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Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Twelfth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 29, 2019 and is called to order at 4:25 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 72 members present and 3 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 72 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

ABSENT – 3: Representatives Ackerman, O'Brien, Tobon.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Phillips who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, January 24, 2019 is approved.

NOW PRESIDING

At 4:27 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Mattiello yields the rostrum to the Honorable Deputy Speaker Lima.

CALENDAR

Leader Shekarchi explains today's Calendar consists of Solemnization of Marriage bills which are usually placed on the Consent Calendar. Today because the Calendar is light they are placed on the regular Calendar in the future they will be placed back on the Consent Calendar.

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019:**1. 2019-H 5013****BY Abney****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Ruggiero, and Leader Shekarchi.

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

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2019-H 5014**BY Edwards****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Edwards moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ucci, Bennett, Phillips, and Leader Shekarchi.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2019-H 5089
BY McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Leader Shekarchi and Representative Ucci.

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, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Ucci, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2019-H 5128
BY Abney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Carson.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 5210

BY Serpa, Noret, Jackson, Roberts, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ELECTION AND

QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS (Allows the town of Coventry to combine voting precincts for a special election for the school committee in 2019. Once the precincts are combined, the canvassers shall advertise such combination at least seven (7) days prior to the election.) {LC667/1 }

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Serpa seconded by Representatives Morin, Jackson, Roberts, Chippendale, Nardone, and Noret on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, McEntee, McKiernan, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Representative Solomon introduces his intern, Bryan Bates, a student at Providence College graduating in 2020.

GUESTS

Representative Fogarty welcomes Dr. Chen, Dr. Malgieri, Dr. Mukhdomi, Dr. Mordahi, and Dr. Raphael Padilla to the House Chamber as guests in honor of Rhode Island's Physicians Anesthesiologists Week.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5211**

BY Fogarty, Amore, Caldwell, Messier, Bennett

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 27TH TO FEBRUARY 2ND OF 2019 TO BE "PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC729/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Fogarty seconded by Leader Shekarchi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5212

BY Shekarchi, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC1102/1}

Majority Leader Shekarchi request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi seconded by Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5213

BY Shekarchi, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC1103/1}

Majority Leader Shekarchi request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi seconded by Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Handy welcomes to the House Steve Florio Executive Director at the RI Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing who will be retiring and moving to Boston, Massachusetts.

Representative Handy thanks him for his service to our State.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy and Deputy Speaker Lima congratulate Leader Filippi on being awarded the "Legislator of the Year Award" from the Southern Rhode Island Fire League.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 5214

BY Mattiello, Shekarchi, Lima, Vella-Wilkinson, Handy

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING STEVEN A. FLORIO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION ON THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING {LC1075/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Handy seconded Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Lima, Vella-Wilkinson, Leader Filippi, and Representative Jacquard by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Carson extends thanks to those that helped Newport get their service back during the gas outage crisis. Representative McLaughlin acknowledges Chairman Abney for all his tireless efforts on behalf of his constituents in this crisis.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5215**

BY Filippi, Shekarchi, Hull, Lyle, Kennedy

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE SMITH FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF ROBERT ELLIS SMITH {LC500/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Leader Filippi seconded by Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Hull and Lyle by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

By unanimous consent the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader Shekarchi invites members tomorrow to a Legislative reception by the Governor and her Cabinet from 3-4PM in the State Room.

Leader Shekarchi wishes a Happy Birthday to Representative Sam Azzinaro.

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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Representative Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5015**BY** Marshall, Casey**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.) {LC319/1}

01/29/2019 Placed on House Calendar (01/31/2019)

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}

01/29/2019 Placed on House Calendar (01/31/2019)

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:58 o'clock P.M. on motion of Leaders Filippi and Shekarchi and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Robert Ellis Smith; on motion of Representative Corvese, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Angelo Lonardo; seconded by Majority Whip Edwards and Minority Whip Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT D. PHILLIPS

Dear Lord: Our prayer today is for all the multitudes who struggle in their daily lives. Direct our efforts to always try to bring hope and relief to those less fortunate. Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019:

- 1. 2019-H 5015**
BY Marshall
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 2. 2019-S 9**
BY Coyne
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Tuesday, January 29, 2019