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Tenth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, January 24, 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 69 members present and 6 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 69 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, O'Brien, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

ABSENT – 6: Representatives Amore, Casey, Giarrusso, Hearn, Marszalkowski, Nunes.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Williams who delivers the Invocation and Valencio and Michael Egan to lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

Speaker Mattiello wishes Mike Egan, House Parliamentarian a Happy “60th” Birthday.

NOW PRESIDING

At 4:32 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Mattiello yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy,

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, January 23, 2018, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Gregg Amore is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

Representative Alex Marszalkowski is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2108

BY Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MODERN CONDOMINIUMS, INC. {LC3924/1}

01/24/2018 Referred to House Corporations

REPORT OF COMMITTEE**TRANSFER OF BILL**

Chairman Abney, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Corporations:

House Bill No. 7243

BY Donovan, Canario

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PRUDENCE PARK WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. {LC3889/1}

01/24/2018 Committee transferred to House Corporations

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 7258**

BY Cunha, Maldonado, Tobon, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF SHABREKA CORP. {LC4152/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7259

(by request)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW -- MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS {LC3931/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7260**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Phillips, Casimiro, Ackerman, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Provides prorated reimbursement of registration fees for the surrender of unexpired vehicle registrations.) {LC3958/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7261**BY** Maldonado, McLaughlin, Kazarian, Tobon, Coughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC4029/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7262**BY** Cunha, Shekarchi, Maldonado, Tobon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES (Clarifies who has the authority to nominate the members of a local canvassing authority.) {LC3934/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7263**BY** Solomon, Coughlin, Keable, Johnston, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Allows the superior court or the family court in reviewing sex offender level determination by the sex offender board of review, to raise or lower the offender's community notification level.) {LC3337/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7264**BY** O`Grady, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - ASSAULTS (Makes it a felony to commit an assault on a person with developmental disabilities.) {LC3960/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 7265**BY** Phillips, Solomon, Blazejewski, Shanley, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO APPEAR JOINTLY ON THE BALLOT) (Provides for a joint resolution for submission to voters for a constitutional amendment establishing in 2022 that the governor and lieutenant governor form a joint candidacy (single ticket) for election.) {LC3436/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7266**BY** Edwards, Canario, Filippi, Maldonado, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DUELING AND FIGHTING

(Repeals § 11-12-2 of the general laws that prohibits a person from challenging another to a duel with a dangerous weapon and from accepting such a challenge.) {LC3649/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7267**BY** Edwards, Canario, Filippi, Maldonado, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSE - DUELING AND FIGHTING

(Repeals § 11-12-3 of the general laws that prohibits a Rhode Island resident from engaging in a duel outside the state that results in a mortal wound.) {LC3650/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7268**BY** Edwards, Canario, Filippi, Maldonado, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DUELING AND FIGHTING

(Repeals § 11-12-1 of the general laws that prohibits engaging in a duel with a dangerous weapon.) {LC3647/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7269**BY** Ackerman, Shekarchi, Cunha, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNICIANS (Provides for the licensing and regulation of central service technicians.) {LC4025/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Resolution No. 7270**BY** Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Phillips, Donovan, McNamara**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL

COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission relating to education – school committees and superintendents from January 31, 2018, to June 30, 2018, and said commission would expire on July 30, 2018.) {LC4028/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7271**BY** Edwards, O`Grady, Fellela, Messier, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND

SECONDARY EDUCATION (Authorizes council to grant variances to any provisions of title 16 other than those in § 16-60-4.2 and to any department of education and school district regulation not affecting the health/safety/civil rights of public school pupils.) {LC3588/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7272**BY** O`Grady, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (Requires BHDDH to provide speech and communication support to eligible persons.) {LC3800/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7273**BY** O'Brien, Bennett, Slater, Lima, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE FACILITIES STAFFING (Broadens definition of "employee" to include assistants/technologists providing direct medical care to patients and allows union/association to file appeal to personnel appeal board.) {LC4011/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7274**BY** Canario, Edwards, Phillips, Donovan, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Exempts the town of Little Compton from the law allowing municipalities to waive interest on one quarter of overdue property tax payments.) {LC3925/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7275**BY** Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Newberry, Winfield, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALE AND USE TAXES (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks under eight thousand one hundred pounds (8,100 lbs.) gross weight, used exclusively for personal use, from sales tax.) {LC3617/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7276**BY** Shanley, Shekarchi, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SPECIAL CLASS OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATES (Provides that the minimum number of prepaid orders for special motor vehicle registration plate type be five hundred (500) sets of plates per plate type.) {LC4024/1}

01/24/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Keable announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 205 of the State House.

Vice Chairwoman Ackerman 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.

Representative Ranglin-Vassell addresses members on gun violence and requests prayers for the family of Jose Contreras who was gunned down last night.

Representative Diaz congratulates Emmanuel Falk from 1199 on his birthday.

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 4:51 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representatives Ruggiero and Almeida, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Cheryl Snead; on motion of Representative Lima, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Lucy Almagno; on motion of Representative Tobon and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Urban "Ebby" Cordeiro; on motion of Representative Ranglin-Vassell, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Jose Contreras; on motion of Representative McLaughlin, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Manuel Xavier; on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Filomena "Parise" Perri; on motion of Leader Shekarchi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Maryanne F. Gallucci; on motion of Representative Handy, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Anna Brusco seconded by Majority Whip Edwards and Leader Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy

Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE ANASTASIA P. WILLIAMS

Dear God: We come to you this hour asking for your blessing as we gather here today. We pray for guidance in our deliberations. Help us O Lord to always be mindful that we carry the hopes of those we serve. Amen.