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Seventh Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, January 17, 2018 and is called to order at 4:29 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, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 5: Representatives Marshall, O'Grady, Price, Walsh, Winfield.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Nardolillo 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, January 16, 2018, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representative Thomas Winfield is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Resolution No. 2001**

**BY** Conley, Nesselbush, Crowley

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STATE TO ENTER INTO FINANCING LEASE AND PAYMENT AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BALLPARK IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET {LC3247/1}

01/17/2018 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Bill No. 2002**

**BY** Conley, Nesselbush, Crowley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND PROJECTS (Permits redevelopment agencies to finance the construction of projects for residential, recreational, commercial, industrial, institutional, public, or other purposes contemplated by a redevelopment plan.) {LC3246/1}

01/17/2018 Referred to House Finance

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 7171**

**BY** Edwards, Canario, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson, Coughlin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY (Exempts a "humane animal welfare group" from the offense of the abandonment of cats.) {LC3594/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7172**

**BY** Carson, Morin, Fogarty, Regunberg, Ruggiero

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (Establishes aging/disability resource center within division of elderly affairs as part of long-term care system for elderly/disabled persons/family caregivers/providers.) {LC3794/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7173**

**BY** Edwards, Canario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Permits the town of Tiverton to be prospectively reimbursed at the forty percent (40%) floor of the housing aid share ratio on projects completed before June 30, 2010.) {LC3560/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7174****BY** Chippendale, Serpa, Nardolillo, Roberts, Nunes**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY-- COVENTRY (Extends to the town of Coventry the provisions of § 44-7-10.2 relative to the non-issuance of building and demolition permits to applicants in arrears on taxes, liens, and assessments.) {LC3623/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7175****BY** Ruggiero, Serpa, Hearn, Costantino, Cunha**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Exempts a corporation from the minimum corporate tax for the first three (3) years following the date of its corporation. Applies to all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.) {LC3546/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7176****BY** Edwards, Newberry, Hearn, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - SEAWEED (Repeals Chapter 46-11 which prohibits the taking of seaweed by anyone not a resident of the town of Barrington and imposes fines for doing so.) {LC3645/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7177****BY** Edwards, Newberry, Coughlin, Canario, Johnston**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DUELING AND FIGHTING (Repeals § 11-12-4 of the general laws that prohibits a person from being a second at a duel that results in the infliction of a mortal wound.) {LC3652/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7178****BY** Edwards, Newberry, Coughlin, Johnston**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HIGHWAYS (Repeals the section of the law prohibiting the testing of the speed of a horse on a public highway.) {LC3610/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Resolution No. 7179****BY** Regunberg, Carson, Fogarty, Shanley, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S DECISION TO ALLOW OFFSHORE DRILLING IN MOST OF AMERICA'S COASTAL WATERS {LC3797/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Resolution No. 7180****BY** McLaughlin, Nardolillo, Fellela, Corvese, Perez**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FETUS AS A HUMAN LIFE UPON THE EXISTENCE OF A HEARTBEAT {LC3822/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7181****BY** McNamara, Corvese, Edwards, Casey, Cunha**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Requires signs for disability parking spaces to include the words, "Unauthorized vehicles may be towed at owner's expense".) {LC3782/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7182****BY** Ajello, Shanley, Walsh, McEntee, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE HEALTHY PREGNANCIES FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN ACT (Prohibits the use of restraints on pregnant prisoners in their third trimester during transport to and from court proceedings by sheriffs and/or incarceration at the ACI with annual reports to the general assembly effective January 1, 2019.) {LC3346/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7183****BY** Edwards, Newberry, Coughlin, Canario, Johnston**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Requires the driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle give a visible signal and repeals the requirement that such signal be audible.) {LC3606/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7184****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, McNamara, Nardolillo, Edwards, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SALE OF IVORY OR RHINOCEROS HORNS (Prohibits/establishes criminal penalties for the importing/selling/offering for sale/purchasing/bartering/possessing with intent to sell elephant ivory/rhinoceros horn with limited exceptions.) {LC3630/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7185****BY** Edwards, Cunha, Marshall, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Allows school committees to add item(s) to their agendas for the purposes of discussion only without having to publish notice of the additional item(s).) {LC3580/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7186****BY** Phillips, Morin, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS-NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES-CITY OF WOONSOCKET (Provides that nomination papers for certain candidates for citywide nonpartisan office in the city of Woonsocket would require at least one hundred (100) signatures.) {LC3868/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7187****BY** Canario, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Nancy E. Smith to join Margaret Smith Hickey and John Michael Lerner in marriage on or about August 25, 2018, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC3409/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7188****BY** Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Rebecca M. Taylor to join Elizabeth Rose Thorsen and Lee Hunter Robinson in marriage on or about June 30, 2018, within the town of Cumberland, Rhode Island.) {LC3790/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7189****BY** Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Charles E. Alfano to join Caitlin Elizabeth Alfano and Vincent Nicholas Santaniello in Marriage on or about May 26, 2018, within the city of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC3766/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7190****BY** Chippendale, Winfield**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES -- PRODUCE SCALES IN MARKETS (Provides that sealers of weights and measures appointed by the cities and towns receive the same fees as charged by state sealers who perform the same inspecting/testing services.) {LC3616/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7191****BY** Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PRIME JEWELRY GROUP {LC3620/1}

01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Resolution No. 7192****BY** Keable, Newberry, Ajello, Maldonado, Serpa**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE IRENE P. SMITH {LC3891/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Keable requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Keable seconded by Representatives Newberry, Ajello, Maldonado, and Serpa and by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Tanzi congratulates Capitol TV photographer Bill White on the birth of his first grandchild, Luca Burke Marietti born on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at Kent Hospital weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz., son of Emma and Mike Marietti.

Representative Amore extends thanks to members and staff for all the well wishes and prayers to his family.

Representative McLaughlin congratulates Senator Bob Dole from Kansas on being awarded today the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor.

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

Leader Shekarchi reminds members the photographer will be in the House Lounge at the rise for photos for official use. Also, the Leader announces there will be a closed members only House Democratic Caucus tomorrow, at 3 P.M. in the House Lounge.

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:49 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representatives Lima, Corvese and Ucci and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Philip A. Almagno; on motion of Representative Keable, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Irene P. Smith; on motion of Representative Phillips and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Joseph G. Hyder; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Linda M. McElroy**

**Recording Clerk**

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

**REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT A. NARDOLILLO, III**

O Lord, as we begin this legislative year, we have much work to do and difficult decisions to make. Help us to govern wisely and to be responsive to the needs of the people of Rhode Island.