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Thursday, March 15, 2018

Twenty-sixth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, March 15, 2018 and is called to order at 4:23 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, Bennett, Blazejewski, 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, 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, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Barros, Canario, Coughlin, Lima, Shanley.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Father Henry P. Zinno, Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bristol who delivers the Invocation and Speaker Mattiello 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, March 14, 2018, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Evan Shanley is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 15, 2018.

Representative Jean Philippe Barros is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 15, 2018.

Representative Dennis Canario is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 15, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 7949

BY Edwards, Marshall, Shekarchi, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Amends the definition of public works so that it would include any public works projects performed for any city or town or quasi-municipal entity and the state and any quasi-state entity.) {LC5194/1}

03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 7950

(by request)

BY Mendonca, Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (Authorizes the Middletown Municipal Court to impose fines not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) {LC5207/1}

03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 7951

(by request)

BY Ruggiero, Mendonca

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS--MIDDLETOWN (Imposes size and weight restrictions on through traffic on Forest Avenue, Middletown.) {LC5206/1}

03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 7952

BY Edwards, Ajello, Ackerman, Hearn, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Eliminates the tax exemption for the sale of bibles.) {LC5197/1} 03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7953

BY Handy, Vella-Wilkinson, Barros, Lancia, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND PATHWAYS PROJECT (Requires the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS) to conduct a study to assess the impact of using Medicaid funds to provide coverage for the treatment of the chronically homeless.) {LC5137/1}

03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Restores the forty-seven percent (47%) distribution percentage with respect to hotel tax proceeds generated in the various regional districts and repeals the separate formula used for hosting platforms.) {LC5141/1} 03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7955

BY Edwards, Shekarchi, Corvese, Newberry, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - HIGHWAYS (Repeals the criminal prohibition against painting, printing or affixing advertisements to signs and billboards within limits of public highways without the written consent of the chief of police of the city or town in which the highway is located.) {LC5198/1}

03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7956

BY Craven, Diaz, Kennedy, Williams, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - ADJUDICATION OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES (Provides for more conspicuous signage at automated school-zone-speed-enforcement system locations and would allow for a graduated penalty system with a warning for a first offense.) {LC5209/1}

03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7957

BY Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan, Amore, Serpa, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits schools from offering any incentives to teachers who are licensed to carry a weapon.) {LC5189/1} 03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7958

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christopher Holland to join Elizabeth Correria and Andrew Mederios in marriage on or about April 21, 2018, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.) {LC5216/1} 03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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BY Newberry

House Bill No. 7959

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Anthony C. Borghi to join Kerrie A. Driscoll and Christopher Anderson in marriage on or about April 7, 2018, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC5215/1} 03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7960

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Erik B. Lawson, Esq., to join Kendra L. Harper and Kyle F. Woodford in marriage on or about June 28, 2018, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC5251/1} 03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Henry Francis Winthrop to join Ashley Elizabeth Breitenstein and Kyle Francis Kluth in marriage on or about June 15, 2018, within the Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island.) {LC5250/1} 03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 7962

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

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT ON THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND FROM THE ACQUISITION OF HOSPITALS (Creates a 14 member Joint commission to study the impact on the State of Rhode Island from the acquisition of hospitals, and who would report back to the Governor and the General Assembly by March 31, 2019, and expire on June 30, 2019.) {LC5218/1} 03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7963

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT (Revises the hospital conversions act and sets additional guidelines for the department of health to consider when considering conversions of either for profit or nonprofit hospitals or their affiliates which is defined within this act.) {LC5219/1}

03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7964

BY Winfield, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Prohibits medical licensure and discipline board/hospitals/health care insurers from denying a license/hospital privileges/network provider/equal reimbursement status to osteopaths lacking board certification.) {LC5213/1} 03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7965

BY Williams, Craven, Barros, Walsh, Perez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires "speed limit sign beacons" to be installed 100' from any school zone in the city of Providence or wherever there is automated school-zone-speed-enforcement system and allows their installation statewide if necessary.) {LC5195/1}

03/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018:

1. 2018-H 7176

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - SEAWEED

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.

Chairman Handy moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Edwards, Tanzi, Carson, and O'Brien.

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, Bennett, Blazejewski, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, 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, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2018-S 2043

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF JOSEPH MERRITT & COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

Leader Shekarchi moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ruggerio, Abney, and Cunha.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Knight, Lancia, 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, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

The Honorable Speaker Mattiello addresses the House in celebration of Saint Joseph's Day and Saint Patrick's Day.

Italian Toast

Representative Stephen R. Ucci

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson

Italian Heritage Address

Dr. Edward Iannuccilli, MD

Irish Poem

Representative Joseph M. McNamara

Irish Toast

Representative Jeremiah T. O'Grady (his daughter, Anna by his side)

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Representative Mary Duffy Messier

Irish Heritage Address

President Reverend Brian J. Shanley, O.P. Providence College

Speaker Mattiello thanks both Dr. Edward Iannuccilli, and Father Brian Shanley.

GUESTS

Representative Azzinaro welcomes to the House his good friend from Westerly Joseph Iaoci, brother-in-law of Danica Iaoci.

Representative Edwards welcome to the House as guests the Tiverton High School Tiger Girls Basketball Team: Players: Mikayla Andrews, Aja Caldwell, Marisa Cater, Jillian DeSilva, Rachel Pare, Sydney Pelletier, Mariah Ramos, Halley Della-Vecchia Ronan, Jami Vaillencourt, Mercedez Lopes, along with Head Coach- Jonette Lopes, Assistant Coach-Cara Faria, and Principal Mr. Ashley. Representative Edwards congratulates them on winning the 2018 Rhode Island Girls Basketball Division III Championship.

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 7966

BY Edwards, Shekarchi, Maldonado, Fellela, Morin ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE TIVERTON GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE RHODE ISLAND GIRLS BASKETBALL DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP {LC5257/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Edwards seconded by Leader Shekarchi, Representative Maldonado and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative McEntee welcomes to the House as guests from the National Association of Women in Construction: Renne Pineo, Pam House, Jackie Pagel, Virginia Bragger Hucks, Katherine Kohn, Lindsey Desjariais, and her constituent, Carol O'Donnell. Here today for National Association of Women in Construction Week.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 7967

BY McEntee, Ucci, Fogarty, Tanzi, Ruggiero

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 11-17, 2018, TO BE "WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5068/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative McEntee seconded by Representatives Fogarty, Ucci, Tanzi, Ruggerio, Craven, Maldonado, Kazarian, Williams, Almeida, Walsh, Ajello, Casimiro, Hearn, Leaders Morgan, Shekarchi and Representative Knight by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Donovan welcomes to the House Chamber as guests from Roger Williams University Students: Juliette Caffrey, Jessica Jensen, Brett Lowder (Criminal Justice); Chantell Montminy(Biology); Samuel Munhall, Evan Przborowski (Cybersecurity & Networking); Rose Poteau (Public Health); Tyler Roberts (Biology & Secondary Ed); Meghan Rodenhiser (Architecture); Darrell Valenti (Math & Secondary Ed); and James Westphalen (Marine Bio), along with Staff and Faculty Members: June Speakman, KC Ferrara, Kerri Warren, Becky Spritz, Jill Rodrigues, and Justin Wilder.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 7968

BY Shekarchi, Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, McNamara, Bennett **ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PEARL SARNO {LC5210/1}

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 Representatives Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, McNamara, Leader Morgan, and Representative Bennett by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

GUESTS

Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello welcome to the House Nick Capobianco and Dale Venturini.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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:

GUEST

Representative Carson welcomes to the House as a guest her mother, Jean Stack.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Williams-An Act relating to Speed Enforcement System

Representative Perez-An Act relating to Speeding Cameras

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Perez wishes his wife, Mayra a Happy Birthday.

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 Cruelty to Animals

An Act relating to Public Officers and Employees

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Jacquard reminds members of the Financial Planning Association of Rhode Island Legislative Reception in the State Room after session today.

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

Chairman Handy announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 203 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.

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

Closing Prayer

President Reverend Brian J. Shanley, O.P. Providence College

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Speaker Mattiello announces GO FRIARS and GO URI and wishes best of luck to both teams.

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 Health, Education and Welfare:

House Bill No. 7135

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Ackerman, Bennett, Lancia, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - HEARING AIDS (Increases insurance coverage for hearing aids from one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to two thousand dollars (\$2,000), per ear, every three years. In addition, the amount of insurance coverage would no longer be based on the age of the recipient.) {LC3471/1}

03/16/2018 Committee transferred 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}

03/16/2018 Committee transferred to House H.E.W.

Chairman Keable, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare:

House Bill No. 7723

(Department of Health)

BY Messier, Williams, Phillips, Johnston, Maldonado

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Exempts certain prepackaged manufacturer-supplied steroids and hormones from the pharmaceutical dosage limits contained in the uniform controlled substance act.) {LC4920/1} 03/16/2018 Committee transferred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7732

BY Marszalkowski, Casimiro, Handy, Kazarian, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PFAS IN FOOD PACKAGING (Prohibits PFAS, a class of fluorinated organic chemicals, from being used in food packaging.) {LC4803/1}

03/16/2018 Committee transferred to House H.E.W.

(Judiciary)

BY Knight, McEntee, Craven, McKiernan, Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS -

LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS - USE OF LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS IN LEGAL

PROCEEDINGS (Protects communications between language interpreters appointed under this chapter and limited-English-proficient persons.) {LC4851/1}

03/16/2018 Committee transferred to House H.E.W.

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

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

Senate Bill No. 2108

BY Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MODERN CONDOMINIUMS, INC. $\{LC3924/1\}$

03/16/2018 Placed on House Calendar (03/20/2018)

Senate Bill No. 2310

BY Lombardi, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF BROADWAY GAS, LLC {LC4314/1}

03/16/2018 Placed on House Calendar (03/22/2018)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7155

BY Casey, Price, Morin, Phillips, Keable

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - PSAT AND SAT TESTS (Includes home schooled students in the program to provide the PSAT and SAT free of charge to all Rhode Island public school students for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2018.) {LC3475/1} 03/16/2018 Placed on House Calendar (03/21/2018)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Chairman Keable, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

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} 03/16/2018 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (03/21/2018)

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}

03/16/2018 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (03/21/2018)

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} 03/16/2018 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (03/21/2018)

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Labor, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Resolution No. 7678

BY Tanzi, Mattiello, McEntee, Ruggiero, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY UNLAWFUL SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE (Creates an eleven (11) member special legislative commission to study unlawful sexual harassment in the workplace and reports back to the House of Representatives no later than May 17, 2018 and whose life would expire on June 7, 2018.) {LC4789/1}

03/16/2018 Placed on House Calendar (03/20/2018)

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 7969

BY Edwards

 $\bf ENTITLED,$ AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF F. NASIFF, JR. & CO., INC. $\{LC5273/1\}$

03/16/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7970

BY Tobon, Cunha, Edwards, Maldonado, Marshall

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND REAL ESTATE TIME-SHARE ACT (Amends several processes relative to the termination of a time-share agreement and the division of the ownership interests thereto.) {LC5217/1} 03/16/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

BY Craven, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS (Ticket resellers required to provide refund for counterfeit, misrepresented and unusable tickets. Ticket issuers would offer optional transferable tickets and eliminates criminal penalty.) {LC4667/1}

03/16/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7972

BY Ucci, Winfield, O'Brien, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- NONTRANSPARENT WINDSHIELDS AND WINDOWS (Mirrors the Massachusetts general law relating to windshields and windows obscured by nontransparent materials to include signs, posters or stickers, in addition to window tint.) {LC5212/1}

03/16/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7973

BY Ackerman, Shekarchi, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson, Morin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- SEIZURE OF ANIMALS BEING CRUELLY TREATED (Authorizes certain state and municipal agents to take possession of animals found abandoned or neglected, and to proceed to provide all necessary care and treatment for the animal.) {LC5184/1}

03/16/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7974

BY Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Williams, Donovan, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM (Requires all public secondary schools to provide a working science laboratory for all students studying science, technology, engineering or mathematics.) {LC5200/1}

03/16/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Resolution No. 7975

BY Marszalkowski, Morin, Tobon, O'Grady, Newberry

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN BLACKSTONE VALLEY (Creates an 18 member commission to study and provide recommendations to encourage economic development within the Blackstone Valley, and who would report back to the House of Representatives by February 5, 2019, and would expire on May 5, 2019.) {LC4425/1}

03/16/2018 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 7976

BY Diaz, Handy, Tanzi, Tobon, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LITTLE CIGAR TAX (Requires little cigars tax be imposed in the same manner as cigarette tax with twenty-five percent (25%) of revenue applied to smoking cessation programs and that little cigars be sold in packs of twenty (20) or more.) {LC5129/1} 03/16/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

BY Quattrocchi, Roberts, Chippendale, Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION (Directs the general treasurer of the state of Rhode Island to remit 5% of the monies received from suppliers of water to the town of Scituate.) {LC5211/1}

03/16/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7978

(Attorney General)

BY Handy, Carson, Fogarty, Donovan, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION (Clarifies that § 34-7-4 ("right of footway denied") applies only to private rights of footway.) {LC4306/1}

03/16/2018 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:24 o'clock P.M. on motion of Leader Shekarchi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Pearl Sarno; on motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Maria Davis Taglione; on motion of Representative Ucci and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Louis L. Vinagro, Jr.; on motion of Representative Fogarty, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Joseph Trainor, Jr.; seconded by Minority Whip Edwards and Leader Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy Recording Clerk

INVOCATION OPENING PRAYER FATHER HENRY P. ZINNO PASTOR, OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, BRISTOL

God our Father in heaven, on this feast of Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick, we ask that you grant us the strength and wisdom of both those saints so that we may bring to our state and our country, a love for God and a desire to protect those entrusted to our care. Grant these prayers, through our Lord forever and ever. Amen.

INVOCATION CLOSING PRAYER PRESIDENT REVEREND BRIAN J. SHANLEY, O.P. PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

May God give you...

For every storm, a rainbow,
for every tear, a smile,
for every care, a promise,
and a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
a faithful friend to share.
For every sigh, a sweet song,
and an answer for every prayer.
May love and laughter light your days,
and warm your heart and home.

May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours!

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 2043

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF JOSEPH MERRITT & COMPANY, INCORPORATED {LC3875/1} 03/15/2018 Transmitted to the Governor

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018:

1. 2018-S 2149

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

2. 2018-S 2282

BY DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

3. 2018-S 2293

BY Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe Clerk of the House

Friday, March 16, 2018

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018:

1. 2018-H 7678

BY Tanzi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY UNLAWFUL SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

2. 2018-S 2108

BY Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MODERN CONDOMINIUMS, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018:

1. 2018-H 7155

BY Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - PSAT AND SAT TESTS

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018:

1. 2018-S 2310

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF BROADWAY GAS, LLC

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, March 16, 2018