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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, March 20, 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, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 6: Representatives Canario, Costantino, Fogarty, Millea, Tanzi, Tobon,

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Cortvriend 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 Tuesday, March 19, 2019, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Kathleen Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

Representative Teresa Tanzi is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

Representative Dennis M. Canario is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

Representative Christopher Millea is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 5874**

**BY** Edwards, Canario, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Reduces the number of infractions for a person to be considered a "toll violator" from twenty (20) to ten (10). The act also reduces the number of infractions for a person to be considered a "toll evader" from one hundred (100) to twenty (20).) {LC2181/1}

03/20/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5875**

**BY** Fellela, Serpa, Lima, Ucci, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Authorizes CCRI, RIC, URI to sell obsolete/discarded/surplus technology to students at a discounted price with monies collected used to purchase updated electronic equipment/technology.) {LC2179/1}

03/20/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5876**

**BY** Chippendale, Lima, Marszalkowski, Newberry, Edwards

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY - HEMP GROWTH ACT (Repeals the licensure fee for a hemp license and reduce the license application fee from two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to one hundred dollars (\$100).) {LC2178/1}

03/20/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5877**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Williams, Casey, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PROMPT PAYMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION--SUBCONTRACTOR PAYMENTS (Helps expedite the payments made to subcontractors for work they perform on state contracts. It would also establish a new process to help minority business enterprises collect for their work on state contracts from their prime contractors.) {LC2209/1}

03/20/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5878****BY** Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS - BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR (Requires public schools, including charter schools, to begin the school year on the day after Labor Day commencing in the school year 2020-2021.) {LC2183/1}

03/20/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5879****BY** Edwards, Filippi, Canario, Bennett, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS - ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS {LC2184/1}

03/20/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5880****BY** Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Public utilities posting rate changes for retail service to notify PUC same day.) {LC2185/1}

03/20/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5881****BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Andrew James Bucci to join Nicole Marie Bucci and Daniel Michael MacDonald in marriage on or about May 17, 2020, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2160/1}

03/20/2019 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019:****1. 2019-H 5118****BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Committee on Health, Education &amp; Welfare recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Solomon, Casey, Casimiro, Kazarian, Messier, Jackson, Diaz, Kislak, Hull, Ajello, Walsh, Cortvriend, Cassar, Azzinaro, Abney, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Ackerman, Carson, Noret, Serodio, Amore, Ruggerio, Hawkins, Phillips, McEntee, Vella-Wilkinson, and Edwards.

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, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2019-H 5129 SUB A**

**BY** Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW--RESALE OF UNITS

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

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Johnston, Casimiro, Blazejewski, Maldonado, Casey, Bennett, Morin, Vella-Wilkinson, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Edwards, Carson and Chippendale.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Place, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2019-H 5467**

**BY** Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CARS INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Johnston and McKiernan.

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### GUESTS

Representative Cortvriend welcomes to the House Marcus Evans, a Freshman at Portsmouth High School; Angel Duclos a Junior at Portsmouth High School; Owen Ross, a Junior at Portsmouth High School; Connor Perry, a Junior at Portsmouth High School; and Rick Bruno, Portsmouth resident and advisor. Here today to testify on Suicide Prevention. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes them to the House and thanks them for their advocacy.

Representative Amore and Speaker Mattiello welcome to the House Chamber Monique Vaz. Monique is shadowing Representative Amore.

Representative Bennett welcomes to the Chamber from Stanford University who are representing Stanford Network on Addiction Policy (SNAP): Keith Humphreys, Professor and the Section Director for Mental Health Policy in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; Dr. Anna Lembke, Associate Professor and Medical Director of Addiction Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine; Dr. Bonnie Halpern-Felsher, Developmental psychologist; and Becky Boss, BHDDH Director.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Slater wishes his constituent, Teang Keo a Happy "102<sup>nd</sup>" Birthday.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 5882****BY** Kislak, Corvese, Cassar, Cortvriend, Ranglin-Vassell**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE TRAGIC LOSS OF FIFTY LIVES AT MOSQUES IN CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND ON FRIDAY MARCH 15, 2019 {LC2218/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Kislak seconded by Representatives Corvese, Cassar, Cortvriend, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Bennett, Ajello, Slater, Diaz, McNamara, Kazarian, Carson, Walsh, McKiernan, Hull, Lombardi, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**RULE 7D****The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Edwards-An Act relating to Holidays & Days of Special Observance

Representative Casimiro-An Act relating to Registration of Vehicles

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Vella-Wilkinson reminds members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Veterans' Outreach Day at 3 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rotunda tomorrow. Representative Vella-Wilkinson asks Military Veterans who serve in the House to report to Room 135 at 1 PM tomorrow.

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 invites members to the Francophone Flag Raising tomorrow at 3PM in the State Room

Representative Walsh wishes a Happy "2<sup>nd</sup>" Birthday to Emilia Iris Caminero.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**RULE 7D**

**The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Lima-An Act relating to New York Yankee plates.

**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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:42 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Kislak, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of those slain at mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>; on motion of Representative Diaz, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Francisco Alsina; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

**REPRESENTATIVE TERRI-DENISE CORTVRIEND**

Dear Lord: Let us pray together today for the victims and families of the members of the Christchurch New Zealand tragedy. Bring your healing spirit on all those who are suffering from these senseless killings. Amen.



APPENDIX

CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-H 5182 SUB A**  
**BY Phillips**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES -- SPECIAL EVENTS LICENSE**

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

- 2. 2019-H 5253**  
**BY O'Brien**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT]**

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

- 3. 2019-H 5516**  
**BY Blazejewski**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, March 15, 2019**