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JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the first day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and nineteen.

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Thursday, January 10, 2019

Sixth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, January 10, 2019 and is called to order at 4:18 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 69 members present and 6 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 69 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lyle, Maldonado, Marshall, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

ABSENT – 6: Representatives Costantino, Hull, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, Price, Tanzi.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Ruggiero 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, January 9, 2019, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Teresa Tanzi is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 10, 2019.

Representative Justin Price is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 10, 2019. He was also unable to attend yesterday, Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 9

BY Coyne, Seveney, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS (Allows the board of canvassers of the town of Bristol to combine two (2) or more voting districts for the representative district 68 special election in March, 2019.) {LC339/1}
01/10/2019 Referred to House Judiciary

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 5061**

BY McNamara, Amore, Ruggiero, Ackerman, Jackson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OFFICIAL STATE ASTRONOMER (Creates the honorary, unpaid, position of the official state astronomer to be appointed by the secretary of state for a term of five (5) years.) {LC22/1}
01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5062

BY Edwards, Canario, Serpa, Lima, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY (Provides that the trapping and subsequent release of any unowned feral or free roaming cat for the purpose of spaying or neutering of the cat shall not be considered abandonment.) {LC269/1}
01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Resolution No. 5063

BY Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan, Kislak, Ajello, Williams

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF THE TRAUMA INFLICTED ON CHILDREN WHO ARE EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE (Creates a 13 member commission to study the impact of the trauma inflicted on children exposed to violence, and report back by February 7, 2020, and expire on May 7, 2020.) {LC60/1}
01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5064**BY** Lombardi, Cassar, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- COSMETIC LABELING (Requires that all cosmetics manufactured, sold, delivered, or held for offering to be sold contain a label that completely and accurately lists all of its component ingredients.) {LC212/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5065**BY** Lombardi, Hull, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees, in identifying, responding, and handling all incidents involving any person with a developmental disability.) {LC197/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5066**BY** Lombardi, Cassar, Hull, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY -- POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015 (Requires driver education programs to teach applicants prohibitions/obligations relating to traffic stops and procedure for filing complaint for any violations) {LC196/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5067**BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS (Prohibits the sale and/or delivery of hearing aids directly to the consumer through the Internet or direct mail unless the consumer has a valid certificate of need, and would provide for criminal penalties for violations.) {LC208/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5068**BY** Lombardi, Hull, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Requires school committees to provide transportation for any student who resides two (2) or more miles from school.) {LC186/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5069**BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Requires the department of education to develop and make available for school use a mental health curriculum. Requires schools to provide four (4) hours of mental health instruction to seventh (7th) grade students.) {LC87/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5070**BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Directs the council on elementary and secondary education to develop recommendations for a high school curriculum to prepare students for successful postsecondary education and careers in computer science.) {LC185/1}
01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.**House Bill No. 5071****BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Provides for professional development opportunities relating to reading disabilities and would require two (2) hours of professional development instruction pertaining to reading disabilities for certain general education teachers.) {LC187/1}
01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.**House Bill No. 5072****BY** Serpa, Lima, Shekarchi, McKiernan, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE (Prohibits pet shops from offering for sale cats or dogs that are not obtained from an animal shelter, dog pound or animal rescue. Further prohibits any person from selling, exchanging, trading, bartering or displaying any dog or cat in public.) {LC348/1}
01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.**House Bill No. 5073****BY** O'Brien, Marshall, Williams, Serpa, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Prohibits declawing on a cat or other animal, unless a licensed veterinarian has determined that the procedure is necessary for a therapeutic purpose.) {LC366/1}
01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.**House Bill No. 5074****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Morin, Almeida, Millea, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE - FIRST RESPONDERS (Establishes an annual day of special observance day to honor Rhode Island's first responders on March 17.) {LC539/1}
01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 5075****BY** Maldonado, Filippi, Alzate, Morin, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Requires the sealing of any district court file, where a resolution of a trespass and eviction complaint results in a verdict for the tenant and no appeal is taken.) {LC172/1}
01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5076**BY** Lombardi, Cassar, Hull, Nardone, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION (Permits the family court to award custody of household pets to the plaintiff in a domestic abuse complaint.) {LC205/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 5077**BY** Lombardi, Hull, Walsh**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (SESSIONS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY) (Proposes a constitutional amendment which, if approved by the voters, changes the opening date of the general assembly to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January, and provides for adjournment no later than the Friday preceding Memorial Day.) {LC213/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 5078**BY** Lombardi, Cassar, Hull, Quattrocchi, Roberts**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE - FOUR YEAR TERMS AND TERM LIMITS FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS {LC207/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5079**BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (Makes the owner of any vehicle not inspected as required by §§ 31-38-3 or 31-38-4 responsible for any fines or penalties imposed as a result of non-inspection and would prohibit any law enforcement officer from citing the operator of said vehicle.) {LC203/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5080**BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLES REPARATION ACT (Penalizes driving any motor vehicle that is required to be registered in this or any other state without insurance and without proof of insurance.) {LC204/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5081**BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS (Increases the penalties and fines for the various motor vehicle offenses involving leaving the scene of an accident.) {LC202/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5082**BY** Lombardi, Hull, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases the penalties for driving so as to endanger, death resulting, by increasing the maximum term of imprisonment from ten (10) years to twenty (20) years, and the maximum term of license suspension from five (5) to ten (10) years.) {LC200/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5083**BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires the police officer commission on standards and training to establish mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees in all incidents involving mental health literacy.) {LC195/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5084**BY** Lombardi, Cassar, Hull, Quattrocchi, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - LOBBYIST POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Prohibits lobbyists from making any political contributions to any member of the general assembly from January 1 through July 1 in any year, unless the general assembly adjourns for the year prior to July 1.) {LC206/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5085**BY** Lombardi, Cassar, Hull, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER ACT (Makes filing false alarm/false information using 911 system with emergency response likely to/does cause death/serious bodily injury a felony with prison time 16 mos-3 years, \$10,000 fine, both with individual liable for reasonable response costs.) {LC194/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5086**BY** Lombardi, Hull, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 20 years after sentence completed.) {LC201/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 5087**BY** Knight, Fogarty, Place, Filippi, Kislak**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- REAPPORTIONMENT {LC492/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5088**BY** Barros, Knight, Shanley, Millea, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE

(Establishes procedures for the Courts to establish non-monetary bail for pretrial release of detainees who are deemed eligible following an investigation and report submitted by the pretrial services unit utilizing the risk assessment tool.) {LC40/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5089**BY** McEntee, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Edward

Duclos to join Christine Mae Gannon and Frederick Joseph Prescott, Jr., in marriage on or about April 27, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC528/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 5090**BY** Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFICACY AND COST OF IMPLEMENTING A RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR ALL MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNITS, INCLUDING CONDOMINIUM COMPLEXES (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study the efficacy and cost of implementing a recycling program for multi-family residential units from February 7, 2019, to April 30, 2019, and expires on May 30, 2019.) {LC550/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5091**BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF TEN TREES GROUP, INC. {LC415/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5092**BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS (Prohibits the practice of patient brokering and provides penalties and enforcement.) {LC210/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5093**BY** Lombardi, Hull, Quattrocchi, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Provides that any rate increase with respect to electric distribution companies would be no greater than the increase in the Consumer Price Index or five and one-half percent (5.5%), whichever is greater.) {LC199/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5094**BY** Lombardi, Hull, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACEUTICAL COST TRANSPARENCY (Requires the identification of prescription drugs on which the state spends significant health care dollars due to increase in costs and requires the drug's manufacturers to provide relevant information and documentation to justify costs increases.) {LC184/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5095**BY** Lombardi, Cassar, Hull, Quattrocchi, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW-- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Prohibits price-gouging of prescribed drugs or pharmaceuticals in times of market emergency or market shortages and makes violators guilty of a felony and subject to injunctive relief.) {LC193/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5096**BY** Maldonado, Tobon, Solomon, Casimiro, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS {LC503/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5097**BY** Bennett, Lima, Williams, Blazejewski, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Raises the existing minimum wage of ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50) to eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) on January 1, 2020, and then increase to twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) on January 1, 2021.) {LC561/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5098**BY** McNamara, Corvese, Jackson, McLaughlin, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts self-employed sole practicing investigators operating independently from any partnership, corporation, limited liability company or association from the sale tax imposed on services.) {LC149/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5099**BY** Phillips, Solomon, Morin, McNamara, Johnston**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Eliminates the ten dollar (\$10.00) fee requirement for the sales tax permit.) {LC243/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5100**BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan, Alzate, Serpa, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - FEDERAL AID (Requires free lunches to be provided for all elementary and secondary students attending public schools, to the extent state and federal funds are available.) {LC66/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5101**BY** Lombardi, Hull, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING RESOURCES -- HOMELESS SHELTERS (Creates a commission to establish homeless shelter standards.) {LC209/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5102**BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCES (Changes the dates of the R.E.C. meeting to the last ten (10) of April and the first ten (10) days of November of each year.) {LC214/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5103**BY** Lombardi, Cassar, Hull, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Enables the RI public transit authority (RIPTA) to work with the Massachusetts Bay Transit authority (MBTA) to allow commuter rail passes to be used as dual passes for both RIPTA and MBTA.) {LC198/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5104**BY** Lombardi, Cassar, Hull, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EMERGENCY SHELTERS (Establishes rules and procedures for licensing emergency shelters, including setting minimum standards and prohibiting the charging of fees to the residents.) {LC188/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5105**BY** Lombardi, Hull, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAYDAY LOANS (Regulates interest rates and terms for payday loans.) {LC81/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5106**BY** Diaz, Donovan, Casimiro, Slater, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CHILD CARE -- STATE SUBSIDIES (Expands the tiered-rate structure for childcare assistance program to meet federal benchmark for access to high-quality childcare for all age groups of children.) {LC541/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 5107**BY** Lombardi, Hull, Walsh**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2017-2018 {LC181/1}

01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

GUESTS

Representative Lima and Speaker Mattiello congratulate and welcome to the House Chamber the Rhode Island Youth Lacrosse League (RIYLL) Division 2 State Champions from Cranston. (Boys 5/6 Division and Boys 7/8 Division)

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUEST

Representative Williams welcomes to the House Chamber her constituent, Mr. Shawn Selleck.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 5026****BY** Knight, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS (Authorizes the town of Barrington to fill a vacancy on the Barrington town council by combining all town council voting districts into one district for a special election in 2019.) {LC303/1}

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 Representatives Knight, Barros, Kazarian, Ajello, Noret, and Cassar 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, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lyle, Maldonado, Marshall, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 8

BY Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS (Allows the town of Barrington to combine five (5) voting districts into one for a special election to be held on February 5, 2019.) {LC189/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a motion of Leader Shekarchi seconded by Representatives Knight and Cassar 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, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lyle, Maldonado, Marshall, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 5108

BY Jacquard, Mattiello, Shekarchi, Slater

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING SUSAN JOYCE LENNON {LC581/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Jacquard seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi and Representative Slater by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader Shekarchi announces Tuesday of next week is the Governor's State of the State Address. House session will begin at 5 o'clock PM and joint session will be at 7 o'clock PM. The Leader announces the Budget is expected to be submitted to the House next week.

Also Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello wish a Happy Birthday to Chairman Corvese next 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.)

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 5109

BY Edwards, Canario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT

(Permits the town of Tiverton to be prospectively reimbursed at the forty percent (40%) floor of the housing aid share ratio on projects completed before June 30, 2010.) {LC270/1}

01/11/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5110

BY Marshall, O'Brien, Millea, Almeida

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATEWIDE

SITE READINESS FUND (Creates the statewide site readiness fund, a state sponsored fund for the preparation of shared ready commercial, industrial and manufacturing property in the state.) {LC329/1}

01/11/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5111

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Requires DOT and Commerce Corporation to coordinate with senior citizens housing complexes/centers to minimize economic and financial impact of road works projects.)

{LC167/1}

01/11/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5112**BY** Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PAY CERTAIN VIETNAM BONUSES (Appropriates the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, for payment of the Vietnam bonus of James A. Falcon of East Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC240/1}
01/11/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5113**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, Edwards, Slater, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY ACT (Creates the "animal abuser registry act" which would require all persons convicted of crimes involving animal abuse to register with an online registry to be established and maintained by the attorney general's office.) {LC261/1}
01/11/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5114**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Fellela, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION FROM DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION ACT (Defines and prohibits dismemberment abortions with certain exceptions.) {LC259/1}
01/11/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5115**BY** Corvese, McNamara, Jackson, Maldonado, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, AND PYROTECHNICS (Prohibits the use of display fireworks, or aerial consumer fireworks without a permit between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any day and makes a violation of this permit requirement a civil violation punishable by a fine of \$75 and court costs.) {LC258/1}
01/11/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5116**BY** Ackerman, Shekarchi, Edwards, McNamara, Blazejewski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Requires retail establishments to accept cash in payment for goods and services.) {LC380/1}
01/11/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5117**BY** Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Middletown, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Middletown on November 6, 2018.) {LC504/1}
01/11/2019 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5118**BY** Bennett, Handy, Kennedy, Abney, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

(Allows students in public schools to possess and use sunscreen.) {LC640/1}

01/11/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5119**BY** Morin, Phillips, Casey, Vella-Wilkinson, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE

AND CHILD PRODUCTS SAFETY (Increases amount of flame retardant chemicals contained in

residential upholstered bedding/furniture manufactured/ sold in state from 100 ppm to 1,000 ppm

effective January 1, 2020.) {LC341/1}

01/11/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5120**BY** Morin, Phillips, Casey, Vella-Wilkinson, Millea**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE

POLICIES (Requires insurance coverage for non-opioid treatment alternatives.) {LC560/1}

01/11/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5121**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Morin, Solomon, Bennett, Millea**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.) {LC524/1}

01/11/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE**COMMITTEE ON RULES**

Chairman Corvese, for the Committee on Rules, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Resolution No. 5037 SUB A**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Lima, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2019 AND 2020 {LC340/A/1}

01/14/2019 Placed on House Calendar (01/16/2019)

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:35 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Jacquard, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Susan Joyce Lennon; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE DEBORAH RUGGIERO

Bless us Lord as we gather today for this session. Teach us to be generous in our outlook, courageous in the face of difficulty, and wise in our decisions. Amen

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 8

BY Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS (Allows the town of Barrington to combine five (5) voting districts into one for a special election to be held on February 5, 2019.) {LC189/1}

01/10/2019 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019:

- 1. 2019-H 5037 SUB A**
BY Corvese
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2019 AND 2020

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

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Monday, January 14, 2019