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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Forty-first Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, April 24, 2019 and is called to order at 4:25 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, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, 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, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 4: Representatives Ajello, Barros, Carson, McKiernan.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Der Kapriel Nazarian who delivers the Invocation, Alysha Phillips who sings the Armenian National Anthem, and Representative Kazarian who leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

## ADDRESS

Representative Kazarian addresses members in regards to Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day.

## NEW BUSINESS

**House Bill No. 6011****BY** Mattiello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF GYM KIDS INC. {LC2459/1}

04/24/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6012****BY** Corvese, O'Brien, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE (Requires that the purchasing board meeting agenda in the town of North Providence be sent to board members at least five (5) days before the meeting.) {LC2414/1}

04/24/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6013****BY** Costantino, Hawkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS--SMITHFIELD AND LINCOLN (Prohibits commercial motor trucks, with a gross weight rating of twenty-six thousand one pounds (26,001 lbs.) or more, from traveling on Limerock Road, in Smithfield and Lincoln.) {LC2408/1}

04/24/2019 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 6014****BY** Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT (Amends procedures for annual/special Meetings/election/recall Of Officers/board Of Directors/duties Of Board/officers/tax Assessor/clerks/finance director-treasurer/tax collector/borrowing of funds/lighting installation/repair within 60 days of passage.) {LC2458/1}

04/24/2019 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 6015****BY** Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOG ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES -- FOSTER (Authorizes the Foster town council to enact ordinances permitting the dog officer in the town to issue citations for the violation of dog ordinances.) {LC2466/1}

04/24/2019 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 6016****BY** Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- IMPOUNDMENT AND DISPOSITION OF UNCOLLARED DOGS -- FOSTER (Authorizes the Foster town council to enact an impoundment fee for impounded dogs.) {LC2467/1}

04/24/2019 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 6017****BY** McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Roger Kroha to join Jennifer Nassin and Daniel Rubino in marriage on or about October 12, 2019, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.) {LC2475/1}

04/24/2019 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 6018****BY** Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Austin Murphy to join Catherine K. DeVoe and Kurt R. Worell in marriage on or about July 27, 2019, within the Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island.) {LC2477/1}

04/24/2019 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 6019****BY** Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT ACT (Creates a comprehensive statutory scheme to address all aspects of noncompetition agreements.) {LC2416/1}

04/24/2019 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Resolution No. 6020****BY** Blazejewski, Bennett**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$770,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER HOME CARE PROGRAM (This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of seven hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$770,000) to the Rhode Island Office of Health and Human Services.) {LC2352/1}

04/24/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6021****BY** Costantino, Ackerman, Edwards, Lyle, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Increases the annual flat fee given to Lincoln and Tiverton by their respective sports wagering facilities to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).) {LC2331/1}

04/24/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6022****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Millea, Almeida**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES (Gives RIHMFC authority to bring foreclosure petitions after one year from sale of property for taxes if it is foreclosed, not owner occupied or abandoned; changes members of advisory board; exempts RIHMFC owned property from non-utilization tax.) {LC2329/1}

04/24/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**GUESTS**

Representative Kazarian welcomes to the House as guests Der Kapriel Nazarian[Priest], Ani Haroian, Levon Attarian, Paul Haroian, Steve Elmasian, Malcome Varadian, Roxane Donoyan, Hagop Donoyan, and their three children Anahid, Nerses, and Arpi Donoyan, Nvard Danayan, Representative Aram Garabedian, Joyce Avedisian, Michele Kazarian, Maggie Nalbandian, Colonel David Tikoian, Alysha Phillips, Steve Mesrobian, Stephanie Killian, David Sears, Pauline & Ara Getzoyan, and Anna-Marie Danayan.

Speaker Mattiello welcomes them and thanks them for coming to this important event. Speaker also welcomes Colonel David Tikoian, former Senator and Representative Aram Garabedian, and one of his best friends, Sako Aktchian.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 6023**

**BY** Kazarian, Mattiello, Corvese, Shekarchi, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2019, AS "ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY" TO COMMEMORATE THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923, AND IN HONOR OF ARMENIAN-AMERICANS {LC2365/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Kazarian seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Representative Corvese, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Solomon, Alzate, Casimiro, Mendez, Blazejewski, Kennedy, and the entire House of Representatives and by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, April 23, 2019, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Edith H. Ajello is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

Representative Lauren H. Carson is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

Representative Dan McKiernan is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-H 5538**  
**BY** Mattiello  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Solomon, Johnston, Blazejewski, Maldonado, Alzate, Casimiro, Tobon, Hull, McLaughlin, Casey, Jackson, Corvese, Diaz, Slater, Bennett, Edwards, Cortvriend, Costantino, Lima, Azzinaro, Abney, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Ackerman, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Noret, Serodio, Amore, Marzalkowski, Ruggerio, Hawkins, Phillips, Caldwell, McEntee, Craven, Almeida, Speakman, O'Brien, Millea, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Morin, Ucci, Messier, Knight, and Kazarian.

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, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, 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, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

- 2. 2019-H 5184**  
**BY** Caldwell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
PHARMACIES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Solomon, Johnston, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Hull, Lombardi, Tanzi, Mendez, Maldonado, Jackson, Corvese, Kislak, Bennett, Edwards, Walsh, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Cassar, Costantino, Lima, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Abney, Donovan, Ackerman, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives, Noret, Serodio, Amore, Marzalkowski,

Ruggiero, Hawkins, Caldwell, McEntee, Craven, Almeida, Millea, Casimiro, Morin, Casey, Vella-Wilkinson, and Kazarian.

Representative Caldwell discusses the act.

Read and passed, 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, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, 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, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2019-S 222**

**BY Paolino**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD**

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Newberry and Johnston.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, 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, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Price.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

Representative Bennett welcome to the House as guests from the Rhode Island Motorcycle Association: Paul Bond, President, Bob Camara, Steve Chevette, and Buddy Cardosa, Speaker Mattiello also welcomes them to the House and thanks them for all do for the Motorcycle Riding Community.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 6024**

**BY** Mattiello, Bennett, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Nardone

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY TO BE "MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND URGING ALL RHODE ISLAND MOTORISTS TO AVOID DISTRACTED DRIVING {LC2462/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Bennett seconded by Speaker Mattiello Representatives Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Nardone, Leaders Filippi, Shekarchi, Representatives Edwards, Tanzi, Corvese, Hawkins, Phillips, and Ackerman by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

**NOW PRESIDING**

At 4:56 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Mattiello yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Temp Kennedy.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Chairman Phillips 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.

Representative McLaughlin congratulates his niece, Kristen McGill on being sworn in tonight as the new Principal of North Providence High School.

**RULE 7D**

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

Representative Tobon-An Act relating to Business and Professions- Social Benefit Business Program

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUEST**

Representative Solomon welcomes former Central Falls Mayor Thomas Lazieh to the House as a guest.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representative Diaz, and on behalf of Speaker Mattiello, Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi, congratulates and thanks all Administrative Professionals in the building on National Administrative Professionals Day. She also recognizes her secretary Roberta DiMezza. Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy congratulates all Administrative Assistants both men and women.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**RULE 7D**

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

Representative Lyle-An Act relating to Rhode Island PBS

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Morin announces the Northern RI Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce Coalition invites all members to their annual legislative reception today at the rise until 7PM in the Bell Area.

Senior Deputy Majority Leader Ucci announces there will be a meeting of the Deputy Majority Leaders in the Leaders Lounge at the rise of the House.

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

Leader Shekarchi announces the Mental Health Association of RI will host its annual kick off for Mental Health Month in the State Room at 12 noon tomorrow and congratulates Representative Grace Diaz who will be recognized for her many years of dedication to the wellbeing of Rhode Islanders. Speaker Pro Tempore also congratulates Representative Diaz.



By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Resolution No. 6025**

**BY** Mattiello, Shekarchi, Filippi, Diaz, Lima

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING "ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY" ON APRIL 24, 2019, AND THANKING ALL OF THE DEDICATED STAFF WHO WORK TIRELESSLY IN SUPPORT OF THE RHODE ISLAND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES {LC2491/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Diaz seconded by Representative Costantino, Speaker Mattiello, Leaders Shekarchi, Filippi, Representatives Lima, Slater, Maldonado, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Serpa, Craven, McEntee, Phillips, Hawkins, Ackerman, O'Brien, Kennedy and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### GUESTS

Representative Shanley welcomes back to the House Chamber his son Maxwell, and his wife, Meredith Shanley. Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy also welcomes Meredith and Maxwell to the Chamber.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### RULE 7D

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

Representative Costantino-An Act relating to 911 Memorial

### 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 5:08 o'clock P.M. on motion of Leader Shekarchi seconded by Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a voice vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*

**APPENDIX****INVOCATION****DER KAPRIEL NAZARIAN****SAINT VARTANANTZ ARMENIAN CHURCH**

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen. Lord Jesus, as we gather together today at the gracious invitation of the members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives to commemorate the 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, we ask for your blessings on these chambers and all of its members and their staffs. Beginning in 1915, the Turkish government sought to eliminate the Armenian people along with their Christian faith, brutally killing more than one and one half million innocent men, women and children, sparing not even the infirm elderly or your unborn children in their mother's wombs. Today they intercede for us in heaven as our martyred saints and remind us of the sanctity of life. We thank you, Lord, for saving our families, bringing us to Rhode Island, and for the courage of the members of this House in always being at the forefront of standing for the truth in recognizing the Armenian Genocide. Strengthen, guide, and grant wisdom to all the members of this House that they might always stand for the sanctity of life and against all forms of genocide wherever it may exist. Together, Lord, we lift up our hearts to You and we pray for peace for all peoples throughout the world, and we pray especially today for all the victims of the inhumane attacks on Easter day in Sri Lanka and their families, and give thanks to You for the precious life that you have granted us, in the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019:**

1.     **2019-H 5322**  
      **BY** Marszalkowski  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - FOOD DONATIONS  
  
      Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.
  
2.     **2019-H 5035 SUB A**  
      **BY** Carson  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
      REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES  
  
      Committee on Special Legislation recommends indefinite postponement of the original  
      bill and passage of Substitute A.
  
3.     **2019-S 630**  
      **BY** Crowley  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
      HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS  
  
      Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Tuesday April 23, 2019**