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Seventeenth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, February 8, 2018 and is called to order at 4:15 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, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Solomon, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Bennett, Diaz, Lima, Slater, Tanzi.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Chippendale 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, February 7, 2018, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Grace Diaz is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 8, 2018.

Representative David Bennett is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 8, 2018.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2023

BY Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows James William Simon to join Cathryn Marie Simon and Kenneth Spencer Bernstein in marriage on or about April 21, 2018, with the city of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.) {LC3368/1}
02/08/2018 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2029

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dina Spaziano to join Frank Salvatore Lombardi, III, and Joseph William Dodge in marriage on or about October 29, 2018, within the Town of Smithfield, Rhode Island.) {LC3286/1}
02/08/2018 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2087

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Cena, Sr., to join Marissa Giammarco and Kyle Sawaia in marriage on or about May 12, 2018, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC3207/1}
02/08/2018 Referred to House Judiciary

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 7496**

BY Mattiello, Ackerman, McNamara, Edwards, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT -- NON-OPIATE DIRECTIVE {LC3028/1}
02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7497

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Serpa, Fellela, Edwards, Lancia

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires the council on elementary and secondary education, the RI teachers' advisory council and the attorney general's office to create regulations and programs for students who have been suspended, or otherwise removed from a regular classroom setting.) {LC4270/1}
02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7498

(Attorney General)

BY O`Grady, Canario, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT PROGRAM (Requires the registration, certification, and regulation of those individuals who provide personal care assistant services to a consumer.) {LC4065/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7499

(Attorney General)

BY Morin, Messier, Phillips, Solomon, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health insurance companies to cover non-opioid treatments for pain which includes physical therapy, occupational therapy, massage therapy, acupuncture and oriental medicine.) {LC4305/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7500

BY Shanley, Coughlin, Solomon, Blazejewski, Barros

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Requires a landlord to maintain a general liability insurance policy of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and to introduce the policy in any trespass and ejection action.) {LC4592/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7501

(Secretary of State)

BY Solomon, Marshall, Phillips, Barros, Coughlin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Creates an in-person early voting process and amends the mail ballot requirements.) {LC4521/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7502

(Secretary of State)

BY Solomon, Marshall, Phillips, Barros, Coughlin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- NOTARIES PUBLIC AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (Repeals the current state provisions regarding notaries and adopts an adapted version of the "Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.") {LC4302/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7503

(Public Defender)

BY Tobon, Maldonado, Barros, Cunha, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Defines "adult" as 18 years and older. Eliminates limitation on family court jurisdiction for cases of 17 year old children charged with specific serious crimes.) {LC4486/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7504

(Attorney General)

BY Johnston**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases penalties for driving offenses.) {LC3325/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7505

(Attorney General)

BY Johnston**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST (Creates a new chapter and make several amendments to existing statutes providing for penalties for crimes against the public trust.) {LC3326/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7506

(Attorney General)

BY McEntee, Craven, McKiernan, Lombardi, Coughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - ADJUDICATION OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES (Provides that the traffic tribunal would have exclusive jurisdiction for second and subsequent violations of blood test refusals related to a suspected DUI.) {LC4322/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7507**BY** Edwards, Casey, Blazejewski, Corvese, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS (Repeals the authority of the city or town council, bureau of licenses or board of police commissioners to revoke any license issued for amusements, performances and/or movies on Sunday.) {LC4468/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7508**BY** Edwards, Corvese, Newberry, Shekarchi, Keable**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS (Eliminates the election offense for posting political circulars that criticize a candidate.) {LC4519/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7509**BY** Edwards, Casey, Keable, Blazejewski, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - POLITICAL PARTIES (Allows a political organization to become a political party by collecting voter signatures earlier than the current January 1 of the election year start date.) {LC4520/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7510**BY** Edwards, Casey, Blazejewski, Corvese, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HIGHWAYS (Repeals the entirety of § 11-22-9 which section imposes a fine on any animal drawn sled or sleigh when the operator lets the animal team go at large on a highway.) {LC4458/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7511**BY** Corvese, Jacquard, Edwards, Solomon, Marshall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY (Eliminates the penalty of abating rent in cases where a non-resident landlord fails to designate an agent for service of process and would clarify that the fine for violating this section is civil.) {LC4202/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7512**BY** Shekarchi, Regunberg, Craven, McEntee, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURES GENERALLY - CAUSES OF ACTION (Allows a minor to bring specified malpractice actions at any time up to reaching twenty-one (21) years of age.) {LC4588/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7513**BY** Edwards, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Allows Tiverton to prorate tax due and payable upon sale of tax exempt property to purchaser holding no tax exempt status for that calendar year.) {LC4602/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7514**BY** McLaughlin, Azzinaro, Johnston, McNamara, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PUBLIC DRINKING

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM PROTECTION (Provides that persons ages sixty-five (65) years and over who have a surcharge applied to water supplied to them for personal use and consumption would receive a twenty-five (25%) discount on such surcharge.) {LC4594/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7515**BY** Roberts, Giarrusso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -

EXEMPTION FOR INDIGENT AND INFIRM PERSONS IN THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH

(Permits the town of West Greenwich to create five (5) year tax liens on real estate owned by infirm and indigent persons in lieu of paying regular taxes where those persons have been determined as unable to pay by the assessor.) {LC4577/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7516**BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the donation of alcoholic beverages to nonprofit organizations that are exempt from federal taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.) {LC4421/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7517**BY** McEntee, Craven, Edwards, Knight, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Reduces the rental period from thirty (30) days to six (6) days in regard to the exclusion from the definition of occupancy for any home, condominium or other residential dwelling rented.) {LC4502/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7518**BY** Roberts, Newberry, Giarrusso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - GENERAL POWERS (Requires certain costs of police training to be reimbursed when an officer leaves one community department for another.) {LC3809/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 7519**BY** Maldonado, Kazarian, Barros, Tobon, Coughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF TREMONT ASSOCIATES II, INC. {LC4471/1}

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairwoman Fellela announces that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

Chairwoman Serpa announces that the Committee on Oversight will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Vella-Wilkinson congratulates Dr. Karen Lynch on her retirement after 33 years of exemplary and dedicated service to the citizens of RI as the principal scientist in the RI Department of Health.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 7520****BY** Ucci, Corvese, Carson, Mendonca, Giarrusso**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING "NATIONAL INVENTORS' DAY" ON FEBRUARY 11, 2018, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3878/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Ucci seconded by Representatives Corvese, Carson, Mendonca, and Giarrusso by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Abney announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

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

GUESTS

Representative Quattrocchi welcomes to the House Chamber as guests Dan and Amy Long along with their children Makayla, Jordan, Kaylee, Daniel Jr. and Ryan. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes Dan and Amy.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of the Black Latino Caucus and also the Secretary of State, Nellie Gorbea, Representative Tobon invites members of the House and the community to share in the celebration of Black History month. This celebration will be held Tuesday, February 13th in the State House Library.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUEST

Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello welcome to the House Chamber David Montenegro.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Handy announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 205 of the State House.

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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2094**BY** Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Patrick J. Cafferty to join Lindsay Mary Nagel and Christopher Robert Lacek in marriage on or about June 9, 2018, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC3879/1}
02/09/2018 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2095**BY** Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kayla Benoit to join Jessica Marie Either and Alex Dylan Beauregard in marriage on or about September 16, 2018, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.) {LC3353/1}
02/09/2018 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2097**BY** Felag, Euer, Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thomas Deegan Douglass to join Meaghan Siobhan Dendy and James Everett Case in marriage on or about May 19, 2018, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC3787/1}
02/09/2018 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2149**BY** DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Janet McCarthy to join Carrie Pamela Mitchell and Joseph Everett Kolb in marriage on or about May 19, 2018, within the Village of Wickford, Rhode Island.) {LC3998/1}
02/09/2018 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2282**BY** DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Driscoll to join Kaitlin E. Twomey and Johnathan M. Clabbers in marriage on or about October 6, 2018, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC3999/1}
02/09/2018 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2293**BY** Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows David P. Raiche to join Jillian Marie Rainville and Kevin James Nesbitt in marriage on or about October 12, 2018, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC4195/1}

02/09/2018 Referred to House Judiciary

REPORT OF COMMITTEE**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY****Chairman Keable, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:****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}

02/09/2018 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (02/13/2018)

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}

02/09/2018 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (02/13/2018)

House Bill No. 7253**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Patrick J. Cafferty to join Lindsay Mary Nagel and Christopher Robert Lacek in marriage on or about June 9, 2018, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC3930/1}

02/09/2018 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (02/13/2018)

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 7521****BY** Marshall, O'Brien, Edwards, Morin, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS (Establishes a new and separate calendar within the superior court to expediently hear and decide land use matters concerning the development of renewable energy resources.) {LC4433/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7522

(Secretary of State)

BY Corvese, Ackerman, Winfield, Azzinaro, Ucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER REGISTRATION (Requires the secretary of state to notify the appropriate elected official of a newly registered voter's most recent former place of residence, only if it is located outside of Rhode Island.) {LC4303/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7523

BY Ucci, Corvese, Cunha, Fellela, Winfield

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING (Expands the definition of litter to include commercial signs placed on public property or telephone poles, and allows the authorities to remove such signs without risk of criminal penalties or civil suits.) {LC3522/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7524

BY Regunberg, Shekarchi, McEntee, Ucci, Blazejewski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS--LIABILITY LIMITATIONS (Changes the definition of "owner" to exclude the state and municipalities for the purposes of liability limitations relating to public use of private lands.) {LC4591/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 2-14-2018, page 2.)

House Bill No. 7525

(Attorney General)

BY Amore, Fogarty, Canario, Cunha

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Creates a new criminal offense of driving under the influence resulting in non-serious bodily injury.) {LC3317/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7526

BY Amore, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Serpa, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE (Allows individuals, who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, to vote in a primary election, as long as the voter will be eighteen (18) as of the date of the general or special election.) {LC4537/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7527

(Attorney General)

BY Amore, Fogarty, Canario, Cunha

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Extends the "lookback" period for third and subsequent offenses under § 31-27-2 ("Driving Under Influence of Liquor or Drugs") and § 31-27-2.1 ("Refusal to Submit to Chemical Test") from five (5) to ten (10) years.) {LC3316/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7528**BY** Williams, Shekarchi, Hull, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES (Prohibits discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income.) {LC4283/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 7529**BY** Canario, Corvese, Giarrusso, Marshall, Johnston**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF LEGALIZING MARIJUANA (Extends the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study the effects of legalizing marijuana from March 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019, and said commission expires on May 1, 2019.) {LC4649/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7530**BY** Williams, Ajello, Ranglin-Vassell, Perez, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RESIDENCE OF THOSE IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT (Establishes a process to ensure persons in government custody are counted as their actual residence for purposes of redistricting.) {LC3158/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7531**BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Ajello, Knight, Lancia**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JURY LISTS (Adds individuals receiving public assistance to the list of persons liable and qualified for jury service and mandates the director of human services to provide the jury commissioner with a list of those people on public assistance on a yearly basis.) {LC3240/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7532**BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Regunberg, Hull, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION (Requires that the judicial selection commission be composed of at least three (3) members of color.) {LC3079/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7533**BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Hull, Perez, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- FULL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS (Subjects obligors of child support to license suspension after a 60-day arrearage but provides conditional driving privileges for employment.) {LC3096/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7534**BY** McEntee, Knight, Craven, McKiernan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES (Revises the definition of a felony, misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor, and requires a correctional impact statement for all legislation affecting corrections.) {LC4583/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7535**BY** Craven, McEntee, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Provides that an open and obvious danger or defect is not a complete bar to recovery of damages in personal injury or property damage actions.) {LC4587/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7536**BY** Edwards, Newberry, Keable, Blazejewski, Coughlin, Marshall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Eliminates the designation of "curfew streets" by police chiefs or police commissioners.) {LC4460/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7537**BY** Barros, Cunha, Tobon, Maldonado, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND VALUES ACT--ENHANCED COMMUNITY PROTECTION IN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTION (Enhances community protection during ICE enforcement and investigatory actions.) {LC4404/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7538**BY** Edwards, Newberry, Keable, Casey, Coughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Repeals the criminal offense for keeping an unpermitted location where certain business is conducted when the location is within one mile of a religious society meeting.) {LC4459/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7539

(Public Defender)

BY Barros, Tobon, Regunberg**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Amends the penalty provisions for disorderly conduct and willful trespass to monetary penalties only, absent certain circumstances, and would make a first or second offense shoplifting a civil violation.) {LC3450/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7540

(Attorney General)

BY Craven, McKiernan, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - THE STATE FALSE CLAIM ACT (Amends the State False Claims Act to reflect amendments to the Federal False Claims Act.) {LC4310/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7541

(Attorney General)

BY Craven, O'Brien, Marshall, Morin, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Implements several provisions of the federal sex offender registration and notification act, to include registration for a litany of federal or military offenses, and specifies what information can or cannot be shared on a public registry website.)

{LC4514/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7542

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- TRUST (Permits settlor of trust to provide for person other than trustees to direct trustee's actions/clearly establishes legal responsibilities of trust advisors/protectors.) {LC4432/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7543

BY Handy, Corvese, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PARTY CONVENTIONS (Removes the requirement that each political party convene every two (2) years to adopt a platform.) {LC4373/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7544

BY Blazejewski, Maldonado, Winfield, Casimiro, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE (Amends the computation formula relative to temporary disability insurance and adds siblings and caregivers to those workers eligible to receive temporary caregiver insurance.) {LC4585/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7545

BY Marshall, O'Brien, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT {LC4294/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7546

BY Marshall, Donovan, Morin, Johnston, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STATE AID (Creates incentive bonus program to reward school systems meeting/exceeding annual education goals/standards established by department of education.) {LC4293/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7547

BY Marshall, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provided that the transition plan for education aid begun in fiscal year 2012 would be frozen in place at the rates and calculations in effect for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017.) {LC4279/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7548

BY Marshall, Edwards, O'Brien, Johnston, Morin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Reassesses any utility rate increase after January 1, 2017, and evaluate whether the increase in rate results in excessive profits to the utility company.) {LC3642/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7549

BY Marshall, Donovan, O'Brien, Morin, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Provides that commencing fiscal year 2019 and thereafter, all state funds appropriated for educational purposes pursuant to this chapter would be in an amount not less than the amount of funds appropriated in the previous fiscal year.) {LC4295/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7550

BY Marshall, O'Brien, Edwards, Morin, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND OCEAN STATE FUND (Allows for a credit equal to the amount contributed by a taxpayer for the taxable year to the Rhode Island Ocean State Fund, which is created in the general fund to accept monetary contributions for exclusively public purposes.) {LC4527/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 7551

BY Ruggiero, McNamara, Carson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEVELOP A TRANSPORTATION LOCATOR SERVICE FOR OLDER RHODE ISLANDERS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO ACCESS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES {LC4543/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7552

BY Price, Marshall, Chippendale, Donovan, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Restores the regionalization bonus in foundation education aid for certain regionalized school districts.) {LC4398/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7553

BY Phillips, Serpa, Morin, Solomon, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MICRO ZONE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT (Creates micro zones in distressed areas to stimulate economic revitalization/employment opportunities/business development through redevelopment of abandoned industrial/commercial structures.) {LC4515/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7554**BY** Solomon, Shanley, McNamara, Keable**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a one-time non-refundable personal/corporate income tax credit for the actual costs of sewer connection for single/multifamily homes based on real property owner's filing status.) {LC4561/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7555**BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Lancia, Hull, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES-PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (Provides that for the purpose of determining income limitations for receiving general public assistance, child support that is in arrears for thirty (30) days or more would not be considered to be income.) {LC3077/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7556**BY** Barros, Ruggiero, Tobon, Messier, Johnston**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES (Amends provisions of the tax increment financing act in order to encourage municipalities to use tax increment financing to facilitate economic development.) {LC4408/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7557**BY** Barros, Maldonado, Blazejewski, Tobon, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - SMALL LOAN LENDERS (Repeals provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders.") {LC4406/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7558**BY** Barros, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Maldonado, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases the Rhode Island earned income credit from fifteen percent (15%) to fifteen and one-half percent (15.5%.) {LC4399/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7559**BY** Canario, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Allows the Tiverton town council to grant, by ordinance, property tax credits and removes the current property assessment value-based tax exemptions for veterans, gold star parents and visually impaired persons.) {LC4651/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7560**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RETAIL SALE OF GASOLINE (Eliminates the requirement that a waiver for fuel content standards be obtained from both weights and measures (DLT) and the department of environmental management (DEM).) {LC4464/1}
02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations**House Bill No. 7561****BY** Marshall, Edwards, O'Brien, Casey, Johnston**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Expands the PUC to five members with appointment by speaker and president.)

{LC3643/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7562

(Secretary of State)

BY Marshall, Solomon, Edwards, O'Brien, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Provides that the alternate window for documents filed with the secretary of state to take effect is increased from up to thirty (30) days to up to ninety (90) days.) {LC4304/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7563**BY** Marshall, Edwards, Ackerman, O'Brien, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE CONSUMER PROTECTION SALES ACT (Creates a system of consumer protection for regulation by DBR of noninsurance business entities using or disclosing personal identifiable financial information for insurance sales.) {LC4562/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7564**BY** Marshall, Edwards, O'Brien, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW--RESALE OF UNITS (Imposes a penalty on a condominium association for failing to deliver a resale certificate within ten (10) days of a request by a unit owner, and establishes a maximum fee of \$125 for compiling a resale certificate.) {LC4576/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7565**BY** Williams, Roberts, Ranglin-Vassell, Hull, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Exempts natural hair braiders from the requirement to be licensed as hairdressers or cosmeticians, and defines the practice of natural hair braiding.) {LC3081/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7566**BY** Morin, Casey, Phillips, Johnston, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES (Allows railroad companies who hold a Class G license to serve alcohol at retail aboard its trains and in its controlled station premises up to 30 minutes prior to a train's scheduled departure.) {LC4575/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Resolution No. 7567**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Vella-Wilkinson, Messier, Edwards**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATION COMMISSION TO STUDY VETERAN AND MILITARY SPOUSE EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (Extends the reporting date of the Special Legislation Commission to Study Veteran and Military Spouse Education and Employment Opportunities to April 30, 2019, and its expiration date to July 30, 2019.) {LC4615/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 7568**BY** Edwards, Diaz, Tobon, Maldonado, Cunha**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- AMERICANIZATION OF SCHOOLS (Repeals requirement that persons between 16 and 21 who cannot speak, read or write English to attend classes until they learn (minimum 200 hours). Also repeals fines and institutional commitment for failure to take such classes.) {LC4567/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7569**BY** Ackerman, McNamara, Corvese, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Would require hospitals to offer flu vaccinations to all inpatient individuals sixty-five (65) years of age or older unless the person has a condition that would not allow such vaccination or if the vaccine is in short supply.) {LC4462/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7570**BY** Donovan, Carson, Casimiro, Ajello, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Permits students to possess and use over-the-counter products to treat menstrual cramps or vaginal yeast infections during school activities without a doctor's or parent's note.) {LC4616/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7571**BY** Morgan, Giarrusso, Roberts, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL {LC3802/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7572**BY** Morgan, Filippi, Roberts, Giarrusso, Nardolillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PATIENT ACCESS EXPANSION ACT (Prohibits the state from requiring any form of the Federation of State Medical Boards' proprietary maintenance of licensure program.) {LC3805/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7573**BY** Morgan, Filippi, Giarrusso, Nardolillo, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE {LC3803/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7574**BY** Morgan, Giarrusso, Nardolillo, Price, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROVISION OF VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE SERVICES {LC3804/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7575**BY** Fogarty, Carson, Donovan, Amore, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

(Requires long-term health plan issuers to provide a 90 day written notice of premium increase and alternative to maintain coverage at same cost. Limits increase to 10% for plans sold on or after January 1, 2019.) {LC4541/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7576**BY** Roberts, Quattrocchi, Lancia, Price, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Allows parents or guardians of a child to opt out of vaccines for non-casual contact diseases transmitted by sexual contact.) {LC4164/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7577**BY** Williams, Amore, McNamara, Ranglin-Vassell, Messier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STATE DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT -- DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER] (Directs the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to issue regulations restricting cell phone use by students in the public schools during the school day unless they are being used in connection with an assignment or curriculum.) {LC3074/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7578

BY Marshall, Edwards, Ackerman, O'Brien, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ELDERLY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (Adds elder caregiver respite services to the web-based caregiver support information center.) {LC4574/1}

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:31 o'clock P.M. on motion of Leader Shekarchi seconded by Leader Morgan the House adjourns, on a voice vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL W. CHIPPENDALE

Dear Lord: Black History Month has been set aside to recognize the significant contributions of African Americans to our society. Help us to always honor that history by teaching our children about the incredible contributions of African Americans in all aspects of our history and culture. Amen

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018:

1. **2018-H 7188**
 BY Ackerman
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2018-H 7189**
 BY Abney
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. **2018-H 7253**
 BY Serpa
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, February 9, 2018