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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Twenty-seventh Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, March 20, 2018 and is called to order at 4:17 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 73 members present and 2 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 73 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, 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 – 2: Representatives Lancia, Mendonca.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Father Andrew George from Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Cranston who delivers the Invocation and Representative Filippi who 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 15, 2018, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Ken Mendonca is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 20, 2018 due to Navy travel commitments.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the resolution, seconded by Leader Shekarchi Representatives Casimiro, Regunberg, Amore, Abney, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Ackerman, Carson, Ruggiero, Knight, McEntee, Almeida, McKiernan, Fogarty, Williams, Ajello, Walsh, Vella-Wilkinson, Hearn, Canario, Serpa, Fellela, Costantino, O'Grady, Hull, Lombardi, Messier, Morin, Corvese, Azzinaro, McNamara, Diaz, Slater, McLaughlin, Bennett, Filippi, Giarrusso, Roberts, Nardolillo, Leader Morgan, Representatives Quattrocchi, Phillips, Solomon, Tobon, Cunha, Shanley, Barros, Edwards, Coughlin, Maldonado, Casey, Johnston, Blazejewski, Tanzi, and Kazarian.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, 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.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Casey.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, 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.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

GUESTS

Representative McNamara thanks Father Andrew George and welcomes to the House Chamber as guests from the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Kevin Phelan, Parish Council President; along with Greek language school teachers-Koula Rougas, Eleni Trikoulis, and Ioanna Andreopoulou, Mr. John Vanakiotis and his two sons Alexander and Christopher joined by students of the Annunciation Church afternoon Greek School. Here today for the celebration of the 197th Anniversary of Greek Independence Day.

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 7979

BY McNamara, Ruggiero, Vella-Wilkinson, Filippi, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH 25, 2018 AS THE 197TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY {LC5289/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative McNamara seconded by Representatives Ruggiero, Vella-Wilkinson, Filippi, Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan, Representatives Solomon, Blazejewski by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

Speaker Mattiello thanks Father George and all from the church.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Speaker Mattiello and Representative Lima welcome to the House Brandon Casale, 2018 Smite World Champion and was named MVP in the last tournament played in Atlanta in January along with Raymond and Karen Casale (parents), Mrs. Aimee Duarte, teacher; Mr. Zachary Farrell, Director, Cranston Area Career & Technical Center and his son, Evan. Speaker Mattiello congratulates Brandon and wishes him the best of luck.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 7980

BY Mattiello, Lima, Jacquard, Quattrocchi, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BRANDON CASALE ON BEING NAMED THE 2018 SMITE WORLD CHAMPION GAMER {LC5253/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Lima seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi, and Representatives Jacquard, Ucci, Quattrocchi, Handy, McNamara, and Bennett, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Williams welcomes to the House Christina Walsh Director of Activism and Coalitions for the Institute for Justice outside of DC.

Representative Lima welcomes to the Chamber from Classical High School: Superintendent Chris Maher, Leila Chammas, Susan Leach DeBlasio, Stephen Hickey, Charon Rose, Sergio DeSousarosa, Walter Zenkanowski and Tom Carr. Here today for the 175th anniversary of Classical High School.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 7981

BY Lima, Walsh, O'Brien, Kennedy, O'Grady

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL {LC5225/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Lima seconded by Representative Walsh 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.

Representative Walsh acknowledges and thanks all House Pages from Classical High School: Julia & Miranda Birdbaum, Daniel Galarraga, Henry Michaud, Briany Rodriguez, Jocelyn Jolon, Grace Collins, Giankarlos Jusino, Betty Hasse, Madison Martins, and Gabe Mernoff.

Representative O'Brien informs members he is the Truant Officer for Classical High School for the past year.

Representative Ruggiero announces the Southeastern New England Defense Industry planned their Steam Day for tomorrow and due to the impending storm it is cancelled.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Fellela-An Act relating to Highways.
An Act relating to Elections.

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 203 of the State House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

RULE 7D

The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Craven-An Act relating to Probate Practice and Procedure.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Leader Morgan asks members to keep in their thoughts Representative Lancia who will be undergoing his 3rd shoulder replacement.

Leader Shekarchi announces due to the forecast of the impending storm the House session and Committees are cancelled for tomorrow. Session will reconvene on Thursday as scheduled.

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.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

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}

03/20/2018 Placed on House Calendar (03/27/2018)

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:59 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Casimiro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Anthony Giarrusso; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

FATHER ANDREW GEORGE

OF ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Let us pray

O Lord Almighty, we raise our heart, mind & soul to you in prayer as we commemorate the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary along with the Observance of the War of Independence for the nation of Greece in the modern era, (1821, inaugurated on March 25), which has become in our current days a celebration of Greek and American Democracy.

We adore you as our Creator on this day as you entered the womb of your blessed mother, setting in motion the beginning of our salvation and our freedom from enslavement to sin.

We offer thanksgiving prayers as well for the regeneration and liberation of the nation of Greece from its political enslavement which re-established democratic principles in the modern-land-of Democracy.

Show us all to be worthy of this freedom, strengthen us in safe-guarding it and preserve us in peace and harmony.

Furthermore, we pray today for the elected officials of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations and the members of this chamber. Protect, guide and guard each of them and their families; bless them with good health and sound minds, that they may lead us in the right direction as they serve and minister to its citizens.

For you are the source of life, our protector and savior and we ascribe glory to you, Father, Son & Holy Spirit – Amen!

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 2108

BY Jabour

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

03/20/2018 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 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

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

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.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018:

1. **2018-H 7155**
BY Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - PSAT AND SAT TESTS

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

2. **2018-H 7529**
BY Canario
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF LEGALIZING MARIJUANA

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

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