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Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Thirty-seventh Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, April 9, 2019 and is called to order at 4:22 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, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, 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, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, 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, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

ABSENT – 4: Representatives Alzate, Costantino, Lima, Marszalkowski.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Mendez 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, April 4, 2019, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Charlene Lima is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

Representative Karen Alzate is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

GUESTS

Representative Abney welcomes to the House Gerald Chertavian-Founder & CEO of Year Up along with Cyril Turner-President; Edward Fischer-Year up Rhode Island Board Chair and Cathy Doyle-Executive Director of Year Up of Rhode Island. Speaker Mattiello congratulates and welcomes them to the House.

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5968**

BY Abney, Shekarchi, Kennedy, Maldonado

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING GERALD CHERTAVIAN, FOUNDER AND CEO OF YEAR UP, INC., FOR TRAINING AND MENTORING THOUSANDS OF YOUNG ADULTS AND GUIDING THEM TOWARDS SUCCESSFUL CAREERS AND PROSPEROUS FUTURES {LC2343/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019:**2. 2019-H 5824**

BY Ucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

2. 2019-H 5843

BY Blazejewski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

- 3. 2019-H 5866**
BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
- 4. 2019-H 5881**
BY Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
- 5. 2019-H 5889**
BY Lyle
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
- 6. 2019-S 226**
BY Goldin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.
- 7. 2019-S 227**
BY Algieri
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.
- 8. 2019-S 228**
BY Algieri
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.
- 9. 2019-S 336**
BY Goldin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.
- 10. 2019-S 461**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

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

Read and passed, (items 6-10, in concurrence) on a roll call vote 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

RULE 7D

The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Price—An Act relating to Health and Safety

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019:

1. 2019-H 5662

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS – MINIMUM WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Chairman Williams moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Edwards, Bennett, Corvese, Jackson, McNamara, Fellela, Messier, Casimiro, Kazarian, McLaughlin, Johnston, Blazejewski, Canario, Almeida, Noret, Serodio, Amore, Caldwell, McEntee, Millea, Speakman, O'Brien, Diaz, McKiernan, Vella-Wilkinson, Morin, Casey, Ucci, Lombardi, Tanzi, Fogarty, Cassar, Azzinaro, and Hull.

Representatives Nardone, Morin, Newberry, McKiernan, McLaughlin, Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi, discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Carson, Chippendale, Filippi, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2019-H 5663

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Chairman Williams moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Edwards, Bennett, Hull, Jackson, Tanzi, Lombardi, McLaughlin, Corvese, Diaz, Messier, Shanley, Casimiro, Kazarian, Casey, Johnston, Bennett, Cassar, Azzinaro, Noret, Serodio, Amore, McKiernan, Caldwell, McEntee, Almeida, Millea, Speakman, O'Brien, Vella-Wilkinson, Morin, Ucci, and Ruggiero.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Carson, Chippendale, Filippi, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Tobon wishes Louis C. Yip a Happy “70th” Birthday.

Representative Jackson wishes his constituent, Taylor Enright a Happy “19th” Birthday.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Place—An Act relating to Taxation & Personal Income Tax

Representative Jackson—An Act relating to Criminal Offenses & Computer Crimes

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5969**

BY Lyle, Ackerman, Filippi, Shekarchi, Kennedy

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JUSTICE LOUIS E. AZAR {LC2353/1}

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

House Resolution No. 5970

BY Shekarchi, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2394/1}

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. 5971**BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2395/1}

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.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

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

Representative Corvese—An Act relating to Certified Nurse Teachers

Representative Fogarty—An Act relating to Insurance-Breast Density Testing

Representative Almeida—An Act relating to Constables
An Act relating to Prompt Payment Act

Representative Ruggiero—An Act relating to Consumer Protection for Solar Energy Installations for Homeowners

Representative Ucci—An Act relating to Elections
An Act relating to State Building Code

Representative McLaughlin—An Act relating to Hospitals

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

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 Vella-Wilkinson wishes her husband of 38 years, Kenneth Wilkinson, a very Happy Birthday.

Chairman Tobon announces that the Finance Sub-Committee on Environment/Transportation will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

Leader Shekarchi announces that there will be full House session this Thursday and also Committees will hold hearings on Thursday before spring recess. The Leader wishes everyone to enjoy their vacation week.

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.)

ADJOURNMENTS

At 5:01o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Lyle, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Louis E. Azar and Harold S. Duffy; on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Edward F. Scanlon; on motion of Representative Ucci and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Barbara Adler and Christopher Tumminelli; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE MARIO MENDEZ

Dear Lord: As we start a new work week we ask your blessing on this, the people's house. Help us to always be mindful of the great trust placed in us by our constituents. Amen

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 226**BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Eric Ruscitti to join Katelyn Trotta and Vincent Ruscitti in marriage on or about June 8, 2019, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC1166/1}

04/09/2019 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 227**BY** Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dan E. Blackstone to join Victoria Sardelli and Connor Taub in marriage on or about May 5, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC1062/1}

04/09/2019 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 228**BY** Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Michael A. Mack to join Mary Hannah Stewart and John Veale in marriage on or about November 2, 2019, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.) {LC1092/1}

04/09/2019 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 336**BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christine Kennedy to join Maeve Shea Kennedy and Zachary Adam Fand in marriage on or about June 8, 2019, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC1472/1}

04/09/2019 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 461**BY** Felag, Seveney, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Gleason to join Brianna Gleason and Vincent Romano in marriage on or about July 12, 2019, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC1978/1}

04/09/2019 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019:**

1. **2019-H 5677**
BY Williams
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
2. **2019-H 5520**
BY Barros
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - MAYORAL ACADEMIES

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.
3. **2019-S 97**
BY Felag
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY VETERAN AND MILITARY SPOUSE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019:

1. **2019-H 5299 as amended**
BY Hawkins
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - EQUAL RIGHTS OF BLIND AND DEAF PERSONS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage as amended.
2. **2019-H 5443 SUB A**
BY Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RECORDATION OF HONORABLE DISCHARGES

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

- 3. 2019-H 5769**
BY Blazejewski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LOCAL OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Small Business recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, April 5, 2019