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Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Forty-third Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, April 30, 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 72 members present and 3 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 72 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, 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, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

ABSENT – 3: Representatives Carson, Serpa, Ucci.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Maldonado 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 25, 2019, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Stephen Ucci is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

Representative Lauren H. Carson is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019:**1. 2019-H 5170**

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - MERIT SYSTEM

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Chairwoman Williams moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Corvese, Slater, McLaughlin, Tanzi, Hull, Casimiro, Casey, Johnston, Blazejewski, Diaz, Jacquard, Azzinaro, Abney, Noret, Serodio, Donovan, Amore, Phillips, Millea, Vella-Wilkinson, Tobon, Fogarty, Almeida, Jackson, and Solomon.

Leader Filippi, Representatives Williams, Newberry, Knight, Corvese, Price, Chippendale, Walsh, Azzinaro discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serodio, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Filippi, Nardone, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2019-H 5690 SUB A

BY Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS

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, Hull, Chippendale, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Ruggiero, Hawkins, Cortvriend, Edwards, Blazejewski, and Morin.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, 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, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Price.

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2019-S 311

BY Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, in concurrence seconded by Representatives Johnston and Casimiro.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, 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, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019:

1. **2019-H 5951**
BY Shekarchi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
2. **2019-H 5977**
BY Chippendale
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
3. **2019-H 6002**
BY Shekarchi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
4. **2019-S 642**
BY Rogers
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.
5. **2019-S 644**
BY Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.
6. **2019-S 645**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.
7. **2019-S 646 SUB A**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

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

Leader Shekarchi moves passage of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Leader Filippi. The Consent Calendar prevails (items 4-6 in concurrence) on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

GUESTS

Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello welcome to the House as a guest former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis.

Representative Williams welcomes Melissa Broudo (SOAR Institute), Dame Catherine Healy, Rob Kambia, and Kate Mogulescu (ABA Survivor Reentry Project) to the House as guests.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Millea -An Act relating to Public Records

Representative Costantino-An Act relating to Financial Institutions-Check Cashing

Representative Azzinaro-An Act relating to Businesses and Professions-Motor Vehicle Repair Shop Act

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Solomon wishes his father, Mayor Solomon a Happy Birthday. Speaker Mattiello also wishes Mayor Solomon a Happy Birthday.

Leader Shekarchi reminds member that the Campaign Finance Reports are due today.

Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello wish a Happy Birthday to Representative John Lombardi

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Blazejewski welcomes Lucy Rose, Project Director for the Cape Verdean Memorial Project to the House as a guest. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes Lucy to the Chamber and thanks her for her advocacy.

Representative Speakman and on behalf of Representative Knight welcome to the House Chamber as guests from the Warren Town Council: Keri M. Cronin, Town Council President, Kate Michaud, Town Manager, and Bob Rulli, Town Planner. Representative Speakman recognizes them on winning the Grow Smart Award. Speaker Mattiello welcomes them to the House.

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 6039****BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2521/1}

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.

House Resolution No. 6040**BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2520/1}

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.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

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:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 6041****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Morin, Azzinaro, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS "NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC516/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson seconded by Representatives Morin, Azzinaro, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Almeida, Millea, Bennett, Maldonado, Tobon, McLaughlin, Jackson, Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Noret, Phillips, Craven, and McEntee by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6042**BY** Price, Kennedy, Shekarchi, Quattrocchi, Mattiello**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PATRICIA ANN MILLAR {LC2526/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Price seconded by Representatives Quattrocchi, Kennedy, Leader Shekarchi, and Speaker Mattiello by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

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.

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 5:04 o'clock P.M on motion of Representative Edwards, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hannibal Costa; on motion of Representative Price, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Patricia Ann Millar; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE SHELBY MALDONADO

Almighty God: We pray for the gift of your wisdom in this the people's house. Keep in our hearts those less fortunate, and help us find a way to ease their struggles. Amen.

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 642

BY Rogers, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Adam Plumer to join Samantha Toohey and Matthew Borys in marriage on or about June 28, 2019, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC2226/1}

04/30/2019 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 644

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Bethany Laskowski to join Jonelle Lorena Schofield and Joshua Kerry Cliff in marriage on or about May 18, 2019, within the city of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2176/1}

04/30/2019 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 645

BY McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Mark S. Mandell to join Sara Kemper and Zach Mandell in marriage on or about August 31, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC490/1}

04/30/2019 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019:

1. **2019-H 5062**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

2. **2019-H 5924**
BY Maldonado
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--
PROCEDURES GENERALLY -- THE STATE FALSE CLAIM ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. **2019-H 5931**
BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF VECTOR CUSPIS OCEANUS, LLC

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019:

1. **2019-H 5459**
BY Williams
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RECIPROCITY
AGREEMENTS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. **2019-H 5572**
BY Bennett
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANTS

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, April 26, 2019