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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 second day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and seven.

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Twenty-seventh Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, March 20, 2007 and is called to order at 4:17 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable William J. Murphy, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 68 members present and 7 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT - 68:** The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Ajello, Almeida, Amaral, Baldelli-Hunt, Caprio, Carter, Church, Coderre, Corvese, Costantino, DeSimone, Diaz, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Flaherty, Fox, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Gorham, Handy, Jackson, Jacquard, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lewiss, Lima, Loughlin, Malik, Mattiello, McCauley, McManus, McNamara, Melo, Menard, Moffitt, Mumford, Naughton, O'Neill, Pacheco, Palumbo, Petrarca, Picard, Rice, Rose, San Bento, Savage, Schadone, Scott, Segal, Serpa, Shanley, Silva, Singleton, Slater, Smith, Story, Sullivan, Trillo, Ucci, Vaudreuil, Walsh, Wasylyk, Williamson, Winfield.

**ABSENT - 7:** Representatives Brien, Crowley, Dennigan, Ginaitt, Long, Watson, Williams.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Gallison 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, March 15, 2007 is approved as printed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Jon Brien is out of the country and will be unable to attend session Tuesday, March 20 through Thursday, March 22, 2007.

Representative Peter Ginaitt is out of the country and will be unable to attend session Tuesday, March 20 and Wednesday, March 21, 2007.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE****COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

**Senate Resolution No. 16**

**BY** Ciccone, Maselli, Algieri, Levesque C, Bates

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS (Tomas E. Ramirez) {LC276/1}

03/20/2007 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 9**

**BY** Paiva-Weed, Jabour, Alves, Goodwin, Perry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (codify the present policy of the division of taxation that in determining the domicile of a taxpayer, charitable contributions to Rhode Island organizations shall not be considered) {LC229/1}

03/20/2007 Placed on House Calendar

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 6166** (Attorney General)

**BY** Naughton, Fellela, Serpa, Kilmartin, San Bento

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC2525/1}

03/20/2007 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 6167**

**BY** Fellela, Ucci, Walsh, Church

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC2618/1}

03/20/2007 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 6168**

**BY** McCauley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE RHODE ISLAND INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC1315/1}

03/20/2007 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 6169****BY** Church, Fellela, Vaudreuil, Naughton, Winfield**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES  
GENERALLY {LC2623/1}

03/20/2007 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 6170****BY** Vaudreuil, Silva**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE  
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS {LC2643/1}

03/20/2007 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Resolution No. 6171****BY** Fox, Gorham**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2677/1}

Representative Fox requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Fox seconded by Representative Gorham by  
unanimous consent, on a voice vote.**House Resolution No. 6172****BY** Fox, Gorham**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2676/1}

Representative Fox requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Fox seconded by Representative Gorham by  
unanimous consent, on a rising vote.**House Bill No. 6173****BY** Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE  
CHARTER OF SURPRISE - WOOLHOUSE POST HOME ASSOCIATION {LC2673/1}

Representative Ucci requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Ucci seconded by Representative Coderre on a  
roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as  
follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Ajello, Almeida, Amaral, Baldelli-Hunt, Carter, Church, Coderre, Corvese, Costantino, Diaz, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Flaherty, Fox, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Gorham, Handy, Jackson, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lewiss, Lima, Loughlin, Malik, Mattiello, McCauley, McNamara, Melo, Moffitt, Mumford, Naughton, O'Neill, Pacheco, Petrarca, Picard, Rice, Rose, San Bento, Savage, Schadone, Scott, Segal, Serpa, Shanley, Silva, Singleton, Slater, Story, Sullivan, Ucci, Vaudreuil, Walsh, Williamson.

NAYS - 0.

**House Resolution No. 6174**

**BY** Shanley, Naughton, Scott, Carter, Caprio D

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE FIRST SATURDAY OF JUNE TO BE "TICK CONTROL AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2666/1}

Representative Shanley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Shanley seconded by Representatives Naughton, Scott, Caprio and Walsh by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6175**

**BY** Lima, Gallison, Melo, Moffitt

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE AND AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE ISSUE OF LICENSING BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS {LC2598/1}

Representative Lima requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Lima seconded by Representatives Gallison, McNamara, Moffitt, Diaz, Melo, Giannini, Mumford, Gemma by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

**RULE 17****The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 17:**

Representative Naughton-An Act relating to Education.

Representative Vaudreuil-An Act relating to Central Falls

Representative Fellela-An Act relating to Education

Representative McCauley-An Act relating to Education

Representative Church-An Act relating to Taxation

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Representative Schadone announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 205 of the State House.

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

**CONDOLENCES**

Representative Gorham and Majority Leader Fox extend condolences to Minority Leader Watson and his family on the passing of his father Robert W. Watson.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:33 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Gorham, Majority Leader Fox, and the entire House of Representatives and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Robert W. Watson, father of Minority Leader Robert A. Watson; on motion of Representatives McNamara and Carter, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Robert E. Evans; on motion of Representative Giannini and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Rose Taborelli; on motion of Representative Amaral, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Henry Guillette and Julliete Cantin; on motion of Representative Church, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Geraldine Chrisman; seconded by Representatives Kilmartin and Mumford the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Linda M. McElroy**  
**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE RAYMOND E. GALLISON, JR.**

Lord may it be Thy will, not our own, which governs our deliberations this day. Amen

## APPENDIX

## CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007:

**1 2007-H 6156****BY Lima****ENTITLED,** HOUSE RESOLUTION OPPOSING LINCOLN PARK'S DECISION TO NOT ALLOW RIPTA TO TRANSPORT THEIR RIDERS INTO LINCOLN PARK

Ordered on the Calendar

**2 2007-S 92****BY Sosnowski****ENTITLED,** AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

**3 2007-S 135****BY Algieri****ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN TO FINANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVES IN THE TOWN CONSISTENT WITH THE APPROVED CHARLESTOWN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

## IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2007:

**1 2007-S 16****BY Ciccone****ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

**2 2007-S 9****BY Paiva-Weed****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis P. McCabe**  
**Clerk of the House**