The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, April 12, 2017 and is called to order at 4:20 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:


ABSENT – 5: Representatives Carson, Craven, O’Brien, O’Grady, Ranglin-Vassell.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Ackerman 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, April 11, 2017 is approved.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Robert Craven is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 12 2017.

Representative William W. O’Brien is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 12 2017.

Representative Lauren Carson is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 12, 2017, due to legislative business in Newport.

Representative Ranglin-Vassell is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 12 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 6102
BY Phillips, Morin, Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the city of Woonsocket, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the city of Woonsocket on November 8, 2016.) {LC2446/1}
04/12/2017 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 6103
BY Filippi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- BLOCK ISLAND UTILITY DISTRICT ACT OF 2017 (Creates the Block Island utility district to provide utility products and services to the town of New Shoreham.) {LC2445/1}
04/12/2017 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6104
BY Ruggiero, McKiernan, McEntee, Craven, Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ELECTRONIC RECORDING {LC2435/1}
04/12/2017 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6105
BY Craven, McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC2427/1}
04/12/2017 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6106
BY Ruggiero, McKiernan, McEntee, Craven, Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - FROZEN DESSERTS (Eliminates multiple fees for frozen dessert processors licensed as food service establishments.)
04/12/2017 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6107**
**BY** Craven
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES (Exempts the mandatory paintcare fee added to the purchase price of paint sold in the state from sales tax.)
04/12/2017 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6108**
**BY** McEntee, Craven
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES (Exempts the atomic energy commission from state purchasing competitive bidding process in circumstances when federal funds are involved.)
04/12/2017 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6109**
**BY** Morgan, Roberts, Price, Quattrocchi, Filippi
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FUND--TOLLS (Repeals the provisions of the general laws which created the "Rhode Island Bridge Replacement, Reconstruction, and Maintenance Fund Act of 2016" ("Rhode Works"), which would have imposed tolls on large commercial trucks.)
04/12/2017 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 175**
**BY** Sosnowski, Lombardo, Coyne, Conley, Lombardi
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOBILE TELEPHONE USE (Prohibits the use of a non-hands-free personal wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle, except for public safety personnel or in an emergency situation, and would provide for monetary fines for violations.)
04/12/2017 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 662**
**BY** DiPalma
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Joshua Jaye DelVecchio to join Ashley Suzanne Boulais and Christopher Grayson in marriage on or about June 2, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)
04/12/2017 Referred to House Judiciary
IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017:

1. **2017-H 5817**  
   **BY Ackerman**  
   **ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS**  

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.
Chairman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Lima, Edwards, and Hearn.

Representatives Corvese, Fogarty, Leaders Morgan, Shekarchi, Representatives McEntee, Ruggiero, Lima, and Newberry discuss the act.

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


NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.

2. 2017-H 5641
   BY Kennedy
   ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -
   PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

   Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Ruggiero, Kennedy, and Johnston.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:


NAYS - 0:
RECUSED - 0:

GUESTS

Representative Winfield welcomes to the House Chamber as a guest his former Vice Principal from Smithfield High School, David R. Reilly, father of Representative Kathleen Fogarty. Speaker Mattiello welcomes Mr. Reilly to the House.

Representative Ruggiero and on behalf of Representative Mendonca welcomes to the House as a guest Middletown City Councilman, Rick Lombardi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairwoman Ackerman announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Vice Chairwoman Ackerman announces that the Committee on Municipal Government will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House.

Chairwoman Ruggiero announces that the Finance Sub Committee on Transportation will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Amore-An Act relating to Insurance

Representative Serpa-An Act relating to Education-Funding of Public Charter Schools

An Act relating to State Affairs and Government-Open Meetings

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Tanzi welcomes to the House as a guest Connecticut State Senator Mae Flexor, from the Governor’s Commission on Higher Education and Employability. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes Senator Flexor to the Chamber.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Slater-An Act relating to Waters and Navigation-RI Cooperative Water Authority

Representative Giarrusso-An Act relating to Good Government
By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Giarrusso wishes John Gabriel, a House doorman, a Happy Birthday tomorrow.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:43 o’clock P.M. on motion of Representative Ucci, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Alfred A. Russo, Sr.; on motion of Representative Corvese, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Florence A. Leal; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk
APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE MIA A. ACKERMAN

Gracious God: Give us the ability to understand each other; respect each other; work with each other; and to do good to each other, so that we may take pride in showing our compassion and mercy to those less fortunate. Amen.
APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017:

1. **2017-H 5097**
   BY Corvese
   **ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

   Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2017-H 5226**
   BY Lombardi
   **ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES**

   Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

3. **2017-H 5676**
   BY McNamara
   **ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WITH TERMINAL ILLNESS--THE RHODE ISLAND TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS' RIGHT TO TRY ACT OF 2017**

   Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

4. **2017-H 6002**
   BY Lima
   **ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF RUBALCOOK, INC.**

   Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Wednesday, April 12, 2017
APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017:

1. 2017-H 6067
   BY Costantino
   ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
   Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. 2017-H 6068
   BY Solomon
   ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
   Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. 2017-H 6069
   BY Winfield
   ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
   Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Tuesday, April 11, 2017