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Seventeenth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, February 13, 2020 and is called to order at 4:31 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 67 members present and 7 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 67: 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, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 7: Representatives Costantino, Lima, O'Brien, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Serodio

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Almeida 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 Wednesday, February 12, 2020, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Lima is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 13, 2020.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 7565**

(Transportation)

**BY** Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Transfers all responsibility for oversize/overweight permitting to the department of transportation and amends and increases fines for all oversize and overweight infractions.) {LC4446/1}  
02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7566**

**BY** Quattrocchi, Nardone, Marszalkowski, Filippi, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HOISTING ENGINEERS (Exempts non-commercial operators of motorized trucks and equipment from the requirements of the hoisting engineers' chapter, if they own, in whole or in part, the land upon which they are working.) {LC4519/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7567**

**BY** Canario, Edwards, Casimiro, Johnston, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- EXEMPTIONS FROM LICENSING {LC4686/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7568**

**BY** Jacquard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Raises appraisal threshold amount for unfair practices re: auto insurance from \$2500 \$5000, requires insurance company to complete appraisal within four days, redefines fair market value to include compilations commonly used by the insurance industry.) {LC4499/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7569**

**BY** Jacquard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT (Eliminates provisions establishing a legislative regulation committee, and would also repeal the provision that codes and standards adopted by the state building code standards committee subject to approval by the legislative regulation committee.) {LC3702/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7570****BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Diaz, Ajello, Alzate, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WAGES (Increases the minimum wage by using an annual fixed amount until January 1, 2024, where it reaches to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour, then raised annually thereafter by using the (CPI-W). It also raises the cash wage by using a similar scale.) {LC4395/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**(For Co-sponsor removal request, see Journal of 2-27-2020, page 3)****House Bill No. 7571****BY** Blazejewski, Casimiro, Kazarian, Alzate, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Prohibits the sale of tobacco products by pharmacies.) {LC4503/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Resolution No. 7572****BY** McNamara, Ackerman, Jackson, Alzate, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (BHDDH) TO FULLY ADDRESS ALL PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ENSURE ONGOING COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2008 {LC3329/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7573****BY** McNamara, Ackerman, Jackson, Alzate, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (Requires at least one oral and maxillofacial surgeon on the Rhode Island board of examiners in dentistry.) {LC4507/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7574****BY** McNamara, Ackerman, Jackson, Alzate, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCES (Requires department of health to establish an informal dispute resolution to address any changes to department of health violations.) {LC4470/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Resolution No. 7575****BY** Messier, Kislak, Ranglin-Vassell, Serpa, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- RIGHT TO ADEQUATE EDUCATION (Adds two sections to the constitution/guarantees residents adequate education permitting learning at high levels, become lifelong learners, productive workers and responsible citizens/makes rights guaranteed under the constitution judicially enforceable.) {LC4294/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7576****BY** Casey, Solomon, Ruggiero, Canario, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits any health insurer, medical service corporation, hospital service corporation and health maintenance organization from making prescription drug formulary changes in a contract year.) {LC4459/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7577****BY** Newberry, Amore, Kislak, Carson, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE CIVIC LITERACY ACT {LC4490/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7578**

(Office of Healthy Aging)

**BY** Ackerman, McNamara, Donovan, McEntee, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSPERSON ACT OF 1995 (Requires informed consent of the elderly for referral of investigations to be made by other state agencies by the long-term care ombudsperson (LTCO).) {LC4451/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7579****BY** Ackerman, McNamara, Corvese, Alzate, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - DRUG COST TRANSPARENCY (Provides drug cost transparency by requiring reports be submitted by drug manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers and health benefit plan insurers to the director of the department of business regulation regarding drug prices and increases the prices.) {LC3870/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7580****BY** Jacquard, Lima, Millea, McNamara, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY (Requires school buses to be equipped with a crossing control arm in addition to a stop arm commencing September 1, 2021.) {LC4221/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7581****BY** Jacquard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL FUNDS AND PROPERTY (Requires school districts to maintain classroom temperatures and humidity levels within targeted levels.) {LC3537/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7582****BY** Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (Authorizes the department of attorney general to receive 30% of any settlement resulting from a multi-state initiative with any balance over \$1,500,000 at the end of a fiscal year transferred to the general fund.) {LC4546/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7583****BY** McNamara, Jackson, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Increases the amount of reimbursement funds required to be paid by the Rhode Island airport corporation to the city of Warwick for municipal services.) {LC3331/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7584****BY** Diaz, Caldwell, Slater, Casimiro, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CHILD CARE - STATE SUBSIDIES (Creates the reimbursement rates to be paid by the department of human services and the department of children, youth and families for licensed child care centers/family child care homes which would be tiered to promote quality improvements in child care) {LC4373/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7585****BY** Casey, Knight, Edwards, Morin, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- WINE DIRECT SHIPPER LICENSE (Creates a wine direct license for licensed producers to directly ship limited wine to residents of RI over age twenty one (21).) {LC4610/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7586**

(by request)

**BY** Kazarian, Slater, Casimiro, Alzate, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC4026/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7587****BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Diaz, Kislak, Blazejewski, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- PERINATAL DOULA SERVICES {LC3300/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**(For Co-sponsor removal request, see Journal of 3-10-2020, page 2)****House Bill No. 7588****BY** Jacquard, Lima, Jackson, Casimiro, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BEER AND MALT BEVERAGE EXEMPTION (Exempts beer and malt beverage from sales tax.) {LC4466/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7589****BY** Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SPECIAL POLICE FOR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS (Clarifies the jurisdiction of special police officers upon the land and buildings of educational institutions, and on roads adjacent to the educational institutions to instances where the officer notices that a person is in danger of bodily harm.) {LC4498/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7590****BY** Amore, Ruggiero, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Extends the "lookback" period for third and subsequent offenses under chapter relative to driving under the influence of liquor or drugs and refusal to submit to chemical test from five (5) to ten (10) years.) {LC4542/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7591****BY** Canario, Jacquard, Noret, Johnston, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Allows law enforcement officers to utilize mufflers, silencers, or other devices for muffling sound of firearm while acting within scope of official duties while training as tactical teams and under supervision of police chief, colonel of state police.) {LC4687/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7592****BY** Casimiro, Ranglin-Vassell, McEntee, Craven, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS-CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAROLE (Makes minors who were sentenced as adults, eligible for parole after serving fifteen years of sentence. Applies to those serving life without parole and would apply to those prisoners whose offenses were committed after January 1, 1991.) {LC4522/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7593****BY** Hawkins, Phillips, McKiernan, Noret, Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL (Vests the traffic tribunal with jurisdiction over the adjudication of alleged violations of the harassment of hunters, trappers and fishers law.) {LC4329/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7594****BY** Williams, Shekarchi, Craven, Knight, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES (Prohibits discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income.) {LC3254/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7595****BY** Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Lima, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (Requires attorney general to issue report of all charges involving a firearm, and if said charges were disposed for that calendar year. Included in report details of firearm.) {LC4465/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7596****BY** Alzate, McKiernan, Casimiro, Phillips, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Provides for the sealing and unsealing of court files in residential eviction proceedings.) {LC4663/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7597****BY** Alzate, Slater, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Repeals the state voter identification law.) {LC4656/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7598****BY** Alzate, Ucci, Tobon, Williams, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Permits the district court to issue probationary operator's licenses to those who had their licenses suspended, under certain conditions and for reasons of extreme hardship. Offenses involving alcohol, injury or death would be ineligible.) {LC4313/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7599****BY** McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Speakman, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Increases the age of children able to utilize a recorded forensic interview for cases of sexual abuse in grand jury testimony -- child assault from age fourteen (14) to age eighteen (18).) {LC4452/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7600****BY** Hawkins, Phillips, McKiernan, Noret, Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Requires Class B licensees to offer the opportunity to purchase and consume food in conjunction with the sale of alcoholic beverages, at all times while alcohol is consumed on the premises.) {LC4258/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

**House Bill No. 7601****BY** Ucci, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES (Allows holders of a Class P license to purchase alcoholic beverages from either a retail or wholesale establishment in the state of Rhode Island.) {LC4314/1}

02/13/2020 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Williams reads about inventors of color in honor of Black History Month.  
Mr. Speaker Mattiello thanks Representatives Williams, Almeida, and Ranglin-Vassell for sharing their interesting information about Black History Month.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**Read, and by unanimous consent, Majority Leader Shekarchi orders Item #4 to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, February 25, 2020.**

There is no objection

- 4. 2020-H 7287**  
**BY** Shekarchi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS – MINIMUM WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

- 1. 2020-H 7102 SUB A**  
**BY** Serpa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Ruggiero, McEntee, Caldwell, Speakman, Almeida, Abney, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Ackerman, Carson, Amore, McKiernan, Ajello, Walsh, Jacquard, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Canario, Serpa, Cassar, Hull, Lombardi, Tanzi, McNamara, Corvese, Kislak, Slater, Edwards, Lyle, Knight, Messier, Barros, Casimiro, Kazarian, Alzate, Johnston, and Blazejewski.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 55 members voting in the affirmative and 12 members voting in the negative as follows:

By unanimous consent, Representative Craven, seconded by Majority Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Ruggiero, McKiernan, Millea, Almeida, Cortvriend, Canario, Serpa, Cassar, Azzinaro, McNamara, Corvese, Bennett, Edwards, Solomon, Johnston, Blazejewski, Shanley, Barros, offers a written motion to amend.

Representative Newberry moves to recommit to the Committee on Judiciary.

There is an objection.



**RULING OF THE CHAIR**

Mr. Speaker Mattiello rules that ample time will be given to the Representatives to review the amendment and that the amendment is properly before the House. The bill will not be recommitted.

Representative Newberry challenges the Rule of the Chair.

Upon a roll call vote of 55 members voting in the affirmative and 12 members voting in the negative, the ruling of the chair is sustained as follows:

YEAS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Handy, Hawkins, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Noret, Phillips, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Ucci, Williams.

NAYS - 12: Representatives Chippendale, Filippi, Fogarty, Hull, Kislak, Lyle, Nardone, Newberry, Roberts, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh.

Representatives Corvese, Tanzi, Craven, Noret, Walsh discuss the amendment.

Representative Chippendale requests that the amendment be moved to the bottom of the calendar. Mr. Speaker Mattiello rules that it will be moved after debate.

Representatives Kislak, Minority Leader Filippi, Knight, Ruggiero, Majority Leader Shekarchi, and Representative Newberry continue the discussion.

**Item #1 is placed on the bottom of the calendar.**

**2. 2020-H 7490**

**BY** Jacquard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF GENESIS SYSTEMS, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Johnston and Morin.

Read and passed 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, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

**3. 2020-H 7247 SUB A**

**BY** Abney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS

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

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Ackerman, Carson, Majority Leader Shekarchi, Noret, Amore, Marszalkowski, Ruggiero, Phillips, Craven, McEntee, Millea, Fogarty, Vella-Wilkinson, Morin, Corvese, McNamara, Diaz, Slater, Bennett, Edwards, Messier, Barros, Tobon, Casimiro, Kazarian, Casey, Johnston, Blazejewski, and Ucci.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 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, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

**5. 2020-H 7157 SUB A**

**BY** Bennett

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

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

Chairwoman Williams moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives McEntee, Diaz, Hull, Tanzi, Jackson, Slater, Fellela, Handy, Shanley, Barros, Messier, Alzate, Casimiro, Kazarian, Casey, Solomon, Johnston, Blazejewski, Ajello, Walsh, Fogarty, Cassar, Abney, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Ackerman, Carson, Amore, Shekarchi, Ruggiero, McEntee, Craven, McKiernan, Speakman, Millea, Almeida, Ucci, Morin, Vella, Williams, and Cortvriend.

Representative Ranglin-Vassell discusses the Act.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Williams rises on a point of order for Representative Ranglin-Vassell to speak germane to the Act.

The Honorable Speaker rules for Representative to speak germane to the Act.

Representatives Williams, Chippendale, McLaughlin, Cassar, Minority Leader Filippi, Representative Walsh, Amore, Tobon, and Ranglin-Vassell continues discussion.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Diaz rises on a point of order for Representative Ranglin-Vassell to speak germane to the Act.

The Honorable Speaker rules for Representative to speak germane to the Act.

Representative Ranglin-Vassell continues discussion.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Williams rises on a point of order for Representative Ranglin-Vassell to speak germane to the Act.

The Honorable Speaker rules for Representative to speak germane to the Act.

Representatives Ranglin-Vassell, Millea, Ajello, and McLaughlin continues discussion.

Representative Williams discusses the Act.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Lombardi requests to be marked in the affirmative on Items 2 & 3.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Minority Leader Filippi rises on a point of order for Representative Williams to speak germane to the Act.

The Honorable Speaker rules for Representative to speak germane to the Act.

Minority Leader Filippi withdraws his point of order.

Minority Leader Filippi and Majority Leader Shekarchi continues discussion on the Act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 5: Representatives Chippendale, Filippi, Nardone, Newberry, Roberts.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Diaz requests to be marked in the affirmative on Item #3.

**GUESTS**

Representative Hawkins welcomes to the House as a guest Jennifer Paolantonio, her parents Bob and Charlene Saccoccio, husband Joe Paolantonio, her sons Lucas, Logan and School Committee member, Beth Keelin. Also congratulating her on being the 2019-2020 Recipient of “The Milken Educator Award.”

Mr. Speaker Mattiello welcomes Jennifer to the House.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Speaker Mattiello acknowledges the service of the Korean War Veteran guests present during the previous day’s session. He thanks them and Representative McLaughlin for their service to our country.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 7602**

**BY** Hawkins, Mattiello, Shekarchi, Chippendale, Ruggiero

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JENNIFER PAOLANTONIO ON BEING A 2019-2020 RECIPIENT OF THE MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD {LC4371/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Hawkins seconded by Speaker Mattiello, Majority Leader Shekarchi, Representative Chippendale, Ruggiero, Philips, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

Representative Corvese discusses the Resolution.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Jacquard requests to be marked in the affirmative on Item #5.

Chairman Casey announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet today at the rise of the House in Room 205 of the State House.

Chairman Phillips announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today at the rise of the House in Room 203 of the State House.

**GUESTS**

Representative Ranglin-Vassell welcomes to the House her intern Nancy Sengtong

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Ranglin-Vassell reads a poem.

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

Representative McLaughlin thanks the House and Mr. Speaker for their recognition. He shares information about Black History Month.

Chairman Solomon announces that the Committee on Municipal Government will meet today at the rise of the House in Room 101 of the State House.

By unanimous consent the House returns to the floor amendment on Item #1.

Read and passed the amendment prevails, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Jackson, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Noret, Phillips, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Filippi, Nardone, Newberry, Roberts, Vella-Wilkinson.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO**

2020 -- H 7102 SUBSTITUTE A/2

**AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2020 -- H 7102 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 19, by inserting the language ", maker" after the word "manufacturer".
2. On page 2, line 20, by inserting the language "or markings in accordance with 27 C.F.R. § 479.102" after the word "law".
3. On page 2, lines 22 through 24, by deleting the language ", or a firearm that is possessed by an individual who is not prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm and is marked in accordance with 27 C.F.R. § 479.102".
4. On page 3, line 26, by inserting the language ", maker" after the word "manufacturer".
5. On page 3, lines 26 and 27, by deleting the language "is not marked" and inserting in place thereof the language "markings".
6. On page 5, line 2, by inserting the language "or both" after the language "(\$10,000)".

7. On page 5, line 4, by deleting the word "nor".

8. On page 5, line 4, after the word "probation" by inserting the language ", nor fine".

9. On page 5, line 4, after the language "probation", by inserting the language "These provisions shall not apply to federally licensed manufacturers (FLN) pursuant to Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) regulations."

10. On page 5, line 6, by deleting the language "ninety (90)" and inserting in place thereof the language "thirty (30)".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Serpa

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LC003660/14  
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By unanimous consent, Representative Chippendale seconded by Representatives Roberts, Nardone, and Minority Leader Filippi offers a written motion to amend.

Representative Knight and Minority Leader Filippi discuss the amendment

Read and passed the amendment fails, on a roll call vote, 9 members voting in the affirmative and 56 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Filippi, Lombardi, Lyle, Nardone, Newberry, Roberts, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh.

NAYS - 56: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Handy, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Noret, Phillips, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Williams.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO**

2020 -- H 7102 SUBSTITUTE A/2

**AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2020 -- H 7102 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 7, after the word "solidified" by inserting the language "in layers".

2. On page 1, line 9, after the word "grains" by inserting the language "and without the benefit of a mold".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Chippendale

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Return to Calendar Item #1, as amended

Minority Leader Filippi discusses the Act as amended.

The bill marked Substitute "A/2" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Lyle, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Noret, Phillips, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Filippi, Nardone, Newberry, Roberts, Vella-Wilkinson.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Williams requests to make an announcement to all House members.

Mr. Speaker Mattiello apologizes to Representative Williams on behalf of the entire House and refers to House Rule 10B.

Majority Leader Shekarchi announces we were deeply saddened to learn of the **passing of Orlando "Andy" Andreoni**, who has served for the past 11 years as a legal counsel for the House Judiciary Committee and the House Health, Education and Welfare Committee. Mr. Andreoni was a very accomplished attorney with a law degree from Suffolk University Law School. He practiced law in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts. He was a long-time resident of the City of East Providence, where he had his law practice since 1984, and for 10 years he served as the East Providence City Solicitor. His keen legal mind was a great asset to the many House members who worked with him in our committees. Our sympathies are expressed to his wife, Linda, and his entire family. He will be missed by all of us here at the State House. Also, today is the final day before our Legislative Recess. Accordingly, I ask that the desk remain open at the conclusion of session. **The deadline for filing bills has been extended until the Tuesday we return from recess, which is February 25th.** The desk will remain open throughout the recess week and bills can be filed with Chief Legal Counsel Danica Iacoi. The deadline to get new business into the Office of Legislative Council will be Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. We encourage you to have your bills drafted as soon as possible and then introduced on the Tuesday we return, because on the following day, Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, you will be required to give notice of your intention to introduce bills under Rule 7(d).

Mr. Speaker Mattiello offers his condolences to the Andreoni family.

Majority Leader Shekarchi wishes the following Representatives a Happy Birthday which some fall over the February break. Representatives Cassar a Happy Birthday Thursday, February 13, 2020, Handy a Happy Birthday Saturday, February 15, 2020, Diaz a Happy Birthday Friday, February 21, 2020 and Marszalkowski a Happy Birthday Saturday, February 22, 2020.

### 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.)

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### TRANSFER OF BILLS

#### COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

**Chairman Jacquard, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer:**

##### **House Bill No. 7491**

**BY** Tobon, Barros, Alzate, Costantino, McKiernan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND

PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT (Imposes a fee of one hundred sixty dollars (\$160) for all domestic and foreign corporations for a certificate of authority to transact business in this state.) {LC4284/1}

02/13/2020 Committee transferred to House Finance

##### **House Bill No. 7331**

**BY** Edwards, Canario, Bennett, Diaz, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE RHODE ISLAND

CESSPOOL ACT OF 2007 (Allows DEM to extend certain deadlines for required sewer construction in the replacement of cesspools, which deadlines would not extend beyond January 1, 2025.) {LC3564/1}

02/14/2020 Committee transferred to House Environment and Natural Resources

##### **House Bill No. 7366**

**BY** Solomon, Donovan, Craven, Carson, Abney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE

AUTHORITY (Provides that a safety barrier or safety netting would be erected on the Mount Hope Bridge, the Claiborne Pell Bridge, and the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge, no later than January 1, 2022.) {LC3648/1}

02/24/2020 Committee transferred to House Finance



**House Bill No. 7445**

(by request)

**BY** Abney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Exempts certain independent third-party contractors for right to privacy violations of appropriation of individual's name/portrait/picture/likeness pursuant to contract upon request of contracting party.) {LC3749/1}

02/24/2020 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer:**

**House Bill No. 7198**

**BY** Azzinaro, Corvese, Knight, Costantino, Vella-Wilkinson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEALERSHIPS (Requires motor vehicle dealers to disclose in writing that a vehicle being sold has a spare tire and jack or is otherwise equipped in compliance with applicable law. There shall be a civil penalty of fifty dollars \$50 for a violation under this subsection) {LC3691/1}

02/14/2020 Committee transferred to House Corporations

**COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Chairman Azzinaro, for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer:**

**House Bill No. 7416**

**BY** Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Jackson, McLaughlin, Price

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Amends the definition of "disabled", for the purposes of property tax relief, to include veterans who earn less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) annually and who receive disability benefits.) {LC4213/1}

02/14/2020 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government

**COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

Chairman Jacquard, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 7082**

(by request)

**BY** Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ALIDADE INCORPORATED {LC3099/1}

02/17/2020 Placed on House Calendar (02/25/2020)

**Senate Bill No. 2007****BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF VJA REALTY, LLC {LC3519/1}

02/17/2020 Placed on House Calendar (02/25/2020)

**Senate Bill No. 2012****BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CUMBERLAND INVESTMENT CORPORATION {LC3471/1}

02/17/2020 Placed on House Calendar (02/26/2020)

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE**

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 7123 SUB A****BY** Bennett, Solomon, Canario, Jackson, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Allows students in public schools to possess and use a topical sunscreen product.) {LC3070/A/1}

02/17/2020 Placed on House Calendar (02/26/2020)

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE**

Chairman Casey, for the Committee on Special Legislation, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 7383****BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Owen J. Rice, Esq., to join Yul-mi Cho and Mark Donovan in marriage on or about March 14, 2020, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC4151/1}

02/17/2020 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (02/25/2020)

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measure:

**Senate Bill No. 2162 as amended**

(Board of Elections)

**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS -- BOARD OF ELECTIONS (Corrects the address of the Board of Elections, for purposes of mail ballots, due to their relocation from Providence to Cranston.) {LC3626/1}

02/13/2020 Senate passed as amended (floor amendment)

## NEW BUSINESS

**House Bill No. 7604****BY** Blazejewski, Kislak, Cassar, Ajello, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

(Requires any single-user toilet facility in a public building or place of public accommodation that exists or is constructed on or after July 1, 2020, be available to persons of any gender.) {LC4632/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7605****BY** McNamara, Ackerman, Amore, Lyle, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SECURING THE FINANCIAL FUTURE FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (Provides that the council on elementary and secondary education be encouraged to maintain, publish and update statewide standards for instruction of personal finance in public high schools.) {LC3217/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7606****BY** Millea, O'Brien, Lima, Costantino, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- THE ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COUNCIL (Establishes an animal welfare advisory council to advise the governor and the general assembly on matters relating to animal welfare, treatment, health, and safety of companion animals.) {LC3981/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7607****BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan, Kislak, Ajello, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS --

TRAUMA INFORMED SCHOOLS ACT (Establishes the implementation of trauma-informed practices in schools throughout the state.) {LC4394/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**(For Co-sponsor removal request, see Journal of 2-27-2020, page 2)****House Resolution No. 7608****BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Almeida, Alzate, Speakman, Cassar**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE WEEK OF MARCH 22ND THROUGH MARCH 28TH, 2020, AS "WORLD DOULA WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3310/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7609****BY** Amore, Phillips, Hawkins, Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM (Mandates rules and regulations of department of health for newborn test to include disorders and conditions in federal recommended uniform screening.) {LC4773/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 7610****BY** Canario, Solomon, Bennett, Edwards, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

(Prohibits the importation, transportation, disbursement, distribution, sale, purchase, or possession of any species of non-native (exotic) invasive plants.) {LC4608/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7611****BY** McEntee, Bennett, Ajello, Abney, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEVERAGE CONTAINER

DEPOSIT RECYCLING ACT OF 2020 (Creates a refundable five cent (\$0.05) deposit for non-reusable beverage containers. A one cent (\$0.01) handling fee would be paid by distributors.) {LC4171/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7612****BY** Cortvriend, Handy, Fogarty, Shekarchi, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES

MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Provides that the authority of the CRMC shall include specific areas designated in "special area management plans" (SAMP).) {LC3149/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7613****BY** Lyle, Edwards, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC4727/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 7614****BY** Casey, Knight, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Defines as

"disabled," persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government for purposes of property tax relief.) {LC4483/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 7615****BY** Ruggiero, Bennett, Slater, Cortvriend, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND

COMMUNITY RESILIENCY AND PRESERVATION ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Community Resiliency and Preservation Act to provide cities and towns with the authority to propose, for consideration and decision by their voters, a reliable source of capital funding for investing in their community.) {LC4374/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 7616****BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Ajello, Noret, Lyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE

GENERALLY -- FEES (Raises juror's fees for each day's attendance on the superior court from \$15.00 per day to \$25.00 per day commencing July 1, 2020, and increases to \$35.00 per day commencing July 1, 2021 and thereafter.) {LC4709/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7617****BY** Messier, Fellela, McLaughlin, Ranglin-Vassell, Johnston**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Awards all pension system members 3% COLA applied to first \$30,000 of retirement allowance annually exp. 1/1/21 provided prior year investment return gains 10% or more until fund is 80% funded.) {LC4295/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7618****BY** Cassar, Lyle, Craven, Ajello, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - EQUALITY IN ABORTION COVERAGE (Provides for abortion coverage in the Medicaid program and repeal the abortion coverage exclusion for state employee insurance plans.) {LC3867/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7619****BY** Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Carson, Tanzi, Cassar**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE UNIFORMED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Expands drug awareness programs to high schools, directs funding from certain civil fines and mandates establishment of criteria for funding.) {LC4493/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7620**

(University of Rhode Island)

**BY** Abney, McEntee, Slater, Morin, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Amends definition of "state agency" for purposes of the chapter on "state purchases" to provide for an exemption for the URI board of trustees when making purchases funded by restricted, sponsored, or auxiliary monies, from the provisions of the chapter.) {LC4715/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7621****BY** Slater, Solomon, McKiernan, Williams, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Creates hardship designation for patients on SSDI, Medicaid, establishes discount medicine program, eliminates plant tagging, allows unlimited compassion center licenses, redefines debilitating condition, reduces compassion center license fee to \$5,000.) {LC4504/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7622****BY** Slater, Diaz, Edwards, McKiernan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- BUS LANE TRAVEL FINE (Creates a new traffic offense, with a fine, for traveling in a bus lane.) {LC4513/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7623****BY** Slater, Diaz, Edwards, Barros, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Raises the earned income tax credit from fifteen percent (15%) to twenty percent (20%) for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.) {LC4510/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7624****BY** Slater, Shekarchi, Williams, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NURSING HOME STAFFING AND QUALITY CARE ACT (Mandates minimum staffing levels/standards for quality care for nursing homes with penalties for violations/grants for enhanced training/wages adjusted for inflation.) {LC4263/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7625****BY** Noret, Williams, Alzate, McNamara, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF SALES TAXES (Requires that the tax administrator credit electronic sales and use tax payments made electronically exactly when submitted.) {LC4630/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7626****BY** Casey, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Creates a tax deduction for military retirement benefits of a veteran or the veteran's surviving spouse.) {LC2977/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7627****BY** Phillips, Edwards, Millea, Hawkins, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Amends the deceptive trade practices chapter to clarify the law's exemptions and enhances the attorney general's authority to seek civil penalties for violations of the law.) {LC4544/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7628****BY** Fogarty, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Requires the DOT to establish a schedule of all maintenance, including landscaping and mowing of lawns on state roads, and provide a copy of said schedule to the department of public works in any city or town where the state road is located.) {LC3478/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7629****BY** Shekarchi, Craven, Ucci, Blazejewski, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - SUBDIVISION OF LAND -

ZONING ORDINANCES (Provides planning board approval votes require majority of members present

at time of vote/quorum of zoning review board would authorize voting members including alternates. Effective January 1, 2021 prospective only.) {LC4453/1}  
02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Resolution No. 7630**

(by request)

**BY** Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION {LC4457/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7631**

**BY** Craven, Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Amore

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL ASSAULT (Eliminates the marital sexual assault exception when a victim is incapacitated, disabled, or helpless.) {LC4708/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7632**

(University of Rhode Island)

**BY** Jacquard, Almeida, Johnston, Hull, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- EMERGENCY POLICE POWER

(Permits all Rhode Island police departments including police departments of higher education institutions to enter into non-emergency mutual aid agreements regardless of any geographical boundary.) {LC4713/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7633**

(Attorney General/Governor)

**BY** Johnston

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits obtaining a firearm on behalf of another person if that person is prohibited from possessing a firearm, and would increase the penalties for a second and subsequent purchase of firearms by use of false information.) {LC4692/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7634**

**BY** Slater, Edwards, Diaz, Solomon, Johnston

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Amends the uniform controlled substances act and reclassifies simple possession of ten grams (10 g.) or less of a substances as a misdemeanor punishable as two (2) year misdemeanor.) {LC4545/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7635****BY** Slater, Diaz, Cassar, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Allows persons with multiple misdemeanors and felonies to seek expungement of up to six convictions provided that convictions for multiple alcohol related offenses or domestic violence offenses and crime of violence are not eligible.) {LC4512/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7636****BY** Ucci, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - NONTRANSPARENT WINDSHIELDS AND WINDOWS (Amends law relating to windshields and windows obscured by nontransparent materials to include signs, posters, or stickers, in addition to window tint and provides for additional exclusions to include exemptions for medical reasons.) {LC4306/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7637****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Edwards, Bennett, Williams, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Reclassifies certain simple possession of drugs as misdemeanor instead of a felony.) {LC4787/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7638****BY** Alzate, Casimiro, Lyle, Caldwell, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Amends the "residential landlord and tenant act" to allow a landlord prior to any residential rental agreement shall deliver to prospective tenant a valid certificate of rental suitability as defined in § 34-18-22.4.) {LC4664/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**(For Co-sponsor removal request, see Journal of 3-4-2020, page 3)****House Resolution No. 7639****BY** Hull, Lombardi, Bennett, McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING AN EMERGENCY OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES (Creates a 9 member emergency oversight commission on the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, who would report back to the House by January 7, 2021, and would expire on March 7, 2021.) {LC4707/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7640****BY** Cassar, Amore, Knight, Kazarian, Lyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE (Allows individuals, who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, to vote in a primary election, as long as the voter will be eighteen (18) as of the date of the general or special election.) {LC4775/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary



**House Bill No. 7641**

**BY** Millea, Williams, O'Brien, Ucci, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- GRAND JURIES (Permits grand juries to issue reports and would provide for a process for review and acceptance by the superior court.

No reports would be issued after July 1, 2025.) {LC4543/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7642**

**BY** McLaughlin, Vella-Wilkinson, Abney, Corvese, Jackson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Provides immediate family members or two (2) guests of residents of the Rhode

Island veterans' home access to the dining room for lunch and/or dinner at no charge to the resident, family members or guests.) {LC4685/1}

02/14/2020 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:10 o'clock P.M. on behalf of Speaker Mattiello on motion of Leader Shekarchi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Orlando "Andy" Andreoni; seconded by Majority Whip Edwards and Minority Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Linda M. McElroy**  
**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH S. ALMEIDA**

Dear Lord: From Our earliest days African Americans have contributed to the very fiber of American culture. Inventors, musicians, educators, physicians and beyond. They have died in defense of our country, even when treated as second class soldiers. Let us pray to always acknowledge their sacrifices and strengthen our resolve to reach the goal of true equality for all Americans. Amen.

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

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**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020:**

1. **2020-H 7383**  
**BY Lombardi**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Monday, February 17, 2020**

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020:**

1. **2020-H 7287**  
**BY Shekarchi**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES**

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

2. **2020-H 7082**  
**BY Carson**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ALIDADE INCORPORATED**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

3. **2020-S 2007**  
**BY Pearson**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF VJA REALTY, LLC**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020:**

1. **2020-H 7123 SUB A**  
**BY Bennett**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS**

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

2. **2020-S 2012**  
**BY Picard**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CUMBERLAND INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

Clerk of the House

**Monday, February 17, 2020**