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Twenty-first Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, February 28, 2018 and is called to order at 4:21 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, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

ABSENT – 4: Representatives Coughlin, McKiernan, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:23 o'clock P.M. on motion of Leader Shekarchi seconded by Leader Morgan the House adjourns the session of Tuesday, February 27, 2018 on a voice vote.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Williams who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Marcia Ranglin-Vassell is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018:**1. 2018-H 7270****BY** Casimiro**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the resolution, seconded by Representatives Walsh, Vella-Wilkinson, Casimiro, Abney, Donovan, Ackerman, Carson, McEntee, Craven, McLaughlin, Diaz, Edwards, Phillips, Blazejewski, and Fogarty.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2018-H 7360**BY** Giarrusso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF DONEGAN & ASSOCIATES, LTD.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Johnston and Solomon.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

GUESTS

Representative Lima welcomes to the House as guests Matt Rossell, Campaigns and Policy Director of Rescue and Freedom Project; Christine Mariano, her partner Jon, her rescue beagle, Tucker and also Dennis Tabella. Speaker Mattiello welcomes all to the State House.

Representative Diaz welcomes to the Chamber Honorable Greg Coleman, former Inspector General of the Liberia National Police along with Winston Gould, Arnest Salee, Sertric Geyi and Araminta McIntosh, from the Board of the Liberian Association. Speaker Mattiello welcomes them to the House.

Representative Marszalkowski welcomes to the House Chamber as guests Troop One Diamond Hill Boy Scouts of America, Cumberland RI: Robert Chesney-merit badge leader; Danny Silva; Isabel Ferreira; Joseph Chesney; Beth Lane; and Jonus Lane.

Representative Tobon welcomes to the House Chamber Matthew Carvalho, resident of District 58 and a student of Saint Raphael Academy.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman McNamara 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.

RULE 7D

The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Amore-An Act relating to School Security

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.

Leader Shekarchi extends farewell and thanks to Matt Jerzyk and congratulates him personally, publicly and professionally.

Leader Shekarchi announces the bill deadline has now passed. All members must stand and file bills under Rule 7(d) by giving one-day notice to the body of their intention to introduce the bill on the next legislative day along with its subject. There is a limit of three bills per member using this rule. The provision does not apply to city or town bills, to the reinstatement of corporate charters, solemnization of marriages, appropriations and budget bills, or to bills to create or extend the reporting dates of study commissions.

Leader Shekarchi announces Nicole McCarty and Jason Holt from legislative council will be assisting him from now on.

Speaker Mattiello extends farewell to Matt and thanks him for all he has done and wishes him the best in the future.

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 7913**

BY Mattiello, Shekarchi, Maldonado, Diaz, McNamara

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND THANKING MATTHEW T. JERZYK FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE AND STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5004/1}

With the agreement of the minority, Leader Shekarchi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Leader Shekarchi seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Diaz, McNamara, Tanzi, Casimiro, Maldonado, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Diaz also bids farewell to Matt and wishes him the best.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 7914****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Diaz, McNamara, Edwards**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2018, TO BE "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3472/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson seconded by Representative Azzinaro, Diaz, McNamara, Edwards, Lancia, Leader Shekarchi, Representative Casimiro, Leader Morgan, Representatives Maldonado, Kazarian, Marshall, Bennett, Casey, Abney, Tobon, Fellela, Costantino, Cunha and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Marshall welcomes to the House Chamber Walter Burke, Parks and Recreation Director from the town of Bristol.

Representative Fogarty welcomes to the House Rex Eberly, South Kingstown Parks and Recreation Director and President of the Parks and Recreation Association of Rhode Island.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative McEntee congratulates the Narragansett Boys Basketball team for winning the Division II Championship.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 7915****BY** Marshall, Shekarchi, Maldonado, Morin, Barros**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR AND RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION, IN CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION WITH THE RHODE ISLAND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, DESIGNATE THE BLACKSTONE RIVER CORRIDOR MUNICIPALITIES OF PROVIDENCE, WOONSOCKET, EAST PROVIDENCE, PAWTUCKET, AND CENTRAL FALLS AS A QUALIFIED OPPORTUNITY ZONE PURSUANT TO THE NEW FEDERAL TAX BILL AUTHORIZATIONS {LC4987/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Marshall seconded by Leader Shekarchi Representatives Maldonado, Amore, Barros, Diaz, Ackerman, O'Brien, Leader Morgan, Representatives Edwards, McNamara, Slater, Cunha, Johnston, Blazejewski, Casey, Keable, Almeida, Tobon, Bennett, Costantino, Kennedy, and Speaker Mattiello by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 7916

BY O'Brien, Maldonado, Corvese, Marshall, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 25TH THROUGH MARCH 3RD, 2018, AS "PEACE CORPS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5086/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative O'Brien seconded by Representatives Maldonado, Corvese, Marshall, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives McEntee, Perez, Almeida, Craven, Ruggerio, Ucci, Lima, Solomon, Keable, Diaz, Slater, Azzinaro, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morin, Hull, Lombardi, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh and Kennedy by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

RULE 7D

The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Ucci-An Act relating to RI Resource Recovery Corporation

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 5:09 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative McLaughlin and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ms. Frances Rushlow; on motion of Representative Newberry, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Daniel Halloran; on motion of Representatives Carson and Abney and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Jaime Crowley; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE ANASTASIA P. WILLIAMS

Dear Lord: As Black History Month comes to end, help us to always honor their contributions to our history. Guide our country and our teachers, so that Black History becomes a full partner in American History. Amen.

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018:

1. **2018-H 7304**
BY Morgan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2018-H 7460**
BY Costantino
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018:

1. **2018-H 7302**
 BY Corvese
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- EXPLOSIVES,
 FIREWORKS, AND PYROTECHNICS

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2018-H 7191**
 BY Chippendale
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF PRIME JEWELRY GROUP

 Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Monday, February 19, 2018