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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.

Volume 139, No. 39 Thursday, April 5, 2012 Thirty-ninth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, April 5, 2012 and is called to order at 4:21 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Gordon D. Fox, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 71 members present and 4 members absent as follows:

PRESENT - 71: The Honorable Speaker Fox and Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Bennett, Blazejewski, Brien, Carnevale, Chippendale, Cimini, Coderre, Costa, DaSilva, DeSimone, Diaz, Dickinson, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Flaherty, Gordon, 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, O'Neill, Palumbo, Petrarca, Phillips, Reilly, Ruggiero, Savage, Schadone, Serpa, Silva, Slater, Tanzi, Tarro, Tomasso, Trillo, Ucci, Valencia, Walsh, Watson, Williams, Winfield.

ABSENT - 4: Representatives Corvese, Edwards, Gallison, San Bento.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Gordon 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 Wednesday, April 4, 2012 is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be informed that Representative Jay Edwards will be unable to attend session today.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Representative Handy, for the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

Senate Bill No. 2611 SUB A
(DEM)
BY Sosnowski, Walaska, McCaffrey, Felag, Sheehan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY - THE RHODE ISLAND LOCAL AGRICULTURE AND SEAFOOD ACT (would direct the department of environmental management would establish the local agriculture and seafood small grants and technical assistance program) {LC1920/A/1}
04/05/2012 Placed on House Calendar

Senate Bill No. 2619
(DEM)
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (would promote the efficient function of DEM by removing DEM from membership on the state board of examiners of landscape architects and repealing the chemical purchasing act regarding the administration of chemical purchasing licenses) {LC1532/1}
04/05/2012 Placed on House Calendar

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Representative Brien, for the Committee on Municipal Government, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7047
BY Corvese, Schadone, San Bento, Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE (would amend N. Prov. Town Charter by changing town council meetings to 7 PM, allowing for notices of meetings to be sent via electronic transmission & requiring that notices of all reg. & special meetings to be given pursuant to the RI Open Meeting) {LC139/1}
04/05/2012 Placed on House Calendar

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 8048
BY Keable, Hull, Silva, Slater, Guthrie
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER WELLNESS ACT {LC2350/1}
04/05/2012 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 8049
BY Hearn, Fox, DaSilva, Ferri, McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - KINDERGARTEN {LC2259/1}
04/05/2012 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8050
(General Treasurer)
BY Martin, Ucci
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCES -- STATE INVESTMENTS--NORTHERN IRELAND {LC2341/1}
04/05/2012 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8051
BY Blazejewski, Ucci, Petrarca, Bennett, Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT--JOB STIMULUS INCENTIVES {LC2064/1}
04/05/2012 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8052
BY Lima, Messier, Phillips, Fellela, Guthrie
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT {LC2371/1}
04/05/2012 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8053
BY Ferri
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC2380/1}
04/05/2012 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 8054
BY Ferri
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC2379/1}
04/05/2012 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Resolution No. 2853
BY Bates, Gallo
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION OF THE KARLA HARRY COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES IN RHODE ISLAND {LC2369/1}
04/05/2012 Placed on House Calendar

Senate Bill No. 2789
BY Sosnowski, Felag, McCaffrey, Walaska, Bates
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON COASTAL RESOURCES (would establish a permanent joint legislative committee to provide oversight of the coastal resources management council and the department of environmental management.) {LC2191/1}
04/05/2012 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 2677
BY Jabour
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURES - CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION {LC1768/1}
04/05/2012 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2199
BY Ottiano, Felag, DiPalma, Bates, Algiere
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX - ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTS DISTRICT (would establish a new arts district within the town of Bristol for purposes of the tax exemption provided to writers, composers, and other artists.) {LC647/1}
04/05/2012 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2772
(State Police)
BY Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - SEARCH WARRANTS (would enable a member of law enforcement serving on a statewide task force to obtain a warrant based upon his complaint to a qualified law enforcement officer.) {LC1973/1}
04/05/2012 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2681
BY McCaffrey, Lynch
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS -

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL TENURE AND DISCIPLINE {LC1966/1}
04/05/2012 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2672
(State Police)
BY Gallo, Goodwin, Lanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE {LC1925/1}
04/05/2012 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2487
BY McCaffrey, Lynch
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - ARREST {LC744/1}
04/05/2012 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2776
BY Paiva Weed, Gallo, Goodwin, Perry, Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (would empower the division of motor vehicles to make available special design motor vehicle plates based upon the Gloria Gemma breast cancer resource foundation.) {LC1774/1}
04/05/2012 Referred to House Municipal Government

Senate Bill No. 2605
BY Gallo, Miller, DiPalma, Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - SMALL DISABILITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (would focus the disability business enterprise program to assisting small businesses owned by persons with disabilities) {LC1616/1}
04/05/2012 Referred to House Committee on Small Business

Senate Resolution No. 2382 SUB A
BY Kettle, Picard, Algiere, Lynch, Goodwin
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUANCE OF GOLD STAR FAMILY LICENSE PLATES (would provide for the issuance of a gold star family license plate for family members of servicemen and servicewomen who died while on active duty.) {LC589/A/1}
04/05/2012 Referred to House Veterans Affairs

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 05, 2012:

STATE OF RHODE ISLANDAND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL 36-14-6

I, Patricia A. Serpa, State Representative, District 27, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative, to participate in the consideration of, and to vote upon: 12H 7882

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter:
I am employed by an entity that has a contractual relationship of the Secretary of States Office.

3. (Complete and (A.) or (B.) and cross out whichever does not apply
B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

PATRICIA SERPA
REPRESENTATIVE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 5th day of April, 2012.

MICHAEL EGAN
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Serpa is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1, above.

GORDON D. FOX
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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1. 2012-H 7882
BY McCauley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OPERATION OF A STATE HOUSE VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

Representative Brien moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives McCauley, Walsh, Mattiello, and Ajello.

Representatives Gordon, Brien, Chippendale, Martin and Watson discuss the act.

By unanimous consent, Representative Watson seconded by Representatives Gordon and Ehrhardt offers a written motion to amend.

F L O O R A M E N D M E N T
TO
2012 -- H 7882

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OPERATION OF A STATE HOUSE VISITOR CENTER

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2012 -- H 7882, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OPERATION OF A STATE HOUSE VISITOR CENTER", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 8, by inserting the following language after the language “center.”:

“No public funds shall be used or appropriated for the establishment and operation of the visitor center and gift shop.”

Respectfully submitted,

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REPRESENTATIVE Watson

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LC02085/3
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Representatives Mattiello, Gordon, McCauley and Watson discuss the amendment.

Representative Flaherty rises on a point of order for Representative Watson to speak to the merits of the bill. The Honorable Speaker Fox rules for Representative Watson to speak to the merits of the bill.

Representative Watson and Brien continue discussion on the act.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 7 members voting in the affirmative and 60 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Costa, Ehrhardt, Gordon, MacBeth, Savage, Watson.

NAYS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Fox and Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Brien, Carnevale, Cimini, Coderre, DaSilva, DeSimone, Diaz, Dickinson, Fellela, Ferri, Flaherty, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Keable, Kennedy,

Lally, Lima, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McCauley, McLaughlin, McNamara, Medina, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morrison, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Neill, Palumbo, Petrarca, Phillips, Reilly, Ruggiero, Schadone, Silva, Slater, Tanzi, Tarro, Tomasso, Trillo, Ucci, Valencia, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

Representatives Gordon, MacBeth, Dickinson, Phillips, and Brien discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Fox and Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Brien, Carnevale, Chippendale, Cimini, Coderre, Costa, DaSilva, DeSimone, Diaz, Dickinson, Fellela, Ferri, Flaherty, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Keable, Kennedy, Lally, Lima, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McCauley, McLaughlin, McNamara, Medina, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morrison, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Neill, Palumbo, Petrarca, Phillips, Reilly, Ruggiero, Savage, Schadone, Silva, Slater, Tanzi, Tarro, Tomasso, Trillo, Ucci, Valencia, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Ehrhardt, Gordon, MacBeth, Watson.

2. 2012-H 7261 SUB A
BY Ruggiero
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND PETROLEUM SAVINGS AND INDEPENDENCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Representative Handy moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ruggerio, Valencia, Cimini, Tomasso, Bennett, and Tanzi.

By unanimous consent, Representative Chippendale seconded by Representatives Newberry, and Costa offers a written motion to amend.

F L O O R A M E N D M E N T
TO
2012 -- H 7261 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND PETROLEUM SAVINGS AND INDEPENDENCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2012 -- H 7261 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND PETROLEUM SAVINGS AND INDEPENDENCE ADVISORY COMMISSION", as follows:

1. On page 3, line 20, by deleting the word and numeral "sixteen (16)", and inserting in place thereof the word and numeral "fifteen (15)".

2. On page 3, line 22, by deleting all of the language on said line, and by renumbering subdivisions (3) through (8), on lines 23 through 31, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPRESENTATIVE CHIPPENDALE

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LC00815/2
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Representatives Chippendale, Handy, and Ruggerio discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 7 members voting in the affirmative and 60 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Costa, Hull, Morgan, Newberry, Reilly, Trillo.

NAYS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Fox and Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Brien, Carnevale, Cimini, Coderre, DaSilva, DeSimone, Diaz, Dickinson, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Flaherty, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Keable, Kennedy, Lally, Lima, MacBeth, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McCauley, McLaughlin, McNamara, Medina, Melo, Menard, Messier, Morrison, Naughton, Nunes, O'Neill, Palumbo, Petrarca, Phillips, Ruggiero, Savage, Schadone, Serpa, Silva, Tanzi, Tarro, Tomasso, Ucci, Valencia, Walsh, Watson, Williams, Winfield.

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 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Fox and Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Brien, Carnevale, Chippendale, Cimini, Coderre, DaSilva, DeSimone, Diaz, Dickinson, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Flaherty, Gordon, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Keable, Kennedy, Lally, Lima, MacBeth, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McCauley, McLaughlin, McNamara, Medina, Melo, Menard, Messier, Morrison, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Neill, Palumbo, Petrarca, Phillips, Reilly, Ruggiero, Savage, Schadone, Serpa, Silva, Slater, Tanzi, Tarro, Tomasso, Trillo, Ucci, Valencia, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Costa, Morgan, Watson.

3. 2012-H 7232 SUB A
BY Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill

and passage of Substitute A.

Representative Melo moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Diaz, Valencia, Handy and Williams.

Representatives Newberry, DaSilva, Melo, Watson, Trillo, McLaughlin, and Mattiello discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and fails and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 28 members voting in the affirmative and 37 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 28: The Honorable Speaker Fox and Representatives Ajello, Bennett, Blazejewski, Cimini, DeSimone, Diaz, Ferri, Flaherty, Gordon, Guthrie, Handy, Keable, Lally, Malik, Mattiello, McCauley, McNamara, Melo, Morrison, O'Neill, Petrarca, Silva, Slater, Ucci, Valencia, Watson, Winfield.

NAYS - 37: Representatives Azzinaro, Brien, Carnevale, Chippendale, Coderre, Costa, DaSilva, Dickinson, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kennedy, Lima, MacBeth, Marcello, Martin, McLaughlin, Medina, Menard, Messier, Morgan, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, Palumbo, Phillips, Reilly, Ruggiero, Savage, Tanzi, Tarro, Tomasso, Trillo, Walsh.

4. 2012-H 7870
BY Martin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE SAILING EDUCATION VESSEL

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

Representative Brien moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives O'Neill, and Mattiello.

Representatives Trillo, Martin, Ehrhardt, Watson, and MacBeth discuss the act. Representative Ehrhardt requests to hold (12H 7870) on the desk if it passes. There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Fox and Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Bennett, Blazejewski, Brien, Carnevale, Chippendale, Cimini, Coderre, Costa, DaSilva, DeSimone, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Flaherty, Guthrie, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Keable, Kennedy, Lally, Lima, MacBeth, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McLaughlin, McNamara, Medina, Melo, Menard, Messier, Morgan, Morrison, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Grady, O'Neill, Palumbo, Petrarca, Phillips, Reilly, Ruggiero, Savage, Silva, Tanzi, Tarro, Tomasso, Ucci, Valencia, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Gordon, Trillo, Watson.

5. 2012-H 7965
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION CLOUDS HILL VICTORIAN HOUSE MUSEUM IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THREE MILLION DOLLARS ($3,000,000)

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

Representative Brien moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative McNamara.

Representatives Morgan, McNamara, Watson and Newberry discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Fox and Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Bennett, Blazejewski, Brien, Carnevale, Chippendale, Cimini, Coderre, DaSilva, DeSimone, Dickinson, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Flaherty, Gordon, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Keable, Kennedy, Lally, Lima, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McCauley, McLaughlin, McNamara, Medina, Melo, Menard, Messier, Morgan, Morrison, Naughton, Nunes, O'Grady, O'Neill, Palumbo, Petrarca, Reilly, Ruggiero, Savage, Serpa, Silva, Slater, Tanzi, Tarro, Tomasso, Trillo, Ucci, Valencia, Walsh, Watson, Williams.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Costa, MacBeth, Newberry, Phillips, Winfield.

6. 2012-H 7543 SUB A
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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence

Representative Jackson moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives O'Neill, Reilly and Savage.

Representatives Watson, Gordon, Petrarca discuss the act. Representative Ehrhardt rises on a point of order for Representative Petrarca to avoid personal attacks. The Honorable Speaker Fox rules for Representative Petrarca to speak to the act and avoid personal attacks.

Representatives Lima, Trillo, Martin, Mattiello and Gordon continue to discuss the act. Representative Trillo rises on a point of order for Representative Gordon to speak to the merits of the bill. The Honorable Speaker Fox rules for Representative Gordon to speak to the merits of the bill.

Representative Gordon continues discussion.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Fox and Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Bennett, Blazejewski, Brien, Carnevale, Chippendale, Cimini, Coderre, Costa, DeSimone, Dickinson, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Flaherty, Guthrie, Hearn, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Keable, Kennedy, Lally, Lima, MacBeth, Malik, Martin, Mattiello, McCauley, McLaughlin, McNamara, Medina, Melo, Menard, Messier, Morgan, Morrison, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Grady, O'Neill, Palumbo, Petrarca, Phillips, Reilly, Ruggiero, Savage, Serpa, Silva, Tanzi, Tarro, Tomasso, Trillo, Ucci, Valencia, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Gordon, Marcello, Slater, Watson.

7. 2012-S 2695 SUB A
BY Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- AUTHORIZING STATE-OPERATED CASINO GAMING AT NEWPORT GRAND SUBJECT TO STATEWIDE AND LOCAL VOTER APPROVAL

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence

Representative Jackson moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives O'Neill, Reilly, Savage, Martin, Brien, Melo and Serpa.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Fox and Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Bennett, Blazejewski, Brien, Carnevale, Chippendale, Cimini, Coderre, Costa, DeSimone, Dickinson, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Flaherty, Guthrie, Hearn, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Keable, Kennedy, Lally, Lima, MacBeth, Malik, Martin, Mattiello, McCauley, McLaughlin, McNamara, Medina, Melo, Menard, Messier, Morgan, Morrison, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Grady, O'Neill, Palumbo, Petrarca, Phillips, Reilly, Ruggiero, Savage, Serpa, Silva, Tanzi, Tarro, Tomasso, Trillo, Ucci, Valencia, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Gordon, Marcello, Slater, Watson.

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 with the exception of (12H 7870) being held on the desk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Messier announces today is "Ben Mondor Day" in the State of RI and tonight is opening night for the Pawtucket Red Sox.

Representative McLaughlin wishes the leadership and members a Happy Easter.

Representative Jackson announces that the Finance Sub-Committee on General Government and Public Safety will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

Representative Brien announces that the Committee on Municipal Government will meet at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Representative Walsh announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House.

The Honorable Speaker Fox wishes Representative Edwards a Happy Birthday on Saturday.

The Honorable Speaker Fox wishes Representative Bennett a Happy Birthday on Sunday.

GUEST

Representative Newberry welcomes to the House Chamber as a guest a former Representative, the Honorable Scott Rabideau.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:58 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Ferri, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Raymond "Jockey" DiNucci; seconded by Representatives Mattiello and Newberry the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL P. GORDON

Dear Lord: As legislators we have great responsibility to our constituents. Let your example of patience, respect, and kindness to all, your children be our guide as we work to solve the problems of those we serve.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012:

1. **2012-H 7060**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2012-H 7445**
BY Handy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - EQUAL RIGHTS OF BLIND AND DEAF PERSONS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

3. **2012-H 7542 SUB A**
BY Naughton
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO ASSESS THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH READING DISABILITIES AND DYSLEXIA

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

4. **2012-H 7827**
BY Marcello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - DRUG DISPOSAL

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

5. **2012-S 2853**
BY Bates
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION OF THE KARLA HARRY COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES IN RHODE ISLAND

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012:

1. **2012-H 7388 SUB A**
BY Gallison
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS

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

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012:

1. 2012-H 7047
BY Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

2. 2012-S 2484 as amended
BY Doyle
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - CITY HOUSING AUTHORITIES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence

3. 2012-S 2722
BY Doyle
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - LICENSES IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence

4. 2012-S 2611 SUB A
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY - THE RHODE ISLAND LOCAL AGRICULTURE AND SEAFOOD ACT

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

5. 2012-S 2619
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Thursday, April 05, 2012

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

House Bill No. 7543 SUB A
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/A/1}

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