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Thirty-second Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, March 27, 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 71 members present and 4 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 71 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, Costantino, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

ABSENT – 4: Representatives Craven, McKiernan, Roberts, Serodio.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Johnston 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 26, 2019, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Joe Serodio is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

Representative Dan McKiernan will be unable to attend session today, Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 718

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF W.D. SCHOCK CO., INC. {LC2177/1}

03/27/2019 Referred to House Corporations

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 5903**

BY Edwards, Shekarchi, Kennedy, Solomon, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INSURANCE CONSUMER PROTECTION SALES ACT (Prohibits person/business entity from conditioning requiring offer for sale/lease of tangible personal property on purchase of ins. From any ins. producer/insurer or releasing consumer's personal identification info eff. 1/1/20.) {LC2252/1}

03/27/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5904

BY Kislak, Walsh, Slater, Ajello, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE (Places responsibility on landlords to house evicted tenants due to landlord neglect/gives cities/towns revolving fund account flexibility/allows municipal lien similar to property taxes for action against property.) {LC2110/1}

03/27/2019 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 5905

BY Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Mandates that the state seal of biliteracy be awarded by the commissioner beginning with the class of 2020 and a report be given to the general assembly no later than 8/1/20 of students who have been awarded a state seal of biliteracy.) {LC2228/1}

03/27/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5906

BY Lyle, Newberry, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES -- SEPSIS SCREENING PROTOCOLS (Requires licensed health care facility medical staff to adopt, implement, periodically and update evidence-based protocols for the early recognition and treatment of patients with sepsis, severe sepsis and septic shock.) {LC2195/1}

03/27/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 5907**BY** Edwards, Williams, Diaz, Maldonado, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE {LC2244/1}

03/27/2019 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Resolution No. 5908**BY** Edwards, Bennett, Abney**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT {LC2238/1}

03/27/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5909**BY** Craven, McEntee, McKiernan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING ACT (Establishes the supported decision-making act which is a less restrictive alternative to guardianship for utilization of the probate courts.) {LC2231/1}

03/27/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5910**BY** Lima, Amore, Ucci, Corvese, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Provides a special motor vehicle registration plate honoring the New York Yankees for their twenty-six (26) World Championships and the New York Yankees Universe Fund for their financial support to conquer childhood cancer.) {LC2219/1}

03/27/2019 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019:**1. 2019-H 5256****BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEALERSHIPS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Edwards, McLaughlin, Hull, Costantino, Almeida, Abney, Hawkins, Ackerman, Carson, Azzinaro, Jackson, Corvese, Johnston, Casimiro, Kazarian, and Chippendale.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 3 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, Costantino, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Place, Price, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2019-H 5341

BY Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Read and by unanimous consent, placed after # 3 on today's Calendar.

3. 2019-H 5246

BY Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Knight, Casimiro, Alzate, Kazarian, Messier, Casey, Solomon, Johnston, Blazejewski, Hull, McLaughlin, Tanzi, Kislak, Corvese, Bennett, Walsh, Serpa, Abney, Donovan, Phillips, Hawkins, Ucci, Almeida, Vella-Wilkinson, Lombardi, and Cortvriend.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member 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, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2019-H 5341**BY** Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Chairman Williams moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Almeida, Vella-Wilkinson, Ucci, Speakman, Morin, Caldwell, McEntee, Ruggerio, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Noret, Amore, O'Brien, Abney, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Ackerman, Carson, Ajello, Walsh, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Canario, Cassar, Costantino, Hull, Lombardi, McLaughlin, Tanzi, Jackson, Corvese, Kislak, Edwards, Shanley, Barros, Tobon, Casimiro, Kazarian, Johnston and Blazejewski.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Filippi, Place, Price, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

GUESTS

Representative Nardone welcomes to the House as guests the Coventry Preschool program who received a 5-star rating from BrightStars (The states tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System, is used to assess and communicate the level of quality in early childhood education programs on a scale from one to five stars). Here today are Denise Ahern- Director of Early Childhood Education; Christine Mandese-Principal Washington Oak School; Joy Marshall-Itinerant Early Childhood Special Educator; Jacquelyn Ingham, Meagan Pless, April Tandy-Early Childhood Educator, and Kendra Gravelle-Reporter-Rhode Island Central Newspaper.

RULE 7D

The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Caldwell -An Act relating to Insurance Coverage

Representative Abney -An Act relating to Tourism and Development

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Amore announces that the Finance Sub-Committee on Education will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5911**

BY Lyle, McNamara, Shekarchi, Filippi, Mattiello

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOHN R. WAYCOTT {LC2292/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Lyle seconded by Representative McNamara, Leaders Shekarchi, Filippi, and Speaker Mattiello by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman McNamara announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Vice Chairman Shanley announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 205 of the State House.

Representative Cassar in honor of Women's History Month recognizes a group called Mom's Demand Action.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative McNamara-An Act relating to Rhode Island Student Loan Bill of Rights

Representative Edwards-An Act relating to State Biometric Privacy
An Act relating to Consumer Privacy

Representative Corvese-An Act relating to Motor Vehicles

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Millea introduces his daughters, Katie Millea and Kennedy Millea to the House. Speaker Mattiello welcomes them to the Chamber.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Representative Fogarty announces tomorrow at the rise of the House there will be a meeting of the Women's Caucus in the Library.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

RULE 7D

The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Lyle-An Act relating to 911 Fees

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Leader Shekarchi announces tomorrow in recognition of Quahog Week the Rhode Island Shell Fish Corporation will be offering quahog samples outside the House Chamber beginning at 3 PM.

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 4:52 o'clock P.M on motion of Representative Lyle and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John R. Waycott; on motion of Representative McLaughlin, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Russell Richter; on motion of Representative Cortvriend, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ronald L. Molleur; on motion of Representative Fogarty, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Jeremy Richman, Sydney Aiello and Calvin Desir seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE RAYMOND H. JOHNSTON, JR.

Dear God: Public service can often be stressful and exhausting. Help us to always be mindful that we serve You best, by dedicating ourselves in service to others. Amen.

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 242

BY Ciccone, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - RHODE ISLAND UNINSURED PROTECTION FUND (Provides that the provisions of § 28-53-7 which addresses payments from the uninsured protection fund to employees of uninsured employers, would apply to injuries that occur on or after September 1, 2019.) {LC1145/1}

03/27/2019 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019:

- 1. 2019-H 5365**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - DESIGNERS OF INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

- 2. 2019-H 5340**
BY McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

- 3. 2019-S 386**
BY Satchell
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MP CLEANING CO. INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, March 22, 2019