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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Nineteenth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, February 26, 2019 and is called to order at 4:28 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 71 members present and 4 members absent as follows:

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

ABSENT – 4: Representatives Barros, Corvese, Marshall, McLaughlin,

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Chippendale 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, February 13, 2019, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST 2019

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Scott Slater
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # 5474
entitled: An Act Relating to Public Utilities + Carriers
which is currently in the House Committee on Corporations

Signature:  

House District # 10

Date: 2-15, 2019

Acknowledgement:

Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative James N. McLaughlin is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

Representative Jean Philippe Barros is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

Representative Arthur Corvese is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019:

1. **2019-H 5140**
 BY Ucci
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2. **2019-H 5237**
 BY Newberry
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3. **2019-H 5239**
 BY Handy
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4. **2019-H 5277**
 BY Slater
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
5. **2019-S 79**
 BY Seveney
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

6. 2019-S 88
BY Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Leader Shekarchi moves passage of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Leader Filippi.

The Consent Calendar is passed, items 5 & 6 in concurrence, 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, Bennett, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019:

1. 2019-H 5053
BY Morin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Edwards, Casey, Bennett, Morin, and Phillips.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin,

Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, 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-S 33

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY BUILDERS, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

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

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

GUESTS

Representative Slater welcomes to the Chamber Save the Neighborhoods, INC., (a RI non-profit organization coordinating Volunteer projects between Trinity Academy for the performing arts charter school, the Izzy Room at Hasbro Children's Hospital, & Phattones Music Studio Technicians.

Representative Slater recognizes Bob Cooper-(Project Coordinator-Save the Neighborhoods Inc.); Tony Caramadre-from the Phattones Recording Music Studio; Eliza Bryant-Director of Students Pathways & Guidance Counselor from Trinity Academy for the performing Arts Charter School(TAPA); TAPA Students- Jay Luna, Genesis Prieto. Arianna Zabala-Suarez, Dayana Zabala-Suarez, Axel Abreia, Musician Jason Roseman, Composer Volunteer Philip Pegg and his father, Lynn Pegg.

Representative Millea welcome to the House as guests Western Hills Middle School Cyber-Security teams: Aidan Ranaldi - 6th grade, Taha Alnahas - 6th grade (not present), Vignesh Peddi - 7th grade,

Daniel Nikitskaya - 7th grade, Henry Cheng - 7th grade, Jack Zukowski - 7th grade, Hannah Couitt - 7th grade, and Jacquelyn Prata - 7th grade; accompanying them today is Donna Wayles, their Technology Education Teacher at Western Hills, Timothy Veese, Principal and David Regine, Technology Education Department Director. These students began a Cybersecurity club this year participating in Cyber Patriot, the National Youth Cyber Defense Challenge and have worked to achieve 1st and 2nd place among the middle school teams in our state and in the top 15% of all teams including high schools and JROTC programs across the nation. This year approximately 6000 teams participated across the nation. Speaker Mattiello congratulates them and welcomes them to the Chamber.

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 5527

BY Mattiello, Millea, Jacquard, Ucci, Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL OF CRANSTON FOR FINISHING IN 1ST AND 2ND PLACE IN THE STATEWIDE CYBER PATRIOT NATIONAL YOUTH CYBER DEFENSE CHALLENGE, AND IN THE TOP FIFTEEN PERCENT OF ALL TEAMS COMPETING ACROSS THE NATION {LC1731/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Millea seconded by Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Jacquard, Ucci, Quattrocchi, McNamara, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Canario, Bennett, Jackson, Tanzi, Ajello, Ruggiero, and Costantino by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Roberts welcomes to the House Colonel John MacDonald, Major Rick Heise, Captain Pete Zalabowski and Lt. Gary Miller. Representative Roberts congratulates the Coventry Police Department on receiving the RIPAC Accreditation Award. Speaker Mattiello welcomes Colonel MacDonald to the House and congratulates him and thanks him for all he does to keep us safe each and every day.

Representative Cortvriend welcomes to the House Chamber as guests from Portsmouth High School-Coach Jeffrey M. Rose who was selected by the National Federation of State High School Association to receive the RI Coach of the Year Award for the year 2017-2018 for coaching Girls Cross Country; former legislator and Principal Joseph Amaral; Paige Kirwin-Clair, Assistant Principal; Colin Grimsey, Freshman Principal; and Mary Saladino, Director of Student Services along with Coach Rose's Fiancé, Amanda Pimentel.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5528****BY** Roberts, Nardone, Chippendale, Serpa, Noret**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE COVENTRY POLICE DEPARTMENT ON RECEIVING ACCREDITATION FROM THE RHODE ISLAND POLICE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION {LC1347/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Roberts seconded by Representatives Nardone, Chippendale, Serpa, Noret, Jackson, and Hull by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

NOW PRESIDING

At 4:56 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Mattiello yields the rostrum to the Honorable Deputy Speaker Lima.

House Resolution No. 5529**BY** Cortvriend, Canario, Edwards, Donovan, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JEFFREY M. ROSE, HEAD COACH OF THE GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ON RECEIVING THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS' 2017-2018 RHODE ISLAND COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD {LC887/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Cortvriend seconded by Representatives Canario, Edwards, Donovan, and Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote. Deputy Speaker Lima congratulates Coach Rose.

House Resolution No. 5530**BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC1963/1}

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. 5531**BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC1964/1}

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.

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.

Chairman Jacquard announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House.

On behalf of Representatives Jackson, and Noret, Representative Serpa congratulates the West Warwick High School Gymnastic Team who won the Division II State Championship.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5532****BY** Mattiello, Kennedy, Price, McNamara, Jacquard**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE MARGUERITE J. BUMPUS, PH.D {LC1917/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Kennedy seconded by the Speaker Mattiello Representatives Price, McNamara, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Jacquard, and Azzinaro by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader Shekarchi announces today is the deadline for filing bills, however if your bills have been submitted to Legislative Council and you are awaiting a final version, you will be able to submit it tomorrow under New Business. Otherwise, beginning tomorrow all members must stand and file bills under Rule 7(d) by giving one day notice to the body of their intention to introduce the bill on the next legislative day. The Leader also announces there is a limit of three bills per member using this rule. The provision **does not** apply to city or town bills, reinstatement of corporate charters, solemnization of marriages, appropriations and budget bills, or to bills to create or extend the reporting dates of study commission.

Leader Shekarchi wishes a Happy Birthday to Representative Lauren Carson.

RULE 7D

The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Ucci-An Act relating to School Safety.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5533**

BY Mattiello, Shekarchi, McNamara, Shanley, Solomon

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE NOEL FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF JOYCE A. NOEL {LC1828/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Leader Shekarchi seconded by the Speaker Mattiello, Representatives McNamara, Shanley, Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, Lombardi, Hull, and Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 5534

BY O'Brien, Maldonado, Cassar, Messier, Solomon

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 24TH THROUGH MARCH 2ND, 2019, AS "PEACE CORPS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC345/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative O'Brien seconded by Representatives Maldonado, Cassar, Messier, Solomon, Leader Filippi and Representatives Serpa, Craven, and many other members of the House by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Amore announces that the Committee on Small Business will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 205 of the State House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Almeida-An Act relating to Probation and Parole
An Act relating to Consent Protection
An Act relating to Prompt Payment

Representative Almeida rises on an adjournment in regards to Black History Month.

Representatives Hull, Williams and Tanzi rise on a points of order.

NOW PRESIDING

At 5:23 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Deputy Speaker Lima yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Mattiello.

Speaker Mattiello addresses members in regards to proper decorum. Speaker Mattiello asks Representative Almeida to proceed. Representative Almeida proceeds with his discussion.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 5535

BY Ajello, Shekarchi, Walsh, Filippi, Lima

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DR. CLARK AUGUSTUS SAMMARTINO {LC1645/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

RULE 7D

The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Kazarian-An Act relating to Insurance

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Ranglin-Vassell wishes her twin sons, Eric and Terrence Vassell a Happy “23rd” Birthday.

Representative Chippendale wishes his daughter, Paige Joellen a Happy “21st” Birthday.

Speaker Mattiello addresses members on proper procedures moving forward.

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.)

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:34 o’clock P.M on motion of Representative Ruggiero and as a further mark of respect to the memory of George Mendonsa; on motion of Representative Kennedy, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Honorable Marguerite J. Bumpus; on motion of Leader Shekarchi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Joyce Anne Noel; on motion of Representative Serpa, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Aldea Leitao; on motion of Representative Ajello, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Dr. Clark Augustus Sammartino; on motion of Representative Almeida, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Bass Reeves seconded by Majority Whip Edwards and Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL W. CHIPPENDALE

Dear Lord: From our earliest days African Americans have contributed to the very fiber of American culture; inventors, musicians, educators, athletes, physicians, and beyond. They have died in defense of our country, even when treated as second class soldiers. Let us pray to always acknowledge their sacrifices, which help make all Americans thrive and prosper. Amen.

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 33

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY BUILDERS, INC. {LC72/1}

02/26/2019 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 79

BY Seveney, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Lucille Mary King to join Sara Elizabeth Rodgers and Benjamin Patrick King in marriage on or about June 15, 2019, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC717/1}

02/26/2019 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 88

BY Lynch Prata, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dina Spaziano to join Elizabeth Rose Colagiovanni and Michael Augustine D'Amore in marriage on or about July 26, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC163/1}

02/26/2019 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019:

1. **2019-H 5295**
 BY Ucci
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2019-H 5336**
 BY Amore
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. **2019-H 5359**
 BY Newberry
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, February 15, 2019

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019:

- 1. 2019-H 5091**
BY Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF TEN TREES GROUP, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019:

- 1. 2019-H 5016**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY VETERAN AND MILITARY SPOUSE EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, February 15, 2019