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Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Eighteenth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, February 13, 2018 and is called to order at 4:24 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, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Filippi, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, 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, 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 – 4: Representatives Ajello, Coughlin, Fellela, Fogarty.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Kazarian 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 Thursday, February 8, 2018, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Deborah Fellela is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 13th, 2018.

Representative Edith Ajello is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 13th, 2018.

Representative David A. Coughlin is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 13th, 2018.

Representative Kathleen Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 13th, 2018.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

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

House Bill No. 7230

BY McEntee, Craven, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Allows the division of motor vehicles to issue a courtesy registration plate for a vehicle more than twenty-five (25) years old.) {LC3796/1}

02/13/2018 Committee transferred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7231

BY Perez, Fellela, Ranglin-Vassell, Lombardi, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT COMPENSATION CORPORATION ACT (Creates an accident compensation fund to provide payments and benefits to those injured by uninsured motorists, to be administered by the automobile accident compensation corporation.) {LC3507/1}

02/13/2018 Committee transferred to House Finance

CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

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.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi, seconded by Minority Leader Morgan on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Filippi, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

GUESTS

Representative Morin welcomes to the House Chamber as a guest, David Nathan Alward, Consul General of Canada and Lisa Carrier, Political Affairs Officer.

At 4:32 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker yields the rostrum to Consul General David N. Alward.

By unanimous consent, the Consul General addresses the members of the House.

At 4:35 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker returns to the rostrum and thanks the Consul General for addressing the House.

Representative Chippendale welcomes the Consul General to the Chamber and informs members that Representative Lancia was named the 1st Exchange Chaplin with the Canadian forces.

Representative Lancia also welcomes the Consul General David Alward.

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 7579****BY** Mattiello, Morgan, Morin, Casey, Phillips**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING MR. DAVID NATHAN ALWARD, CONSUL GENERAL OF CANADA TO NEW ENGLAND, AND WELCOMING HIM TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4693/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Morin seconded by Speaker Mattiello and Leader Morgan, Representatives Casey, Phillips, Newbury, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Maldonado thanks all those who attended the 9th Annual Black History Month Celebration, and a special thanks to Speaker Mattiello for sharing his wise words and support.

Speaker Mattiello extends thanks to Representatives Maldonado and Tobon for doing a great job as co-chairs of the 9th Annual Black History Month Celebration.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 7580****BY** Winfield, Costantino**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF DR. JOHN T. MCBRIDE ON FEBRUARY 12TH, 2018 {LC4595/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Winfield seconded by Representative Costantino by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

Speaker Mattiello wishes Dr. McBride a Happy Birthday.

House Resolution No. 7581**BY** Shekarchi, Morgan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC4694/1}

Majority Leader Shekarchi request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi seconded by Minority Leader Morgan by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 7582**BY** Shekarchi, Morgan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC4695/1}

Majority Leader Shekarchi request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi seconded by Minority Leader Morgan by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Jacquard announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

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

Representative Blazejewski congratulates Leader Shekarchi and Representative Serpa on receiving the Animal Rescue of Rhode Island Golden Paw Award. Speaker Mattiello also congratulates Leader Shekarchi and Representative Serpa.

Leader Shekarchi invites members to greet the Consul General in the House Lounge after session.

Leader Shekarchi announces there is no House session or Committee meetings on this Thursday and the deadline for House bill introduction has been extended to Tuesday, February 27th after vacation week.

DESK HELD OPEN

The Leader announces the desk with be held open.

Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello wish Representative Joy Hearn a Happy Birthday during vacation week.

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 4:50 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 KATHERINE S. KAZARIAN

Dear Lord: Black History Month has been set aside to recognize the significance of African Americans in 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.