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Twenty-third Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, March 6, 2018 and is called to order at 4:28 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, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, 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, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Winfield.

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Almeida, Bennett, Blazejewski, Hearn, Walsh.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Costantino 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, March 1, 2018, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Joseph Almeida is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

Representative David Bennett is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

Representative Moira J. Walsh is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

Representative Joy Hearn is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

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

House Resolution No. 7792

BY Marshall, Bennett, Edwards, McKiernan, O'Brien

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT REQUIRED BY THE MEDICAID REFORM ACT OF 2008 (Establishes the Medicaid section 1115 demonstration waiver requests and renewals as well as any initiatives and proposals requiring amendments to the Medicaid state plan.) {LC4866/1}

03/05/2018 Committee transferred to House Finance

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

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}

03/05/2018 Committee transferred to House Labor

CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018:**1. 2018-S 2023**

BY Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

2. **2018-S 2029**
BY Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

3. **2018-S 2087**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

4. **2018-S 2094**
BY Satchell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

5. **2018-S 2095**
BY Nesselbush
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

6. **2018-S 2097**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Read and passed, items 1-6 in concurrence, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi, seconded by Minority Whip Filippi, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Barros, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Perez, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Azzinaro, Corvese, Phillips, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018:

- 1. 2018-H 7080**
BY Ruggiero
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ELECTRONIC RECORDING

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Keable moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Solomon, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Abney, Casimiro, Knight, McEntee, Carson, Shanley, and Donovan.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, 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, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

- 2. 2018-H 7123 SUB A**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPARE TIRE OR EQUIVALENT

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Diaz, Marshall, Johnston, Chippendale, Corvese, McLaughlin, Coughlin, Mendonca, Regunberg, and Ruggiero.

Representative Hull discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, 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, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Hull, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2018-H 7567

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATION COMMISSION TO STUDY VETERAN AND MILITARY SPOUSE EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

Chairman Azzinaro moves passage of the resolution, seconded by Representatives McLaughlin, Diaz, Marshall, Corvese, Messier, Hull, Lombardi, Mendonca, Giarrusso, Roberts, Nardolillo, Leader Morgan, Representatives Quattrocchi, Lancia, Edwards, Coughlin, Maldonado, Casey, Johnston, Vella-Wilkinson, Fellela, Lima, Costantino, Kennedy, Abney, Donovan, Ackerman, Casimiro, Regunberg, Amore, Ruggiero, and Fogarty.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, 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, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

GUESTS

Representative Quattrocchi welcomes to the House the 2nd Amendment Supporters.

Representative Newberry welcomes to the House as a guest Lindsey Chandler.

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.

Chairman Jacquard announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House.

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

Representative Tobon introduces his intern, Ruben Trejo, a student at Blackstone Valley Charter School.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Maldonado-An Act relating to Education

Representative Carson-An Act relating to Film Tax Credits

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 7920**

BY Mattiello, Messier, Johnston, Barros, Tobon

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DONALD H. GREBIEN {LC5177/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Messier seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Johnston, Barros, Tobon, Coughlin, Leader Shekarchi, Representative Edwards, Leader Morgan, and Representative Maldonado by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7921

BY Shekarchi, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC5170/1}

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.

House Resolution No. 7922**BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC5171/1}

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.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

RULE 7D

The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Filippi-An Act relating to Speed Enforcement Cameras

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Tanzi invites all members to wear purple on Thursday to celebrate International Women's Day and invites all to celebrate at 3 PM in the State Room.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 7923****BY** Nardolillo, Serpa, Roberts, Chippendale, Morgan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING FRANCIS "FRANK" J. PERRY FOR TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY {LC5081/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Nardolillo seconded by Representatives Serpa, Roberts, Chippendale, Leader Morgan and Representative Nunes by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative O'Brien-An Act relating to Education

Representative Ucci-An Act relating to Motor Vehicles

Representative Craven-An Act relating to Land Surveyors

Representative Phillips-An Act relating to Sales and Use Taxes

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 7924**

BY Lombardi, Hull, Giarrusso, Abney, Corvese

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION POSTHUMOUSLY RECOGNIZING AND
COMMEMORATING RHODE ISLAND BORN CAPTAIN ALBERT MARTIN FOR HIS HEROIC
ACTIONS AT THE BATTLE OF THE ALAMO {LC5166/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Lombardi seconded by Representatives Hull, Giarrusso, Abney, Tobon, Azzinaro, Mendonca, Morin, Messier, Ruggiero, McLaughlin, Cunha, McNamara, Leader Morgan, Representatives Quattrocchi, Lancia, Leader Shekarchi, Representative Edwards, and Speaker Mattiello by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader Shekarchi announces that due to the forecast of inclement weather tomorrow, the House session and all Committee hearings have been cancelled.

Leader Shekarchi asks members to keep Representative David Bennett in their thoughts and prayers. Representative Bennett lost his brother William suddenly this morning in South Carolina.

On behalf of Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi congratulates Representative Aaron Regunberg on receiving the **Rhode Island AARP Capitol Caregiver Award** for his earned paid sick leave legislation. Previous winners of this award have included Chairman McNamara, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy and Speaker Mattiello.

Leader Shekarchi also announces some of our colleagues attended the **Legislative Forum** sponsored by the Senior Agenda Coalition of Rhode Island at the Crowne Plaza this morning. The Leader congratulates them on a great job in discussing issues that are important to our senior population.

Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello wish a Happy Birthday to Representative David Coughlin on Monday.

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.

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:59 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Johnston , and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Robert Howe; on motion of Representatives Messier and Johnston and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Donald H. Grebien; on motion of Representative Carson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Robert Beaver; on motion of Representative Price and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Harry Records; on motion of Representative Ucci, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Palma Caprio; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INNOVCATION

REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY J. COSTANTINO

Dear God: We ask you today to keep in your heart all those in our State government who struggle each day to live and prosper. Give sustenance to the needy, and strength to the weary, so they too can enjoy the benefits of our great State. Amen.

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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}

03/06/2018 Transmitted to the Governor

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}

03/06/2018 Transmitted to the Governor

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}

03/06/2018 Transmitted to the Governor

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}

03/06/2018 Transmitted to the Governor

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}

03/06/2018 Transmitted to the Governor

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}

03/06/2018 Transmitted to the Governor

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018:**

- 1. 2018-H 7243**
BY Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PRUDENCE PARK WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
- 2. 2018-H 7258**
BY Cunha
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF SHABREKA CORP.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
- 3. 2018-H 7300**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN AND THE DESIGN OF A BEIRUT MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED AT THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.
- 4. 2018-H 7393**
BY Ucci
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF FRENCHY'S POPCORN, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
- 5. 2018-H 7394**
BY Ucci
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LANDSCAPE LIGHTING CONCEPTS, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018:

1. 2018-H 7044 SUB A

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

2. 2018-H 7158

BY Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, March 2, 2018

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