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Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Fifty-eighth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, June 4, 2019 and is called to order at 4:32 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, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

ABSENT – 4: Representatives Lombardi, Ranglin-Vassell, Tanzi, Tobon.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Canario 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, May 30, 2019, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Marcia Ranglin-Vassell is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

By unanimous consent, the House takes up:

GUESTS

Representative Newberry congratulates the **North Smithfield High School "We the People" class** for heading to the nationals for the 13th straight year and welcomes them to the House as guests: Jacob Austin, Gabrielle Barros, Theo Bazin, Will Bazin, Cassidy Boutelle, Kat Brandao, Nathaniel Cardin Prochniak, Sadie Crozier, Ethan Daigneault, Noah Dagesse, Chris Durand, Jacob Gosselin, Emma Harrop, James Haczynski, Madisyn Harnois Lafreniere, Brianna Jacques, Liz Kelley, Cali Keovogsvang, Jordan Koury, Emelie Mandeville, Nick Marseglia, Megan Masi, Shawn Moison, Kylie Murphy, Kara Pessia, Seth Pickering, Rachel Reall, Madison Reilly, Stevan Reyes, Cameron Reynolds, Tori Robertson, Abygail Sevegny, Holden Tousugnant, and Zachary Vincent. Here today along with Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Cardin, Mrs. Haczynski, Mrs. Durand, Mr. Lemoine, Mrs. Crozier, Mr. Lafreniere, and Mrs. Keovongsavang. Speaker Mattiello congratulates them on their success.

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 6176**

BY Newberry, Lyle, Solomon, Fellela, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE NORTH SMITHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL WE THE PEOPLE TEAM ON WINNING THE 2019 "WE THE PEOPLE" STATE COMPETITION {LC2747/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Fogarty welcomes her niece, Madison Reilly and Representative Barros welcomes his niece, Gabrielle Barros from "We the People". Speaker Mattiello welcomes and congratulates all and wishes them much continued success.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019:

- 1. 2019-H 5457**
BY Kennedy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, June 6, 2019.

- 5. 2019-H 5925**
BY Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SECRETARY OF STATE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Leader Shekarchi moves to recommit. There is no objection.

Read and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

- 2. 2019-H 5419**
BY Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMMISSION ON THE DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives McLaughlin, Jackson, Kislak, Bennett, Handy, Diaz, Maldonado, Alzate, Casimiro, Kazarian, Solomon, Johnston, Blazejewski, Donovan, Ackerman, Carson, Noret, Serodio, Amore, Ruggiero, Phillips, Slater, Azzinaro, Corvese, and Lyle.

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, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, 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, Lima, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2019-H 5745

BY Canario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - DOMESTIC ASSAULT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Johnston and Blazejewski.

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, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, 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, Lima, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2019-H 6120

BY Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CHILDREN'S GROVE

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Johnston, Maldonado, Bennett, Abney, Kazarian, and Cortvriend.

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, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, 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, Lima, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

RULE 7D

The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Price-An Act relating to Towns & Cities-Housing

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 6177

BY Mattiello, Shekarchi, Kennedy, Filippi, Shanley

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE LORRAINE LOUISE KANE {LC2772/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Shanley seconded by Representatives Speaker Mattiello, Leader Shekarchi, Representative Kennedy, Leader Filippi, Representatives Blazejewski, Slater, Casimiro, Casey, and Diaz and the entire House of Representatives 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:

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Filippi -An Act relating to Taxation
An Act relating to State Employment

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 6178**BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2766/1}

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. 6179**BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2767/1}

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:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader Shekarchi announces its Taco Tuesday and Representatives Alzate and Maldonado are providing tacos for members in the House Lounge at the rise.

Leader Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello wish a Happy Belated Birthday to Representative Joe Serodio on Friday, May 31st.

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 6180**BY** Mattiello, Shekarchi, Craven, McEntee, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GOVERNANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (Establishes board of trustees for URI; establishes transfer of URI research foundation authority to board of governors if foundation dissolved; removes authority of council on postsecondary education over URI, requires disclosure of tuition waivers.) {LC2718/1}

06/04/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 6181**BY** Ucci, Mendez, Fellela, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES -- JOHNSTON (Amends the property tax classification for the town of Johnston to be consistent with state law.) {LC2690/1}

06/04/2019 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

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 5:01 o'clock P.M on motion of Representative Speakman and as a further mark of respect to the memories of the Virginia Beach victims; on motion of Representatives Shanley, Kennedy and Majority Leader Shekarchi and as a further mark of respect to the memory of former Representative Lorraine Louise Kane; on motion of Representative Fogarty, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of George T. Law; on motion of Representative Lima, and on behalf of Speaker Mattiello, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Lorenzo Aceto; seconded by Majority Whip Edwards and Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS M. CANARIO

Dear Lord: We ask you to give us the strength of purpose, coupled with mercy and compassion to do what is necessary to bring justice to all our citizens. Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019:

1. **2019-H 5674**
BY Jacquard
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- SERVICE CONTRACTS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. **2019-H 5251 SUB A**
BY Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - ELECTROLYSIS

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

3. **2019-H 5351**
BY Marszalkowski
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO BE KNOWN AS THE "RHODE ISLAND CITY AND TOWN REVALUATION STUDY COMMISSION"

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019:

1. **2019-H 5457**
BY Kennedy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. **2019-H 5475 SUB A**
BY Shekarchi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- CONTRIBUTION AMONG JOINT TORTFEASORS

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

- 3. 2019-S 494 SUB A**
BY Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE
IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - CONTRIBUTION AMONG JOINT TORTFEASORS

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

- 4. 2019-H 5827**
BY Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RESPONSIBLE
RECYCLING, REUSE AND DISPOSAL OF MATTRESSES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

- 5. 2019-H 5433**
BY Ackerman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --
SEIZURE OF ANIMALS BEING CRUELLY TREATED

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

- 6. 2019-H 5958 SUB A**
BY Costantino
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CONSOLIDATION OF THE ALBION AND
SAYLESVILLE FIRE DISTRICTS INTO THE NEW LINCOLN FIRE DISTRICT

Committee on Municipal Government recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Thursday, May 30, 2019
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