

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

JOURNAL **-OF THE-** **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the third day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve.

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Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Twenty-third Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, February 29, 2012 and is called to order at 4:26 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Gordon D. Fox, 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 Fox and Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Bennett, Blazejewski, Brien, Carnevale, Cimini, Corvese, Costa, DaSilva, DeSimone, Diaz, Dickinson, Edwards, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Flaherty, Gallison, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Keable, Kennedy, Lally, Lima, MacBeth, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McCauley, McLaughlin, McNamara, Medina, Melo, Menard, Messier, Morgan, Morrison, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Grady, Palumbo, Petrarca, Phillips, Reilly, Ruggiero, San Bento, Savage, Schadone, Serpa, Silva, Slater, Tanzi, Tarro, Tomasso, Trillo, Ucci, Valencia, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

ABSENT - 5: Representatives Chippendale, Coderre, Gordon, O'Neill, Watson.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Savage 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, February 28, 2012 is approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Representative Melo, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7543

BY Jackson, Martin, Reilly, Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
AUTHORIZING STATE-OPERATED CASINO GAMING AT NEWPORT GRAND
SUBJECT TO STATEWIDE AND LOCAL VOTER APPROVAL (would approve casino
gaming at Newport Grand subject to the approval of the qualified electors of the state and the
city of Newport at the next general election.) {LC1606/1}

02/29/2012 Placed on House Calendar

AT EASE

At 4:28 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Fox declares the House to be at ease.

ORDER

At 4:32 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Fox calls the House to order.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012:**1. 2012-H 7407**

BY Nunes

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - HOME
INSPECTORS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Representative Kennedy moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Walsh and Keable.

Representatives Lima and Newberry discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Fox and Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Bennett, Blazejewski, Brien, Carnevale, Cimini, Corvese, Costa, DaSilva, Diaz, Dickinson, Edwards, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Flaherty, Gallison, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Keable, Kennedy, Lally, Lima, MacBeth, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McCauley, McLaughlin, McNamara, Medina, Melo, Menard, Messier, Morgan, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Grady, Palumbo, Petrarca, Phillips, Reilly, Ruggiero, San Bento, Savage, Schadone, Serpa, Silva, Slater, Tanzi, Tarro, Tomasso, Trillo, Valencia, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0.

2. 2012-H 7287 SUB A

BY Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Representative McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Naughton, Diaz, Slater, Azzinaro, McLaughlin, Bennett, Savage, Tomasso, Cimini, Ajello, Serpa, Ruggiero, Williams and Lima.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 59 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 59: The Honorable Speaker Fox and Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Bennett, Blazejewski, Brien, Cimini, Corvese, DaSilva, Diaz, Dickinson, Edwards, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Flaherty, Gallison, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Keable, Kennedy, Lally, Lima, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McCauley, McNamara, Medina, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Naughton, Nunes, O'Grady, Palumbo, Petrarca, Phillips, Reilly, Ruggiero, San Bento, Savage, Schadone, Serpa, Slater, Tanzi, Tarro, Tomasso, Valencia, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Costa, MacBeth, Menard, Newberry, Trillo.

TRANSMITTAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Representative Ajello announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 313 of the State House.

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.

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

Representative Tomasso extends a thank you to the 3rd grade class and teachers at Hopkins Hill Elementary School.

GUESTS

Representative McNamara welcomes to the House Chamber as guests actor, James Woods; Sandra Colletta, CEO Kent County Hospital and Dr. Nictin Damle.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:42 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Mattiello seconded by Representative Newberry the House adjourns, on a voice vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE JOHN A. SAVAGE**

Dear God, Almighty Father, we ask Your blessing upon us today. Bless us individually and bless us collectively. Lead us and guide us in all that we do. Help us to make our decisions the correct ones for the people of Rhode Island.

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 01, 2012:**

1. **2012-H 7361**
 BY Keable
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

 Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
2. **2012-H 7066 SUB A**
 BY Gallison
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - REGULATION
 OF SALES

 Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill
 and passage of Substitute A.
3. **2012-H 7477**
 BY Kennedy
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - LOW AND
 MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

 Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 06, 2012:

1. **2012-H 7231**
 BY Slater
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES -- PRODUCE
 SCALES IN MARKETS

 Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
2. **2012-H 7543**
 BY Jackson
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
 AUTHORIZING STATE-OPERATED CASINO GAMING AT NEWPORT GRAND
 SUBJECT TO STATEWIDE AND LOCAL VOTER APPROVAL

 Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 01, 2012:

- 1. 2012-H 7549**
BY Ucci
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 2. 2012-H 7552**
BY Gallison
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 3. 2012-H 7553**
BY Gallison
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 4. 2012-H 7607**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 5. 2012-H 7609**
BY Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Tuesday, February 28, 2012