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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 fifth day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen.

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Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Sixteenth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, February 9, 2016 and is called to order at 4:38 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 70: 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, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Marcello, Marshall, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Naughton, Newberry, O'Brien, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Fogarty, Malik, Nunes, O'Grady, Reilly.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Abney 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, February 4, 2016, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Jan P. Malik is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

Representative Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 9, 2016

CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2016:

1. **2016-H 7337**
 BY Ruggiero
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2016-H 7338**
 BY Azzinaro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. **2016-H 7339**
 BY McNamara
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. **2016-H 7393**
 BY Regunberg
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader DeSimone, seconded by Minority Leader Newberry, 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, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carnevale, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lima, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Marcello, Marshall, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Naughton, Newberry, O'Brien, Palangio, Phillips, Price,

Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Trillo, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2016:

1. 2016-H 7223

BY Melo

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF EAST PROVIDENCE TOWING INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Representative Kennedy moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Melo, Casey, Tobon, Barros, and Coughlin.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2016-H 7024

BY Regunberg

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - REGISTRATIONS OF VOTERS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Representative Keable moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Corvese, Bennett, Diaz, Hull, McLaughlin, Morin, Melo, Tobon, Barros, Abney, Kazarian, Coughlin, Solomon, Edwards,

Johnston, Casey, Blazejewski, Ajello, Hearn, Kennedy, Maldonado, Ackerman, Amore, Palangio, Lombardi, Handy, Almeida, Tanzi, Ruggiero, Carson, McEntee, Craven, Marshall, and Williams.

Representatives Giarrusso, Keable, Corvese, Filippi, and Regunberg discuss the act.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Kennedy announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the Room 101 of the State House.

GUESTS

Representative Canario welcomes to the House Chamber as guests Elizabeth Guardia from the RI Coalition of GMO Labeling and Tara Cook Littman founder for Citizens of GMO Labeling.

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 7506

BY DeSimone, Newberry

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC4713/1}

Leader DeSimone requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Leader DeSimone seconded by Leader Newberry by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 7507

BY DeSimone, Newberry

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES {LC4714/1}

Leader DeSimone requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Diaz announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet today, after the Leadership meeting, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Representative Gallison announces that the House fiscal staff has finished “Budget at a 2nd Glance” and everyone should have received a copy also the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 7508

BY Gallison, Marshall, Reilly

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ROBERT MARTIN, CHIEF OF THE BRISTOL FIRE DEPARTMENT, ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MANY YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF BRISTOL {LC4468/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority,

Representative Gallison requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Gallison seconded by Representative Marshall by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Leader DeSimone announces session will convene tomorrow at 3:00 o'clock P.M., one hour earlier to take up road work legislation, also the deadline for House Public Bill Introduction has been extended to Tuesday, February 23rd, all bills after that date are subject to Rule 7D.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:58 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representatives Chippendale and Winfield, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Carol Danti-King; on motion of Representative Lima, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Josephine Pietrunti; on motion of Representative Ucci and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John Furia; on motion of Representative Giarrusso, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of James. N. Rinaldi; seconded by Majority Leader DeSimone and Minority Leader Newberry the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE MARVIN L. ABNEY**

Dear Lord: Black History is American history. Let us dedicate today's session in honor of Elizabeth Betters, a young black women on her way to church in New York in 1850's. Violently thrown off the public transportation carriage, she refused to suffer this indignity. Her struggle resulted in the integration of public transportation in New York. We pray that we remember to always honor those whose courage in the face of injustice has made America a better place for all. Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016 AT 3:00 P.M.

1. 2016-H 7224

BY Melo

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF EAST PROVIDENCE PROPERTIES, LLC

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. 2016-H 7409 SUB A

BY DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FUND -- TOLLS

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

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016:

1. 2016-H 7323

BY Regunberg

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MIRDESI AND COMPANY CORPORATION

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. 2016-H 7278

BY Carson

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY METHODS FOR GROWING TOURISM IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND THROUGH COORDINATED BRANDING AND MARKETING EFFORTS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Tuesday, February 09, 2016