Johnston, Corvese, McLaughlin, Jackson, Diaz, Bennett, Walsh, Ajello, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Canario, Cassar, Costantino, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Abney, Donovan, Ackerman, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Noret, Serodio, Amore, Barros, Marszalkowski, Ruggiero, Hawkins, Caldwell, McEntee, Craven, Millea, Speakman, O'Brien, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Morin, and Casey.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### GUEST

Leader Shekarchi welcomes to the House as a guest Alaina Charette who lost her daughter due to Sepsis.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### CALENDAR

Leader Shekarchi, Representative McLaughlin and Speaker Mattiello discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### 3. 2019-H 5772

BY McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF AMARAL & ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Johnston, Maldonado, and McNamara.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**4. 2019-H 5147 SUB A**

**BY** Phillips

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES -- SPECIAL PLATE FOR MASONIC GRAND LODGE  
CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND

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

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Corvese, Phillips, Hawkins, Leader Shekarchi, and Representative Solomon.

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, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**5. 2019-H 5437 SUB A**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -  
ARBITRATION - CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS

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

Chairman Williams moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Bennett, Edwards, Jackson, McNamara, McLaughlin, Tanzi, Shanley, Barros, Maldonado, Casimiro, Casey, Solomon, Johnston, Blazejewski, Ajello, Abney, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Noret, Serodio, Amore, Caldwell, McEntee, Speakman, Millea, O'Brien, Vella-Wilkinson, Morin, Ucci, Fogarty, Hull, Lombardi, and Diaz.

Representatives Newberry, Knight, Chippendale, McLaughlin, Nardone, Leader Filippi, Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Place, Cortvriend, Leader Shekarchi, and Representative Amore discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Noret, O'Brien, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Chippendale, Filippi, Nardone, Newberry, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

### **NOW PRESIDING**

At 5:15 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Mattiello yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Temp Kennedy.

### **RULE 7D**

#### **The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Serpa -An Act relating to Human Services-Long Term Care Services and Finance Reform

An Act relating to Rhode Island Health Information Exchange Act of 2008

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Jacquard announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House.

Representative Fellela wishes her son, Kyle a Happy "32<sup>nd</sup>" Birthday. Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy also wishes Kyle a Happy Birthday.

Leader Shekarchi reminds members that the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network will host its annual "Day at the State House" tomorrow at 3 PM in the State Room. Representative David Bennett will represent the House and speak about his efforts in quitting smoking. He has been without a cigarette for 101 days! Leader Shekarchi congratulates Representative Bennett.

## NEW BUSINESS

**House Resolution No. 6008****BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2474/1}

Majority Leader Shekarchi request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi seconded by Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6009****BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2473/1}

Majority Leader Shekarchi request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi seconded by Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 6010****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Morin, Jackson, Carson**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 84TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS (DAV) DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1969/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson seconded by Representatives Williams, Morin, Jackson, Corvese, Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi, and Representative Kennedy by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

Representative Maldonado welcomes to the House Chamber her sister, Karen Doucet and her family, Lilliana and Samuel Doucet.

**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 5:23 o'clock P.M on motion of Representative Alzate and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Raymond Corderre; on motion of Representative Fellela, and on behalf of the Johnston delegation ,as a further mark of respect to the memory of Janice Mele; on motion of Representative Ucci, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Nicholas Ricci; and Retired Johnston Battalion Fire Chief Vincent Crosby seconded by Majority Whip Edwards and Minority Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTOPHER T. MILLEA**

Dear Lord: We ask today that you help all those suffering from the attacks in Sri Lanka. We pray that you send your healing spirit to all the innocent victims and their families. Finally we pray you find a way to help end these senseless tragedies. Amen.

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019:**

1.     **2019-H 5538**  
      **BY** Mattiello  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS  
  
      Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.
  
2.     **2019-H 5184**  
      **BY** Caldwell  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
      PHARMACIES  
  
      Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
  
3.     **2019-S 222**  
      **BY** Paolino  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD  
  
      Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019:**

1.     **2019-H 5322**  
      **BY** Marszalkowski  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - FOOD DONATIONS  
  
      Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.
  
2.     **2019-H 5035 SUB A**  
      **BY** Carson  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
      REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES  
  
      Committee on Special Legislation recommends indefinite postponement of the original  
      bill and passage of Substitute A.

- 3. 2019-S 630**  
**BY Crowley**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE**  
**HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Tuesday April 23, 2019**