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Thirty-fourth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, April 2, 2019 and is called to order at 4:31 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 70 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, 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, Lombardi, Lyle, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Williams.

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Alzate, Lima, Maldonado, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Williams 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, March 28, 2019, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Charlene Lima is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

Representative Karen Alzate is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

Representative Shelby Maldonado is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

Representative Vella-Wilkinson is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019:****1. 2019-H 5773****BY** Morin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS CERTIFICATION ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Casey, Solomon, Johnston, Barros, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Hawkins, Phillips, and Edwards.

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, 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, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Marszalkowski, 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, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2019-H 5430**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - CHILD ADVOCATE OFFICE

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Fellela, Knight, Tobon, Casimiro, Kazarian, Solomon, Johnston, McLaughlin, Corvese, Kislak, Diaz, Slater, Bennett, Edwards, Hull, Lombardi, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Serpa, Cassar, Costantino, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Abney, Donovan, Ackerman, Carson, Serodio, Amore, Marszalkowski, Ruggiero, Hawkins, Phillips, Caldwell, McEntee, Craven, McKiernan, Millea, Almeida, Speakman, Canario, Morin, Ucci, and Williams.

Representatives Ranglin-Vassell, Serpa, Leader Filippi, Representatives Ucci, Tanzi, and McLaughlin, discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Marszalkowski, 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, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Williams.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Filippi, Price.

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2019-S 38

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

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

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, 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, Lombardi, Lyle, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

RULE 7D

The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Ranglin-Vassell.-An Act relating to Wages

GUESTS

Representative Caldwell welcomes to the House Gregory Duvall and Lea Hitchen in recognition of Historic Cemetery Restoration/Awareness Day.

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5937**

BY Caldwell, Cortvriend, Cassar, Shekarchi, Kennedy

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019, TO BE "HISTORIC CEMETERY RESTORATION/AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2246/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Caldwell seconded by Representatives Cortvriend, Cassar, and Leader Shekarchi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Speakman welcomes her son, Adam Speakman from Brooklyn to the House as a guest. Speaker Mattiello welcomes Adam to the Rhode Island.

Representatives Craven welcomes to the House as guests the North Kingstown Boys High School Basketball Team: John Quainoo, Nick Sacchetti, Tristan Curran, Clay Brochu, Nolan Bush, Aiden Hindley-Rivera, Ben Masse, Owen Moynihan, Dylan Poirier, Geoff Coyne, Nick Quarella, Mason Walsh, Dan Smith, Rock Deresky, Caleb Wagner, Ryder Andersen along with Head Coach Aaron Thomas, and Coach James Simmons. Representatives Craven congratulates them on winning the 2018-2019 Boys Basketball Division I Championship and the State Championship. Representative Craven congratulates Coach Thomas on being named the 2018-2019 Coach of the Year. Speaker Mattiello congratulates everybody involved.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5938**

BY Craven, Casimiro, Kennedy, O'Brien, Bennett

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE NORTH KINGSTOWN BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2018-2019 RHODE ISLAND BOYS BASKETBALL DIVISION ONE TOURNAMENT AND THE 2018-2019 RHODE ISLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT {LC2259/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Craven seconded by Representative Casimiro by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Representative O'Brien congratulates Derek and Karissa Fleming on the birth of their son, Derek Fleming Jr. born on March 30th 2019 at 8:57 PM, weighing 7 lbs. 2ozs.

Vice Chairwoman McEntee announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Williams announces today is "Census Day of Action" and discusses its importance.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Costantino-An Act relating to Consolidation of Albion/Saylesville Fire Districts into the new Lincoln Fire District

Representative Canario-An Act relating to BHDDH Services

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5939****BY** Williams, Alzate, Walsh, Barros, Almeida**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND ADVOCATING SUPPORT FOR THE "CENSUS DAY OF ACTION" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2267/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Williams seconded by Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Barros, Almeida, Ranglin-Vassell, Slater, Diaz and the entire House of Representatives 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 McLaughlin-An Act relating to Capitol Police

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5940****BY** McNamara, Jackson, Filippi, Shekarchi, Solomon**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RICHARD RUSSELL NABB {LC2339/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative McNamara seconded by Representative Jackson, Leaders Filippi and Shekarchi, Representatives Solomon, and Hull by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Tobin discusses how critical the Census is for the state of Rhode Island. Representative McLaughlin also discusses the Census.

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

Leader Shekarchi congratulates Representatives McNamara, Abney and Speaker Mattiello for receiving the AARP Capitol Caregiver Awards today before session.

Leader Shekarchi wishes Representative Deb Ruggiero a Happy Birthday.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5941**

BY Lyle, Shekarchi, Filippi, Fellela, Solomon

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RICHARD A. ANDREWS {LC2341/1}

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 Leaders Shekarchi, and Filippi by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 5942

BY Shekarchi, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2333/1}

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.

House Resolution No. 5943

BY Shekarchi, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2334/1}

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.

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 5:22 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Richard Russell Nabb; on motion of Representative Lyle, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Richard Andrews; on motion of Representative Ucci, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of William Brock; on motion of Representative Cortvriend, and on behalf of Representative Canario, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Connor Peckham; on motion of Representative Tobon, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Leon Andres Cataño Tobon; on behalf of Speaker Mattiello and on motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Caroline Wilkinson; seconded by Majority Whip Edwards and Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE ANASTASIA P. WILLIAMS

Dear God, bless our efforts as we labor in this chamber to solve the problems and meet the needs of the people of Rhode Island. Strengthen our resolve to do that which is best for all the people, even though it may not be popular. Amen.

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019:**

1. **2019-H 5298**
 BY McNamara
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - NURSE
 ANESTHETISTS
 Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

2. **2019-H 5466 SUB A**
 BY Jacquard
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE
 - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT
 Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and
 passage of Substitute A.

3. **2019-S 70**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
 HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN
 Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019:

1. **2019-H 5202 SUB A**
 BY Casimiro
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BEDDING AND
 UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE
 Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends indefinite postponement of
 the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

2. **2019-H 5233**
 BY Edwards
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE
 OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD
 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. 2019-S 149

BY Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON - VALIDATING
AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, March 29, 2019