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

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Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Thirteenth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, January 31, 2018 and is called to order at 4:19 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, 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 Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

ABSENT – 4: Representatives Bennett, Cunha, Hearn, O'Grady.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Ruggiero 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 30, 2018, is approved.

CO – SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST

Pursuant to rule 16 (g) (ii), Representative Nurdolito
hereby request the removal of his/her co – sponsorship
of bill # 7284 entitled Audio + Video
Recordings

Which is currently in the finance Committee.

Representative signature

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Date 1/31/18

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CO – SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST

Pursuant to rule 16 (g) (ii), Representative Nardolillo
hereby request the removal of his/her co – sponsorship
of bill # 7287 entitled Audio + Video
recordings

Which is currently in the Finance Committee.

Representative signature



Date 1/31/18

Daniel A. Fair

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Rep. ROBERTS
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H- 7286
entitled: Audio and Video Recordings
which is currently in the House Committee on FINANCE.

Signature: Sherry Roberts

House District: 29

Date: January 31, 2018

Acknowledgement: Danica A. Acosta
Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Rep. ROBERTS
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H-4287
entitled: Audio and video recordings
which is currently in the House Committee on FINANCE.

Signature: Sherry Roberts

House District: 29

Date: JANUARY 31, 2018

Acknowledgement:
Danica A. Macis
Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Helder Cunha is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

Representative David Bennett is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 7332**

BY Cunha, Shekarchi, Shanley, Barros

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Places appointment power of municipal zoning board members in the mayor or the town/city council if no may except for North Providence.) {LC4178/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7333

BY Keable, Williams, Serpa, Lima, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Requires a court of competent jurisdiction to order the appointment of an animal care advocate where animal cruelty is at issue.) {LC4172/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7334

BY Keable, Newberry, Marshall, Knight, Hearn

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - UNIFORM FRAUDULENT TRANSFER ACT (Renames title to be called Uniform Voidable Transaction Act/amends definition of "person"/adds substantive/procedural changes.) {LC4170/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7335

BY Marszalkowski, Casimiro, Tanzi, Ranglin-Vassell, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Makes it illegal for any custodian of a child to engage in sexual penetration or sexual contact with any child under their supervision if said child is between the ages of fourteen (14) and eighteen (18).) {LC4157/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7336

BY Canario, Corvese, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - FLASHING VEHICLE LIGHTS (Enables newspaper motor route carriers to have installed upon them forward viewing a rotating amber beam lights.) {LC4300/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7337**BY** Hearn**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - EASEMENTS (Establishes rights and obligations of residential property owners concerning the maintenance of private easements and rights-of-way.) {LC3929/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 7338**BY** Filippi, Quattrocchi, Giarrusso, Price, Roberts**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT THROUGH INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING FOR GENERAL OFFICERS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS' ELECTION) {LC3757/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7339**BY** O'Brien, McEntee, McNamara, Johnston, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES (Allows social gaming in private residences and in public taverns or private clubs so long as the gambling is incidental to a bona fide social relationship between the participants and only participants receive anything of value.) {LC3996/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7340**BY** Ajello, Walsh, Casimiro, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE ACT (Prohibits the state from restricting persons from terminating pregnancy prior to fetal viability. Would repeal laws regulating abortion.) {LC3432/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7341**BY** O'Brien, Lima, Solomon, Fellela, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Prohibits declawing on a cat or other animal, unless a licensed veterinarian has determined that the procedure is necessary for a therapeutic purpose. Any person who violates this section would be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000.) {LC3779/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7342**BY** Blazejewski, Ajello, Handy, Regunberg, Almeida**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Repeals the voter identification law, which required voters to prove their identity with written documents before they would be allowed to vote.) {LC4238/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7343**BY** Corvese, Canario, Azzinaro, Winfield, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Clarifies that for purposes of its exemption from sales tax, a book would be of fiction or non-fiction.) {LC4201/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7344**BY** Solomon, O'Brien, Serpa, Lima, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LEAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE ACT (Implements provisions of the Lean government initiative to eliminate waste and inefficiency in the operation of state government.) {LC4288/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 7345**BY** McLaughlin, McNamara, Shekarchi, Azzinaro, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL GRID FOR COMMITTING FEDERAL TAX SAVINGS TOWARDS A REDUCTION IN THE INCREASE FACING RHODE ISLAND RATEPAYERS {LC4197/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7346**BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION-CHARITABLE DEDUCTIONS-PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Creates a charitable credit against state income tax for qualified nonprofits that may be made at the time of the tax return. The credit would be applied to the tax year for which the return is being filed.) {LC3886/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7347**BY** Marszalkowski, Shanley, O'Brien, Regunberg**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE RHODE ISLAND STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY {LC3906/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7348**BY** Marszalkowski, Casimiro, Carson, Regunberg, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL FUNDS AND PROPERTY (Establishes a pilot program to promote the creation of roof solar installations on school property in order to reduce the use of fossil fuels and to generate electricity in school buildings.) {LC3907/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7349**BY** Roberts, Morgan, Filippi, Quattrocchi, Nardolillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to prevent and detect fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.) {LC3442/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7350**BY** Ucci, Handy, Fellela, Lima, Winfield**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFITS (Awards 3% COLA to all state pension recipients retired on or before July 1, 2018.) {LC4264/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7351**BY** Filippi, Quattrocchi, Morgan, Giarrusso, Price**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION PLATES (Permits the motor vehicle administration to allow auctions of registration plates for charity.) {LC3752/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 7352**BY** Knight, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF \$175,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY FOOD BANK (This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of an additional one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.) {LC4278/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7353

(by request)

BY Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows Rhode Island personal income taxpayers to deduct from their adjusted gross income all medical and dental expenses incurred and allowed by the Internal Revenue Service.) {LC3514/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7354**BY** Winfield, Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Provides for the maintenance and refurbishing of antique motor car or year of manufacture plates.) {LC4215/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7355**BY** McEntee, Canario, O'Brien, Almeida, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Exempts from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty.) {LC4276/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7356**BY** Handy, Vella-Wilkinson, Carson, Ajello, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS METRICS (Requires that the division of planning create a checklist of environmental and energy issues that certain state construction projects which cost in excess of \$10,000,000 would need to consider and address.) {LC4006/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7357**BY** Handy, Ucci, Ajello, O`Grady, McKiernan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Requires the yearly state contribution to the pension system not be reduced until the fund ratio meets or exceeds eighty percent (80%).) {LC4004/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7358**BY** Marszalkowski, Amore, O`Grady, Marshall, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- COMMITTEES AND STAFF (Provides that a bill or resolution referred to committee in the first year of a two (2) year biennium would survive into the second year of the biennium provided that the committee has not discharged it by a dispositive vote.) {LC3885/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

House Bill No. 7359**BY** Blazejewski, Johnston, Keable, Diaz, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS (Amends provisions, defines coinsurance and prohibits insurance contracts or policies from using coinsurance to calculate and collect additional funds from patients, including mental health and substance abuse patients.) {LC4179/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7360**BY** Giarrusso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF DONEGAN & ASSOCIATES, LTD. {LC4186/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7361**BY** Filippi, Mendonca, Costantino, Giarrusso, Price**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Declares null/void contract between credit card issuers/vendors/businesses prohibiting reduced price for customers paying in cash.) {LC3764/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7362**BY** Chippendale, Lima, Maldonado, Blazejewski, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT (Provides uninsured and/or uninspected vehicles not operated within this or any state may avoid suspension/revocation registration if plates removed. Violators subject to fine up to \$150.) {LC3813/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7363**BY** Kazarian, Carson, Ajello, Ruggiero, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits insurance companies from varying the premium rates charged for a health coverage plan based on the gender of the individual policy holder, enrollee, subscriber, or member.) {LC3495/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7364**BY** O`Grady, Kennedy, Tanzi, Newberry, Keable**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Allows the holder of a brewpub manufacturer's license to sell products directly to holders of Class B, Class B-V, and Class C licenses.) {LC4263/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7365**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Jacquard, McNamara, Corvese, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - MUNICIPAL STREETLIGHT INVESTMENT ACT (Allows deduction from electric rate tariff to municipalities for streetlights not providing lighting due to capping or malfunction.) {LC4271/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7366**BY** Donovan, Marshall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUNIPER HILL CEMETERY, AMENDING AND INCORPORATING THE ORIGINAL ACT OF INCORPORATION PASSED AT THE JANUARY, 1856 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED AT THE JANUARY, 1884, JANUARY, 1887, AND JANUARY, 1984 SESSIONS, AND NOW FURTHER AMENDED (Rearranges, restates, and further amends the act of 1856 incorporating The Juniper Hill Cemetery in the town of Bristol, as amended.) {LC3801/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7367**BY** Keable, McEntee, Amore, Hearn, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Allows school committees and the Rhode Island Society of Technology Educators ("RISTE") to enter into joint purchase agreements for the purchase of technology and IT infrastructure.) {LC4169/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7368**BY** Handy, Vella-Wilkinson, Nardolillo, Ajello, Almeida**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COMMUNICATION ACCESS SERVICES (Requires health insurance to provide coverage for communication access between deaf patients and their physicians.) {LC4005/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7369**BY** Handy, McEntee, Ajello, Amore, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PROHIBITION OF CONTAINERS USING BISPENOL A (Prohibits the use of containers, or food packaged in containers, that contain bisphenol A.) {LC4002/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7370**BY** Newberry, Roberts, Shekarchi, Amore, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CIVIC LITERACY (Requires the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to adopt a course of study on the nation's founding and related documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Federalist Papers.) {LC4216/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Resolution No. 7371**BY** Perez, Chippendale, McLaughlin, Fellela, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE BIRTH, MORTALITY RATE, AND AMOUNT AND DURATION OF MEDICAL PROCEDURES USED FOR PREMATURE BABIES {LC4242/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7372**BY** McLaughlin, Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Azzinaro, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES (Requires pharmacies to accept any manufacturer's drug discount card, and pass said discount to the consumer, without requiring the consumer to seek reimbursement from the drug manufacturer directly.) {LC4175/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7373**BY** Perez, McLaughlin, Fellela, Phillips, Cunha**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTORCYCLE HELMETS (Requires all operators of motorcycles to wear a helmet. Violation results in a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine. Increases the fine for failure of passenger's to wear a helmet from eighty-five dollars (\$85) to one hundred dollars (\$100).) {LC4241/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7374**BY** O'Brien, Nardolillo, Casimiro, Donovan, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SAFETY BELTS IN SCHOOL BUSES (Requires school buses to have 3-point seat system, effective January 1, 2020.) {LC4233/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Resolution No. 7375

BY O'Brien, McEntee, Serpa, McNamara, Corvese

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO ASSESS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA AND/OR READING DISABILITIES (Increases membership to 13 and extends the reporting and expiration dates of commission to assess and make recommendations on the educational needs of children with dyslexia and/or reading disabilities, to February 7, 2019, and expires on May 7, 2019.) {LC4232/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7376

BY McEntee, Shekarchi, Canario, O'Brien, Almeida

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- ORGANIZATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES (Relieves state employee bargaining representatives from their obligation to represent employees in grievances/arbitrations if they were not members of the bargaining unit in the ninety (90) days prior to the events that caused the grievance.) {LC4286/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7377

BY McEntee, Shekarchi, Canario, O'Brien, Almeida

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Relieves municipal police bargaining representatives from their obligation to represent employees in grievances/arbitrations if they were not members of the bargaining unit within the ninety (90) days prior to the events that caused the grievance.) {LC4282/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7378

BY McEntee, Canario, O'Brien, Almeida, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Relieves municipal employee bargaining representatives from their obligation to represent employees in grievances/arbitrations if they were not members of the bargaining unit in the ninety (90) days prior to the events that caused the grievance.) {LC4287/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7379

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Canario, Lombardi, Serpa, Maldonado

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - ARBITRATION - CERTIFIED SCHOOL TEACHERS - MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Makes the arbitrator's decision binding on all matters pertaining to certified public school teachers and municipal employees, including those matters involving the expenditure of money.) {LC4269/1}

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7380**BY** Handy, Donovan, Ajello, Blazejewski, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AIR POLLUTION (Regulates the phase-out of wood stoves without EPA certification in densely populated residential areas and would require material burned in wood stoves to be clean wood or other approved material.) {LC4003/1}
01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources**House Resolution No. 7381****BY** Quattrocchi, Giarrusso, Perez, Morgan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFICACY AND COST OF IMPLEMENTING A RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR ALL MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNITS, INCLUDING CONDOMINIUM COMPLEXES (Amends the membership of the commission to study v from 5 to 9 members and extends the reporting and expiration dates from February 6, 2018, to February 7, 2019, and expires on May 7, 2019.) {LC4231/1}
01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****TRANSFER OF BILLS****Chairman Keable, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare:****House Bill No. 7341****BY** O'Brien, Lima, Solomon, Fellela, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Prohibits declawing on a cat or other animal, unless a licensed veterinarian has determined that the procedure is necessary for a therapeutic purpose. Any person who violates this section would be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000.) {LC3779/1}
01/31/2018 Committee transferred to House H.E.W.**Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:****House Bill No. 7367****BY** Keable, McEntee, Amore, Hearn, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Allows school committees and the Rhode Island Society of Technology Educators ("RISTE") to enter into joint purchase agreements for the purchase of technology and IT infrastructure.) {LC4169/1}
01/31/2018 Committee transferred to House Finance**Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Corporations:**

House Bill No. 7368**BY** Handy, Vella-Wilkinson, Nardolillo, Ajello, Almeida**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COMMUNICATION ACCESS SERVICES (Requires health insurance to provide coverage for communication access between deaf patients and their physicians.) {LC4005/1}

01/31/2018 Committee transferred to House Corporations

GUESTS

Representative Lancia welcomes to the House Chamber as guests newly elected officers of the India Association of RI: Nihkil and his wife, Mrs. Shah, Santosh and his wife, Mrs. Behera. Representative Lancia invites everyone to the Governor's State Room for The India Association's Tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Ucci wishes his father, Thomas L. Ucci, Sr. a Happy "82nd" Birthday. Speaker Mattiello also wishes Mr. Ucci a Happy Birthday.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:**GUESTS**

Representative Vella-Wilkinson welcomes to the House as guests Councilman Timothy Howe, Disabled American Veteran and President of R.I. Military Organization; Ms. Dora Vasquez, veteran, Team Red White and Blue, American Legion; and Ms. Kim Wineman, Executive Coordinator of the Military Lounge at TF Green Airport, which has served over 10,000 patrons in just over 4 years.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 7382****BY** Fogarty, Carson, Ajello, Tanzi, Ranglin-Vassell**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING KRISTEN DART AND WISHING HER MUCH SUCCESS AS A POLITICAL DIRECTOR FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD EMPIRE STATE ACTS {LC4347/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Fogarty seconded by Representatives Nunes, Ajello, Tanzi, Ranglin-Vassell and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

Speaker Mattiello discusses the resolution.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Mendonca wishes his father, Francis Mendonca a Happy Birthday. Speaker Mattiello also wishes Mr. Mendonca a Happy Birthday.

Representative Tanzi discusses preventive health issues from the Department of Health.

Representative Filippi and Speaker Mattiello discuss the decorum of the House relating to announcements and introductions.

Leader Shekarchi reminds members the deadline to submit Campaign Finance Reports is midnight tonight and the Providence Journal Photographer will be in the House Lounge at the rise to take head and shoulder shots for future use in any political stories. Leader Shekarchi reminds members this is optional.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUEST

Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello also welcome to the Chamber Councilman Timothy Howe of Warwick.

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 4:42 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Donovan, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Margaret "Margie" Dower; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE DEBORAH L. RUGGIERO

Heavenly Father: We come to you asking for your blessing as we gather together. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand as we strive to make our State a great place for all our citizens. Amen.