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Sixty-first Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, June 11, 2019 and is called to order at 4:40 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 75 members present and 0 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 75 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, 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, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Tobon 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, June 6, 2019, is approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019:

- 1. 2019-H 6116**
BY Ucci
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

- 2. 2019-H 6163**
BY Mattiello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

- 3. 2019-H 6173**
BY Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

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

The Consent Calendar prevails, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, 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, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, 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:

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019:

4. 2019-H 6101**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for tomorrow, Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

1. 2019-H 6080**BY** Morin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Phillips, Amore, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Morin, Almeida, Ucci, Edwards, Casey, Tanzi, Slater, and Messier.

By unanimous consent, Representative Abney seconded by Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Edwards, and Casey offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2019 -- H 6080****AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2019 -- H 6080, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES", as follows:

1. On page 1, lines 1 through 13, by deleting the language contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following language:

"SECTION 1. Section 44-5-74.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

44-5-74.1. Woonsocket -- List of ratable property.

(a) Upon adoption of a system of classification of taxable property by the city of Woonsocket, all ratable property in the city of Woonsocket shall be classified by the assessor as follows:

(1) Class One: all ratable tangible personal property ~~and motor vehicles~~;

(2) Class Two: residential real estate with less than four (4) units;

(3) Class Three: all commercial and industrial real estate and residential real estate with four (4) units or more, except as provided for in subsection (b); and(4) Class Four: all motor vehicles and trailers subject to the excise tax created by chapter 34 of this title.

(b) As to any residential real estate with four (4) units and wherein one or more of such units are occupied by the owner of the real estate, such four (4) unit residential real estate shall be classified as Class Two residential real estate. Said real estate shall be classified as Class Three if it fails to have at

least one unit that is occupied by the owner of the real estate. An owner of residential real estate with four (4) units who is entitled to the Class Two residential real estate classification pursuant to this section shall annually file a declaration of such owner-occupied status with the tax assessor. The assessor shall prepare an appropriate form for the making of such declaration."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Abney

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Representatives Abney, Carson, and Newberry discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: 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, 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, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: 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, 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, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2019-H 5383**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE DISCHARGE PLANNING

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Bennett, Edwards, Johnston, Tanzi, Caldwell, and Carson.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: 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, 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, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. House Resolution No. 5553 SUB A**BY** Alzate, McNamara, Casimiro, Kazarian, Maldonado**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENCOURAGING MORE PERSONS OF COLOR TO ENTER THE FIELD OF EDUCATION (Creates a 13 member commission to study and make recommendations for encouraging more persons of color to enter the field of education, and who would report back by April 17, 2020, and expire on June 17, 2020.) {LC1929/A/2}

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

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the resolution, seconded by Representatives Diaz, Kislak, Hull, Lombardi, Tanzi, Tobon, Mendez, Shanley, Maldonado, Casimiro, Kazarian, Casey, Solomon, Johnston, Blazejewski, Slater, Bennett, Edwards, Ajello, Walsh, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Canario, Cassar, Abney, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Ackerman, Carson, Noret, Serodio, Amore, Phillips, Ruggiero, McKiernan, Caldwell, McEntee, Speakman, Almeida, Williams, and Ucci.

Representatives Price, Corvese, McNamara, Tobon, McLaughlin, Williams, Almeida, Carson, Hull, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Kazarian, Ruggiero, Lombardi, Quattrocchi, and Speakman discuss the resolution.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, members voting in the 73 affirmative and 1 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: 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, 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, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Price.

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

GUESTS

Representative Alzate welcomes to the House Chamber as guests Valedictorian and Salutatorian from Tolman High School, Shea High School, and Davies Career and Technical School: Melissa Esteban-Tolman High School-Valedictorian; Alexandria Lorenzo-Tolman High School-Salutatorian; Alec Goldberg-Shea High School-Valedictorian; Kaylin Fortes-Shea High School-Salutatorian; Julianna Desautel-Davies Career and Technical School-Valedictorian; and Vanessa Sanchez-Davies Career and Technical School-Salutatorian. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes them to the House and wishes them best of luck.

Representative Donovan and on behalf of Representative Speakman welcomes to the House as guests from the Bristol 4th of July Parade: James W. Farley, Grand Marshal; Frances "Fran" O'Donnell, General Chair of the Bristol 4th of July Parade Committee; Jillian Fitting, Miss 4th of July along with her mother, Holly; and Mekayla Neves, Little Miss 4th of July and her dad.

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 6199

BY Donovan, Speakman, Abney, Shekarchi, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING JAMES FARLEY ON BEING NAMED CHIEF MARSHAL OF THE 2019 BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND, FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION
{LC2813/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Donovan, seconded by Representatives Speakman, Abney, Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi, and Representative Edwards by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Jackson -An Act relating to Condominiums
An Act relating to State Building Code

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 6200

BY Shekarchi, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2809/1}

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. 6201

BY Shekarchi, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2810/1}

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 Blazejewski-An Act relating to Retail Licenses

Representative Shanley-An Act relating to Zoning Ordinances

Representative Noret-An Act relating to Retail Estate Sale Disclosures

Representative Edwards-An Act relating to Criminal Offenses

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader Shekarchi announces there will be a closed Democratic Caucus in the House Lounge today at the rise of the House. The Leader also announces the Corporations and Judiciary Committees will meet at the conclusion of the Caucus.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

RULE 7D

The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Speakman -An Act relating to Agriculture & Forestry

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Vella-Wilkinson announces that Cole, a young cancer survivor is home but very weak, overcoming a number of setbacks. His neighbors in Warwick are hosting a Tuesday Night Lights event outside his home at 8 PM tonight. All are invited and asked to bring flashlights and light sticks. Speaker Mattiello extends thoughts and prays from the House of Representatives.

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 5:40 o'clock P.M. on motion of Leader Shekarchi and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Peter J. Bonaccorsi; on motion of Representative Canario, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Gabriel T. Littlefield; seconded by Majority Whip Edwards and Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE CARLOS E. TOBON

Dear Lord: We pray that you bless this House of Representatives. Guide us with your wisdom and help us to always resolve conflicts with real compassion and understanding. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019:

1. **2019-H 6101**
BY Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2. **2019-H 5457**
BY Kennedy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.
3. **2019-H 5794**
BY Tobon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PROPER MANAGEMENT OF UNUSED PAINT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.
4. **2019-H 5458 SUB A**
BY Kennedy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
5. **2019-H 5569 SUB A**
BY Ackerman
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION ADOPTION OF THE STATE PLAN ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
6. **2019-H 5023**
BY O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. 2019-H 5798 SUB A**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COVENTRY SEWER AUTHORITY

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

8. 2019-H 5892**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

9. 2019-H 5549**BY** Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

10. 2019-H 6143 SUB A**BY** Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CITY OF WARWICK -- SEWER AUTHORITY

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

11. 2019-H 6094**BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

12. 2019-H 5988**BY** Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

13. **2019-H 6181**
BY Ucci
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES -- JOHNSTON

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

14. **2019-S 893**
BY Lombardo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES -- JOHNSTON

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019:

1. **2019-H 5580**
BY Lima
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

2. **2019-H 5465 SUB A**
BY Jacquard
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS

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

3. **2019-H 5289**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - APPROPRIATE DISABILITY LANGUAGE

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

4. **2019-H 6102**
BY Barros
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

5. **2019-H 5008 SUB A**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM ALIGNMENT AND STANDARDS FOR ALL STUDENTS

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

6. **2019-H 5887 SUB A**
BY O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RHODE ISLAND CERTIFICATIONS STANDARDS BOARD [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT]

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

7. **2019-H 6085 SUB A**
BY Barros
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

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

8. **2019-H 5478 SUB A**
BY Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY

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

9. **2019-H 5489 SUB A**
BY Blazejewski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION

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

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, June 7, 2019

Updated: Tuesday, June 11, 2019