

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Thursday, May 3, 2018

Forty-third Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, May 3, 2018 and is called to order at 4:12 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 68 members present and 7 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 68 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Knight, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, O'Brien, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Winfield

ABSENT – 7: Representatives Almeida, Bennett, Fellela, Kennedy, Nunes, Tanzi, 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 Wednesday, May 2, 2018, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Teresa A. Tanzi is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 3, 2018.

Representative Moira J. Walsh is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 3, 2018.

Representative Fellela is unable to attend session today, Thursday, May 3, 2018.

COMMUNICATION



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVE BRIAN PATRICK KENNEDY *District 38**Speaker Pro Tempore**Committee on Corporations**Committee on Rules**Dean of the House*

May 3, 2018

Speaker Nicholas Mattiello
323 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Speaker Mattiello:

I will not be in attendance today due to the fact that I am traveling back from Israel after the completion of a State Legislative Leaders Study Tour that was conducted in conjunction with the America-Israel Friendship League and the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Sincerely,

Brian Patrick Kennedy
Speaker Pro Tempore
State Representative
District 38

Received and placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE**TRANSFER OF BILL**

Chairman Jacquard, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Municipal Government:

Senate Bill No. 2439 SUB A

BY Ciccone, Ruggerio, Paolino, Nesselbush, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE (Increases the amount of purchases the North Providence's purchasing agent may purchase an item, without bid, from \$1,500 to \$2,500.) {LC4070/A/1}

05/03/2018 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2052

BY Satchell, Gallo, Seveney, Jabour, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS (Creates a process for the department of education relating to the collection and organization of information concerning the workload and scope of the duties and responsibilities performed by school social workers.) {LC3456/1}

05/03/2018 Referred to House H.E.W.

Senate Bill No. 2249 SUB A

BY Lombardo, Kettle, Conley, McCaffrey, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special registration plate for holders of the Eagle Scout badge. The forty dollar (\$40.00) surcharge for the plates shall be divided between the general fund and the Narragansett Council of the Boy Scouts of America.) {LC4330/A/1}

05/03/2018 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2251

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Reduces the alcoholic beverage manufacturing and wholesale licensing fee from three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to five hundred dollars (\$500).) {LC4465/1}

05/03/2018 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2347 SUB A

BY Satchell, Euer, Metts, Pearson, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - OUT OF SCHOOL TIME LEARNING COMMISSION (Creates a permanent joint commission to improve and increase the number of quality out of school time learning programs in the state.) {LC4507/A/1}

05/03/2018 Referred to House H.E.W.

Senate Bill No. 2350 SUB A**BY** Sosnowski, Goldin, Crowley, Coyne, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

(Prohibits the advertising of unhealthy food and beverage products in schools that do not meet minimum federal and state governmental nutrition standards.) {LC4599/A/1}

05/03/2018 Referred to House H.E.W.

Senate Bill No. 2363**BY** Ciccone, Gallo, Felag, DiPalma, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RETAIL SALE OF

GASOLINE (Eliminates the requirement that a waiver for fuel content standards be obtained from both weights and measures (DLT) and the department of environmental management (DEM).) {LC4517/1}

05/03/2018 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2486**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - DISABILITY

BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (Expands the existing disability business enterprises program.)

{LC4775/1}

05/03/2018 Referred to House Veterans Affairs

Senate Bill No. 2507**BY** Seveney, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LICENSING (Removes the

requirement that hunting and fishing licenses may be issued only by town and city clerks.) {LC4786/1}

05/03/2018 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 2511

(Environmental Management)

BY Sosnowski, Miller, Coyne, Conley, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - SHELLFISH GROUNDS (Ensures

compliance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.) {LC4927/1}

05/03/2018 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 2652**BY** Sosnowski, DiPalma, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - NET METERING

(Expands the definition of eligible net metering resources by including "eligible biomass fuels" as defined in § 39-26-2(6).) {LC5227/1}

05/03/2018 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2740**BY** Cote, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES (Allows

railroad companies who hold a Class G license to serve alcohol at retail aboard its trains and in its controlled station premises up to 60 minutes prior to a train's scheduled departure.) {LC5104/1}

05/03/2018 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 2788**BY** Algiere, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION-- TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN (Authorizes the town of Charlestown, by ordinance, to offer tax dollar credit reductions in lieu of various tax exemptions.) {LC5440/1}

05/03/2018 Referred to House Municipal Government

Senate Bill No. 2806**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - BENEFITS (Increases the maximum weekly unemployment benefit rate to the higher of fifty-seven and one-half percent (57.5%) of the average weekly wages paid to workers in the prior calendar year or six hundred sixteen dollars (\$616) per week.) {LC4056/1}

05/03/2018 Referred to House Labor

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 8152****BY** Slater, Williams, McKiernan, Diaz, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO YEAR UP PROVIDENCE (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to Year Up Providence.) {LC5568/1}

05/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8153

(by request)

BY Winfield, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000,000 IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 40% FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT (Authorizes the town of Smithfield to issue not more than \$45,000,000 bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration and repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.) {LC5571/1}

05/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8154**BY** Winfield, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500,000 IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, BUILDING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW FIRE STATION IN THE TOWN (Authorizes the town

of Smithfield to issue not more than \$4,500,000 bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the acquisition, construction, building, furnishing and equipping of a new fire station in the town.) {LC5572/1}

05/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8155

BY Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Myron Raisner to join Dara M. Raisner and Everett McCurdy in marriage on or about November 4, 2018, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC5600/1}

05/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 8156

BY Mattiello, Giarrusso, Shekarchi, Lima, Marshall

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS (Amends the criminal offense for placing bombs or falsely reporting bomb threats and criminalizes the possession of materials readily convertible to a bomb or explosive device.) {LC5603/1}

05/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018:

Leader Shekarchi places item # 3 on Tuesday's Calendar. There is no objection.

3. 2018-H 7743

BY Keable

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

1. 2018-H 7171 SUB A

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

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

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives McLaughlin, Phillips, Barros, Morin, Edwards, Coughlin, Maldonado, Kazarian, Casey, Abney, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell and Handy.

Representative Newberry discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Knight, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2018-H 7969

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF F. NASIFF, JR. & CO., INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Vice-Chairwoman Messier moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Johnston, Chippendale and Casey.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Blazejewski, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Knight, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

GUESTS

Representative Donovan and on behalf of Representative Marshall welcome to the House Chamber as guests from the Bristol Volunteer Fire Department's Defiance Hose Company here today to Honor Arthur Sousa (99 years old), who has 80 consecutive years of service with the Fire Department.. Along with him today are Bob Sousa, son; his wife, AnnDee; Sharon Wollschlager, daughter; and her husband, Warren. Also here are Defiance members: William VanVoast, Donald VanVoast, Paul Vallaro, Joseph

DaRosa, David Benevides, Nelson Luis, Richard Ferreira, and Stephen Grimo. Speaker Mattiello welcomes Mr. Souza, his family and all the firefighters and thanks them for their selfless service.

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 8157

BY Donovan, Marshall, Morin, Ajello, Casimiro

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING ARTHUR P. SOUSA FOR 80 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER FIREMAN WITH DEFIANCE HOSE COMPANY NO. 1 IN BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND {LC5474/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Donovan seconded by Representatives Marshall, Morin, Ajello, Casimiro, Ackerman, Ranglin-Vassell, Carson, Ruggiero, Speaker Mattiello, Representative Johnston and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

Representative Williams congratulates Mr. Sousa.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairwoman Serpa announces that the Committee on Oversight 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 Costantino-An Act relating to PUC-Transportation.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Vice Chairwoman Ackerman announces that the Committee on Municipal Government will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 205 of the State House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 8158****BY** Mattiello, Shekarchi, Ajello, Diaz, Solomon**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING ROBERT DONOVAN ON MAY 3, 2018, FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATION BUILDING CORPORATION {LC5612/1}

With the agreement of the majority and 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 and the entire House by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello congratulate and thank Mr. Donovan.

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 and Speaker Mattiello wish Representative Anastasia Williams a Happy Birthday this weekend.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

RULE 7D

The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative McEntee-An Act relating to Labor and Labor Relations.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 8159****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Lancia, McLaughlin, McNamara, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS "NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5560/1}

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 Lancia, McLaughlin, McNamara, Azzinaro, Corvese, Carson, Abney, Hull, Lombardi, Ackerman, Nardolillo, Leader Shekarchi, Representative Giarrusso, Leader Morgan, Speaker Mattiello and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8160

BY Shekarchi, Mattiello, McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RONALD A. WOLK {LC5607/1}

With the agreement of the majority and 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 McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon and Shanley by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 8161

BY Hull, Diaz, Azzinaro, Edwards, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND RECOGNIZING MAY 3, 2018, AS "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5481/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Hull seconded by Representatives Diaz, Azzinaro, Edwards, Vella-Wilkinson, Lombardi, McLaughlin, Messier, Leader Shekarchi, Representative Ackerman, Leader Morgan, Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Marshall, Abney and O'Brien by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 8162

BY McNamara, Shekarchi, McLaughlin, Vella-Wilkinson, Giarrusso

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE RHODE ISLAND ASSISTED LIVING ASSOCIATION AND PROCLAIMING MAY 4, 2018, TO BE "ASSISTED LIVING DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5604/1}

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 Leader Shekarchi, Representatives McLaughlin, Vella-Wilkinson, Leader Morgan, and Representative Giarrusso by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Slater congratulates Carlos Diaz, from Capitol TV on receiving his Master's Degree in Information Technology from New England Tech.

Representative Ranglin-Vassell in recognition of Principal's Week thanks Mrs. Regina Winkfield for her fierce and compassionate leadership, and being such a great role model.

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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2068

BY Satchell, Metts, Cote, Conley, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MICRO ZONE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT (Creates micro zones in distressed areas to stimulate economic revitalization/employment opportunities/business development through redevelopment of abandoned industrial/commercial structures.) {LC3463/1}

05/04/2018 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2017 as amended

BY Felag, Ciccone, Gallo, Lynch Prata, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Amends the definition of "disabled", for the purposes of property tax relief, to include veterans who earn less than \$30,000 annually, and who receive disability benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.) {LC3101/1}

05/04/2018 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2369

BY Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Provides for proration of a homestead exemption in the city of Central Falls in cases when property is transferred during the year for which the exemption is claimed.) {LC4375/1}

05/04/2018 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2383**BY** Seveney, Felag, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Allows Tiverton to prorate tax due and payable upon sale of tax exempt property to purchaser holding no tax exempt status for that calendar year.) {LC4552/1}

05/04/2018 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2392**BY** Conley, Coyne, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Exempts Associated Radio Amateurs of Southern New England from real and personal property taxes.)

{LC4476/1}

05/04/2018 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2663**BY** Conley, Coyne, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Exempts from taxation all real and personal property located within East Providence of the charitable nonprofit corporation of Foster Forward (formerly the Rhode Island Foster Parents Association).)

{LC5061/1}

05/04/2018 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2748 SUB A as amended**BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL

TAXES (Amends the classification table utilized by cities and towns in connection with the assessment of tangible personal property in order to provide clarity to businesses operating within the state.)

{LC3100/A/1}

05/04/2018 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 2421 SUB A as amended**BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Archambault, Algiere, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF ELDERS--ABUSE AND ISOLATION OF ELDERS OR DEPENDENT ADULTS -- THE PETER

FALK CRIMINAL ISOLATION OF ELDERS ACT (Criminalizes isolation of an elder or dependent adult and would provide that certain notification requirements be fulfilled on behalf of elder persons or dependent adults.) {LC4346/A/1}

05/04/2018 Referred to House Judiciary

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS****Chairman Abney, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Small Business:**

House Bill No. 7104**BY** Carson, Tanzi, Ruggiero, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Requires DOT to identify the impact of Rhode Works projects and the realignment of the Newport Bridge ramps on Rhode Island small business commercial areas.) {LC3040/1}

05/03/2018 Committee transferred to House Small Business

Chairwoman Fogarty, for the Committee on Municipal Government, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:**House Bill No. 8141****BY** O'Grady, Fogarty, Mattiello, Chippendale, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- RHODE ISLAND FOREST CONSERVATION ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Forest Conservation Act which prohibits any state economic and other incentives to develop or convert forest land for renewable energy uses.) {LC5550/1}

05/04/2018 Committee transferred to House Environment and Natural Resources

Chairwoman Fogarty, for the Committee on Municipal Government, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance**House Bill No. 8169**

(by request)

BY Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - MEAL AND BEVERAGE TAX (Authorizes Newport and Middletown to collect an additional one percent (1%) meal and beverage tax to fund schools, school safety, and capital improvements.) {LC5610/1}

05/04/2018 Committee transferred to House Finance

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**Chairman Jacquard, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:****House Bill No. 7939****BY** Craven, Nunes, McEntee, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LAND SURVEYORS (Streamlines the application and examination process as well as the educational and experience standards for applicants seeking registration as professional land surveyors.) {LC5165/1}

05/04/2018 Placed on House Calendar (05/08/2018)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 7383 SUB A

BY Keable, Kennedy, Canario, Edwards, Blazejewski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - TRESPASS AND ACTIONS FOR POSSESSION (Prohibits encroachment upon open space land and allows the owner of open space land or holder of a conservation restriction to bring a civil action in superior court to remedy the encroachment of that land, and to recover damages.) {LC4213/A/1}

05/04/2018 Placed on House Calendar (05/09/2018)

House Bill No. 8078

BY Regunberg

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Daniel Ovoian to join Helen Trinh Pham and Steven Wood Criscione in marriage on or about June 2, 2018, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC5464/1}

05/04/2018 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/10/2018)

House Bill No. 8079

BY Regunberg

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Judy Kaye to join Randee Weitzman and Abdelkader Belaid in marriage on or about September 8, 2018, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.) {LC5460/1}

05/04/2018 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/10/2018)

House Bill No. 8112

BY Costantino, Winfield

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Stephen E. Cicilline to join Julie A. DeCesare and Stephen E. Cicilline, Jr., in marriage on or about June 15, 2018, within the City of Cranston, Rhode Island.) {LC5510/1}

05/04/2018 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/10/2018)

House Bill No. 8113

BY Ucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Warren Tolman to join Linda DeSantis and Chris Berardi in marriage on or about June 23, 2018, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC5513/1}

05/04/2018 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (05/10/2018)

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Chairwoman Fogarty, for the Committee on Municipal Government, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7767 SUB A**BY** Cunha, Shekarchi, Shanley, Morin, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES (Requires that when a proposed text amendment to a zoning ordinance would cause a conforming lot of record to become nonconforming by lot area and/or frontage.) {LC5047/A/2}

05/04/2018 Placed on House Calendar (05/09/2018)

House Bill No. 8114**BY** Messier, Tobon, Johnston**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS (Allows the city of Pawtucket to fill a vacancy on the Pawtucket City Council by combining councilmatic voting districts for a special primary election and special election in 2018.) {LC5529/1}

05/04/2018 Placed on House Calendar (05/08/2018)

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 8163****BY** Jacquard, Vella-Wilkinson, Messier, Morin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- VOLUNTARY RESTRUCTURING OF SOLVENT INSURERS (Allows domestic insurance company to enter into a voluntary restructuring, including the use of a protected cell, with the approval of the commissioner.) {LC5595/1}

05/04/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 8164**BY** Shanley, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF TPSP, LLC {LC5611/1}

05/04/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 8165**BY** Amore, Keable, Shekarchi, Maldonado, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MECHANICAL TRADES (Adds thermal systems insulation to the regulation and licensing of mechanical trades.) {LC5552/1}

05/04/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 8166**BY** Shekarchi, Mattiello, Slater, McNamara, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT (Applies to settlement of St. Joseph Hospital Retirement Plan settlements/joint tortfeasors' releases.) {LC5606/1}

05/04/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 8167**BY** Mendonca, Shekarchi, Azzinaro, Filippi, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE (Exempts existing residential dwelling units from the requirements of the fire safety code and

accessibility standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.) {LC5596/1}
05/04/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 8168

BY Tobon, Barros, Edwards, Slater, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MANDATORY EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE (Requires all students to perform a minimum amount of community service each school year and grants them the option to perform certain forms of community service for academic credit.) {LC5308/1}

05/04/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 8169

(by request)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - MEAL AND BEVERAGE TAX (Authorizes Newport and Middletown to collect an additional one percent (1%) meal and beverage tax to fund schools, school safety, and capital improvements.) {LC5610/1}

05/04/2018 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 8170

BY Nardolillo, Shanley, Canario, Hull, Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY (Takes away the discretion of the sentencing judge in cases involving persons convicted of, or who entered a plea of nolo contendere to any misdemeanor or felony under the provisions of state law relating to cruelty to animals.) {LC5594/1}

05/04/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 8171

BY Shekarchi, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION -- 2018 (Makes a number of technical amendments to the general laws, prepared at the recommendation of the Law Revision Office. Article I contains the reenactment of title 7 of the general laws. Article II includes the statutory construction provisions.) {LC5182/1}

05/04/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:53 o'clock P.M. on motion of Leader Shekarchi and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ronald A. Wolk; on motion of Representative Slater, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Elizabeth Helen Camp; on motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson and as a further mark of respect to the memories of the 9 military members who perished in yesterday's C-130 airplane crash: Pilot Jose Rafael Roman, Major Carlos Perez Serra, 1st Lt. David Albandoz, Master Sgt. Jan Parauisini, Master Sgt. Jean Audriffred, Master Sgt. Mario Brana, Master Sgt. Victor Colon, Master Sgt. Eric Circuns and Senior Airman Roberto Edpanda seconded by Majority Whip Edwards and Leader Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY J. COSTANTINO

Loving God: We give you thanks for this day and every day. Bless this chamber so that all Representatives know that in this, the people's house, all voices are respected, even in disagreement. Amen.

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018:

1. **2018-H 8078**
 BY Regunberg
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2018-H 8079**
 BY Regunberg
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. **2018-H 8112**
 BY Costantino
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. **2018-H 8113**
 BY Ucci
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, May 4, 2018

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018:

1. **2018-H 7743**
 BY Keable
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2018-H 7939**
 BY Craven
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LAND SURVEYORS

 Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

3. **2018-H 8114**
 BY Messier
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS

 Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018:

1. **2018-H 7383 SUB A**
 BY Keable
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - TRESPASS AND ACTIONS FOR POSSESSION

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

2. **2018-H 7767 SUB A**
 BY Cunha
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES

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

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, May 4, 2018