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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the fifth day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

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Thursday, February 4, 2021

Fifth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Thursday, February 4, 2021, and is called to order at 4:02 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 65 members present and 10 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT – 10: Representatives Diaz, Edwards, Hawkins, Lima S., Marszalkowski, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Slater, Tobon

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Williams 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, January 28, 2021, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Steven Lima is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 4, 2021.
Representative Alex Marszalkowski is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 4, 2021.

APPOINTMENTS

February 4, 2021

Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi announces the following appointments:

Leadership

Rep. Brian Patrick Kennedy - Speaker Pro Tempore
Rep. Charlene Lima - Deputy Speaker
Rep. John G. Edwards - Majority Floor Manager
Rep. Deborah Fellela - Senior Deputy Majority Leader

Deputy Majority Leaders

Rep. Gregg Amore
Rep. Jean Philippe Barros
Rep. Lauren Carson
Rep. Julie Casimiro
Rep. Arthur Corvese
Rep. Susan Donovan
Rep. Arthur Handy
Rep. Jason Knight
Rep. Alex Marszalkowski
Rep. Mary Messier
Rep. William O'Brien
Rep. Robert Phillips
Rep. Scott Slater
Rep. Carlos Tobon

Committee on Conduct

Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson, Chair
Rep. Thomas Noret, First Vice Chair
Rep. Deborah Fellela, Second Vice Chair
Rep. Marvin Abney
Rep. Mia Ackerman
Rep. Grace Diaz
Rep. Joseph McNamara
Rep. Patricia Serpa
Rep. Michael Chippendale

Committee on Corporations

Rep. Joseph Solomon, Jr., Chair
Rep. William O'Brien, First Vice Chair
Rep. Justine Caldwell, Second Vice Chair
Rep. Stephen Casey
Rep. Bernard Hawkins
Rep. Katherine Kazarian
Rep. Brian Patrick Kennedy
Rep. Charlene Lima
Rep. Steven Lima
Rep. Brandon Potter
Rep. Robert Phillips
Rep. Patricia Serpa
Rep. Mary Ann Shallcross Smith
Rep. Michael Chippendale
Rep. Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung

Committee on Education

Rep. Joseph McNamara, Chair
Rep. Jean-Philippe Barros, First Vice Chair
Rep. Gregg Amore, Second Vice Chair
Rep. Karen Alzate
Rep. Nathan Biah
Rep. Justine Caldwell
Rep. Susan Donovan
Rep. Joshua Giraldo
Rep. Rebecca Kislak
Rep. Thomas Noret
Rep. Robert Phillips
Rep. Marcia Ranglin-Vassell
Rep. Mary Ann Shallcross Smith
Rep. Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung
Rep. Sherry Roberts

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Rep. David Bennett, Chair
Rep. Robert Phillips, First Vice Chair
Rep. William O'Brien, Second Vice Chair
Rep. Lauren Carson
Rep. Terri Cortvriend
Rep. Kathleen Fogarty
Rep. Arthur Handy
Rep. Jason Knight
Rep. Alex Marszalkowski
Rep. Carol Hagan McEntee
Rep. James McLaughlin
Rep. Marcia Ranglin-Vassell
Rep. June Speakman
Rep. Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung
Rep. Patricia Morgan

Committee on Finance

Rep. Marvin Abney, Chair
Rep. Scott Slater, First Vice Chair
Rep. Alex Marszalkowski, Second Vice Chair
Rep. Gregg Amore
Rep. Jacquelyn Baginski
Rep. Jean-Philippe Barros
Rep. Grace Diaz
Rep. John Edwards
Rep. Raymond Hull
Rep. William O'Brien
Rep. Deborah Ruggiero
Rep. Carlos Tobon
Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson
Rep. George Nardone
Rep. Robert Quattrocchi

Finance Subcommittees**Education**

Rep. Gregg Amore; Chair
Rep. Jean-Philippe Barros
Rep. William O'Brien
Rep. Carlos Tobon
Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson
Rep. George Nardone

Human Services

Rep. Alex Marszalkowski; Chair
Rep. Grace Diaz
Rep. Deborah Ruggiero
Rep. Scott Slater
Rep. Carlos Tobon
Rep. Robert Quattrocchi

Environment/Transportation

Rep. Carlos Tobon, Chair
Rep. John Edwards
Rep. William O'Brien
Rep. Scott Slater
Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson
Rep. Robert Quattrocchi

General Government

Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson, Chair
Rep. Gregg Amore
Rep. Jacquelyn Baginski
Rep. Alex Marszalkowski
Rep. Deborah Ruggiero
Rep. George Nardone

Public Safety

Rep. Jean-Phillipe Barros, Chair
Rep. Jacquelyn Baginski
Rep. Grace Diaz
Rep. Raymond Hull
Rep. Carlos Tobon
Rep. Robert Quattrocchi

Committee on Health and Human Services

Rep. Stephen Casey, Chair
Rep. James McLaughlin, First Vice Chair
Rep. Susan Donovan, Second Vice Chair
Rep. Mia Ackerman
Rep. Samuel Azzinaro
Rep. David Bennett
Rep. Nathan Biah
Rep. Liana Cassar
Rep. Kathleen Fogarty
Rep. Joshua Giraldo
Rep. Arthur Handy
Rep. Brandon Potter
Rep. June Speakman
Rep. Patricia Morgan
Rep. Sherry Roberts

Committee on Innovation, Internet & Technology

Rep. Deborah Ruggiero, Chair
Rep. Arthur Handy, First Vice Chair
Rep. Lauren Carson, Second Vice Chair
Rep. Gregg Amore
Rep. Terri Cortvriend
Rep. Robert Craven, Sr.
Rep. Brian Patrick Kennedy
Rep. Charlene Lima
Rep. Mary Messier
Rep. David Morales
Rep. Evan Shanley
Rep. Teresa Tanzi
Rep. Carlos Tobon
Rep. Michael Chippendale
Rep. David Place

Committee on Judiciary

Rep. Robert Craven, Sr., Chair
Rep. Carol McEntee, First Vice Chair
Rep. Jason Knight, Second Vice Chair
Rep. Edith Ajello
Rep. Jose Batista
Rep. David Bennett
Rep. Justine Caldwell
Rep. Julie Casimiro
Rep. Arthur Corvese
Rep. Leonela Felix
Rep. John Lombardi
Rep. Thomas Noret
Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson
Rep. David Place
Rep. Sherry Roberts

Committee on Labor

Rep. Anastasia Williams, Chair
Rep. Mary Messier, First Vice Chair
Rep. Karen Alzate, Second Vice Chair
Rep. Stephen Casey
Rep. Edward Cardillo
Rep. Arthur Corvese
Rep. John Edwards
Rep. Deborah Fellela
Rep. Bernard Hawkins
Rep. Brianna Henries
Rep. Katherine Kazarian
Rep. Carol Hagan McEntee
Rep. Joseph McNamara
Rep. Patricia Morgan
Rep. Brian Newberry

Committee on Municipal Government and Housing

Rep. Raymond Hull, Chair
Rep. Kathleen Fogarty, First Vice Chair
Rep. June Speakman, Second Vice Chair
Rep. Karen Alzate
Rep. Jean Philippe Barros
Rep. Edward Cardillo
Rep. John Edwards
Rep. Katherine Kazarian
Rep. Charlene Lima
Rep. Steven Lima
Rep. David Morales
Rep. Evan Shanley
Rep. Anastasia Williams
Rep. Patricia Morgan
Rep. Justin Price

Committee on Oversight

Rep. Patricia Serpa, Chair
Rep. Julie Casimiro, First Vice Chair
Rep. Thomas Noret, Second Vice Chair
Rep. Edith Ajello
Rep. Jose Batista
Rep. Lauren Carson
Rep. Terri Cortvriend
Rep. Susan Donovan
Rep. John Edwards
Rep. Deborah Fellela
Rep. Arthur Handy
Rep. Bernard Hawkins
Rep. Jason Knight
Rep. Charlene Lima
Rep. Mary Messier
Rep. Scott Slater
Rep. Joseph Solomon, Jr.
Rep. June Speakman
Rep. Anastasia Williams
Rep. Michael Chippendale
Rep. Brian Newberry
Rep. David Place

Oversight Subcommittees**Administrative Efficiency**

Rep. Jason Knight, Chair
Rep. Charlene Lima
Rep. June Speakman
Rep. Brian Newberry
Rep. Anastasia Williams

Aging and Senior Services

Rep. Susan Donovan, Chair
Rep. Edith Ajello
Rep. John Edwards
Rep. Scott Slater
Rep. Michael Chippendale

Children and Families

Rep. Julie Casimiro, Chair
Rep. Deborah Fellela
Rep. Mary Messier
Rep. Thomas Noret
Rep. Michael Chippendale

Energy

Rep. Arthur Handy, Chair
Rep. Jose Batista
Rep. Terri Cortvriend
Rep. June Speakman
Rep. David Place

Tourism, Arts, and Recreation

Rep. Lauren Carson, Chair
Rep. Terri Cortvriend
Rep. Bernard Hawkins
Rep. Joseph Solomon, Jr.
Rep. Brian Newberry

Committee on Small Business

Rep. Carol Hagan McEntee, Chair
Rep. Gregory Costantino, First Vice Chair
Rep. Terri Cortvriend, Second Vice Chair
Rep. Justine Caldwell
Rep. Lauren Carson
Rep. Liana Cassar
Rep. Julie Casimiro
Rep. Grace Diaz
Rep. Joshua Giraldo
Rep. Ramon Perez
Rep. Robert Phillips
Rep. Marcia Ranglin-Vassell
Rep. Scott Slater
Rep. Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung
Rep. Justin Price

Committee on Special Legislation

Rep. Kathleen Fogarty, Chair
Rep. Grace Diaz, First Vice Chair
Rep. Bernard Hawkins, Second Vice Chair
Rep. Karen Alzate
Rep. Samuel Azzinaro
Rep. Stephen Casey
Rep. Joshua Giraldo
Rep. Brianna Henries
Rep. Katherine Kazarian
Rep. Rebecca Kislak
Rep. John Lombardi
Rep. Ramon Perez
Rep. Deborah Ruggiero
Rep. Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung
Rep. Justin Price

Committee on State Government and Elections

Rep. Evan Shanley, Chair
Rep. Mary Messier, First Vice Chair
Rep. Arthur Corvese, Second Vice Chair
Rep. Mia Ackerman
Rep. Edith Ajello
Rep. Jacquelyn Baginski
Rep. Leonela Felix
Rep. Raymond Hull
Rep. Brian Patrick Kennedy
Rep. Jason Knight
Rep. Michelle McGaw
Rep. Mary Ann Shallcross Smith
Rep. Teresa Tanzi
Rep. George Nardone
Rep. Brian Newberry

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Rep. Samuel Azzinaro, Chair
Rep. Carlos Tobon, First Vice Chair
Rep. James McLaughlin, Second Vice Chair
Rep. Marvin Abney
Rep. Mia Ackerman
Rep. Stephen Casey
Rep. Julie Casimiro
Rep. Susan Donovan
Rep. Deborah Fellela
Rep. John Lombardi
Rep. Michelle McGaw
Rep. Joseph Solomon, Jr.
Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson
Rep. David Place
Rep. Justin Price

Additional Appointments

Rep. Brian Patrick Kennedy, Member, Permanent Joint Committee on State Lottery
Rep. James McLaughlin, Co-Chair, Joint Commission on Defense Economy Planning
Rep. June Speakman, Delegate, New England Board of Higher Education

Received and placed on file.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2

BY Goodwin, Ruggiero, McCaffrey, Lawson, Euer, Gallo, Felag, Coyne, Cano, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NURSING HOME STAFFING AND QUALITY CARE ACT (Mandates minimum staffing levels and standards for quality care for nursing homes and their residents.) {LC362/1}
02/04/2021 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 81

BY Seveney
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PET CONNECTION, LLC {LC502/1}
02/04/2021 Referred to House Corporations

REPORT OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILL**

Chairman Abney for the Committee on House Finance, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on House Municipal Government & Housing:

House Bill No. 5016

BY Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- EXEMPTIONS (Includes the real and tangible personal property of The Providence Community Health Centers, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in Providence, Rhode Island, on the list of properties exempt from taxation.) {LC309/1}
02/04/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5361

BY Amore, Kazarian, Henries
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Includes East Providence in the Northern Rhode Island regional tourism district.) {LC212/1}
02/08/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chairman Casey for the Committee on House Health & Human Services, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on House Finance:

House Bill No. 5065**BY** Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Repeals requirement a person licensed as barber be a citizen of United States and be of good moral character. Also repeals requirement that a person so licensed pay a license fee for the business.) {LC576/1}

02/04/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5166**BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND BEST RX PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR THE UNINSURED (Requires that enrollees in the Rhode Island best RX Prescription drug discount program for the uninsured are not charged a copay for their prescriptions.) {LC137/1}

02/04/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**Chairman McNamara for the Committee on House Education, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on House Finance:****House Bill No. 5239****BY** Diaz, Slater, Perez, Alzate, Felix, Biah, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Tobon, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE WORLD LANGUAGE AND DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION ACT (Establishes and require funding for a world language and dual language immersion program.) {LC942/1}

02/04/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5350**BY** Amore, Alzate, Messier, Williams, Barros, Fogarty, Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ACCESS TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (Updates Access to Advanced Placement Courses for All Students Act.) {LC208/1}

02/08/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 5330****BY** Knight, Cassar**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON {LC1129/1}

02/04/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Hull announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet today, at the rise in Room 35 of the State House.

Representative Alzate welcomes home Ralph Toribio deployed for 6 months from Kuwait. Speaker Shekarchi thanks him for his service.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that there will be Session next Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 4:00 pm there will be a calendar. Monday, February 8th The Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce will be held virtual at 4:00 pm. Committees will be posted for next week.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Representative Carols Tobon a happy birthday.

Representative Azzinaro wishes his daughter Amy Beth Azzinaro a 55th happy birthday.

Representative McLaughlin would like to give a big shout-out to all the House pages that have served us and are looking forward to having them back.

NEW BUSINESS

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 5331

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Vella-Wilkinson, Amore, Casimiro, Ackerman, Solomon, Corvese, Williams

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF EDMUND D. FULLER {LC1239/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Whip Kazarian seconded by Speaker Shekarchi Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Amore, Casimiro, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Solomon, Corvese, and Williams by unanimous consent, on a rising e vote.

House Resolution No. 5332

BY Baginski, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Bennett

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31 THROUGH FEBRUARY 6, 2021, TO BE PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1121/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Baginski seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Minority Leader Filippi, and Representative Bennett by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5333

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Kazarian, Ackerman, Azzinaro, Baginski, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Shanley
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1-5, 2021, TO BE "NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC793/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson seconded by Representatives Noret, Whip Kazarian, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Azzinaro, Baginski, Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, and Shanley by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5334

BY Filippi, Blazejewski
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BLOCK ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF KIRK LITTLEFIELD ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND HONORABLE SERVICE {LC1197/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Minority Leader Filippi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Minority Leader Filippi seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5335

BY McNamara, Bennett, Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Filippi
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM DOOLEY {LC1371/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative McNamara seconded by Representative Bennett, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Minority Leader Filippi, and Speaker Shekarchi by unanimous consent, on a rising e vote.

House Resolution No. 5336

BY Kislak, Potter, McGaw, Morales, Williams, Donovan, Fogarty, McEntee, Cassar, Felix
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY OF 2021 TO BE CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH {LC1238/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Whip Kislak requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Kislak seconded by Representatives Potter, McGaw, Morales, Williams, Donavon, Fogarty, McEntee, Cassar, and Felix by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5337

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Noret, Kazarian, Ackerman, Azzinaro, Ruggiero, Shanley, Baginski, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT JOSEPH BIDEN, JR., AND VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS {LC977/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Vella- Wilkinson seconded by Representatives Williams, Noret, Whip Kazarian, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Azzinaro, Ruggiero, Shanley, Baginski, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Speaker Shekarchi Fogarty, Hull, Abney, Chippendale, Fellela, Potter Cortvriend, Bennett, Knight, and Deputy Speaker Lima by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5338

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Craven, McEntee, Filippi, Lombardi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE VICTOR J. BERETTA {LC1227/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Speaker Shekarchi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Craven, Lombardi, Minority Leader Filippi, McEntee, and several others by unanimous consent, on a rising e vote.

House Resolution No. 5339

BY Williams, Hull, Biah, Giraldo, Abney, Henries, Barros, Alzate, Felix, Batista

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY OF 2021, AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY OF 2021 AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND) {LC15/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Williams seconded by Representatives, Hull, Biah Giraldo, Abney, Henries, Barros, Alzate, Batista, Felix, and several others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5340

BY Carson, Abney, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM WALSH CORCORAN {LC1136/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Carson seconded by Representative Abney, and Speaker Shekarchi by unanimous consent, on a rising e vote.

House Resolution No. 5341

BY Morales, Blazejewski, Kislak, Williams, Ajello, Filippi, Lombardi, Shekarchi, Fellela

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION THANKING PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY LIBRARIES FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO PROVIDING VITAL COMMUNITY SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC {LC1368/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Morales seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Kislak, Williams, Ajello, Minority Leader Filippi, and Lombardi, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5342

BY Blazejewski, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC1278/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by, Minority Leader Filippi, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5343

BY Blazejewski, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC1279/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a rising e vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Phillips announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at 6 o'clock P.M. in Room 35 of the State House.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to Her Excellency, the Governor, to the Honorable Senate and the Honorable Secretary of State forthwith.

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

TRANSFER OF BILLS

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Health & Human Services.

House Bill No. 5272

BY Diaz, Perez, Williams, Cassar, McLaughlin, Biah, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PSYCHOLOGISTS

(Includes licensed school psychologists under the provisions of the general laws governing the regulations of psychologists.) {LC1011/1}

02/05/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

Chairman Hull, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5024

BY Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$17,840,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AUDITORIUM AND CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ROOFS, FLOORS, HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, PLAYGROUNDS, ATHLETIC FACILITIES,

PARKING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District to issue general obligation bonds not to exceed \$17,840,000 for school improvements.) {LC11/1}

02/05/2021 Placed on House Calendar (02/09/2021)

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 5344

BY Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Carson, Speakman, Fogarty, Kislak, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - LAND SURVEYORS

(Grants a right of entry for licensed, professional land surveyors performing surveying services for a landowner to enter upon or cross any lands, air, space or water resource, whether publicly or privately owned, necessary to perform services.) {LC872/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5345

BY Morgan, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO RESTAURANTS (Authorizes PUC to use emergency powers to suspend all utility payments to restaurants during a state of emergency with a (36) month interest free repayment plan commencing (3) months after the emergency ends retroactive to March , 2020.) {LC1058/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5346

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS (Prohibits third-party delivery services from using any likeness or intellectual property of a merchant without written consent. This act would require a third-party delivery service to register to do business in Rhode Island.) {LC962/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5347

BY O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Directs the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) to alter bus route 58 and bus route 27.) {LC580/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5348

BY Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED-LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Permits a member or members of a limited-liability company to avoid dissolution by buying the units owned by the other member or members seeking dissolution.) {LC987/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Resolution No. 5349**BY** Messier, Giraldo, Fogarty, Kazarian, Solomon, McNamara, Fellela, Donovan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ANTI-LITTERING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (Creates a 9 member commission to study and make recommendations for the development and implementation of an anti-littering education program for elementary students, and who would report back by February 3, 2022, and expire on April 3, 2022.) {LC859/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5350**BY** Amore, Alzate, Messier, Williams, Barros, Fogarty, Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ACCESS TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (Updates Access to Advanced Placement Courses for All Students Act.) {LC208/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5351**BY** Cortvriend, Amore, Bennett, Carson, Cassar, Fogarty, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT (Requires elementary/secondary schools to have at least 1 school employee trained to administer/assist with the self-administering of seizure rescue medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder systems and the use of prescribed electrical stimulation.) {LC694/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5352**BY** Cortvriend, Carson, Amore, Henries, Kazarian, Donovan, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Creates the local advisory committee on special education, a majority of which shall be comprised of parents, guardians or caretakers of students with disabilities, to advise every school district on matters concerning students with disabilities.) {LC474/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5353**BY** Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Carson, Amore, Tanzi, Solomon, Cassar, McGaw, Henries, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SUICIDE PREVENTION--THE NATHAN BRUNO AND JASON FLATT ACT (Creates the "Nathan Bruno and Jason Flatt Act" which requires training of teachers/students/school personnel regarding suicide awareness and prevention, and the establishment of a conflict resolution process between teachers or school personnel/students.) {LC677/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5354**BY** O'Brien, Noret, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ANTI-BULLYING BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (Creates anti-bullying bill of rights to strengthen protection for students who are victims of bullying.) {LC570/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Casimiro)**House Bill No. 5355****BY** O'Brien, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF TEACHERS GENERALLY (Act broadens the definition of "teacher" and create a comprehensive bill of rights for school teachers.) {LC605/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5356**BY** Cortvriend, Speakman, Bennett, Carson, Cassar, McGaw, Morales, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PFAS IN FOOD PACKAGING (Prohibits PFAS, a class of fluorinated organic chemicals, from being used in food packaging.) {LC479/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5357**BY** Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LONG-TERM CONTRACTING STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY (Clarifies that all interconnection and standby transformer costs are to be socialized by National Grid throughout the state of Rhode Island, retroactive to June 15, 2010.) {LC997/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5358**BY** McEntee, Cortvriend, Bennett, Knight, Carson, Blazejewski, Speakman, Phillips, Donovan, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT (Creates the "Plastic Waste Reduction Act" designed to reduce the use of plastic bags by retail establishments by offering recyclable bag options and providing penalties for violations.) {LC1459/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5359**BY** Messier, Barros, Kazarian, Solomon, McNamara, Fellela, Lima, Donovan, McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (This act would award all members of the pension system a three percent (3%) (COLA) if certain conditions are met.) {LC868/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5360**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Ruggiero, McGaw, Kazarian, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- THE CLIMATE CHANGE COASTAL ADAPTATION TRUST FUND (Establishes the Ocean State Climate Adaptation and

Resilience (OSCAR) trust fund which provides grants to fund projects that adapt infrastructure on public lands to address impacts of climate change.) {LC800/1}
02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5361**BY** Amore, Kazarian, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Includes East Providence in the Northern Rhode Island regional tourism district.) {LC212/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5362**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES (Provides state employee public safety professionals with parity to municipal public safety employees in the state/municipal retirement systems. eff. 7/1/21 with 10% contribution.) {LC567/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5363**BY** McNamara, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Act provides non qualifying individuals for social security benefits and who receive pension income may exclude pension income equal to excluded social security income or exclude maximum of fifteen thousand in pension income.) {LC182/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Noret)**House Bill No. 5364****BY** Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Extends the sales tax exemption of a manufacturer who processes raw materials into finished goods.) {LC213/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5365**BY** Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Creates a hiring freeze for all state positions within a classification, for which a competitive test is required, if no test is given within twelve (12) months of the vacancy.) {LC980/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5366**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Raises the earned-income tax credit from fifteen percent (15%) to fifty percent (50%) for the tax years 2022 and beyond.) {LC584/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5367**BY** O'Brien, Corvese, McEntee, Craven, Costantino, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Extends the reimbursement to a school district or municipality for the employment of newly hired school resource officers only.) {LC585/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5368**BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Lima, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Adds the application or removal of eyelash extensions and the use of chemicals in the area of the eyelids to the definition of the "practice of hairdressing and cosmetic therapy".) {LC67/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5369**BY** Alzate, Vella-Wilkinson, Abney, Azzinaro, Corvese, Lima, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE (Waives the adoption fee to adopt a dog or cat from a public animal shelter for a veteran that presents a current and valid driver's license or identification card with the word "veteran" printed on its face.) {LC1418/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5370**BY** Donovan, Cassar, Speakman, Fogarty, Tanzi, McNamara, Caldwell, Ajello, Casimiro, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT (Requires health insurers to accommodate the request for communication in the form and format requested by the insured.) {LC1407/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5371**BY** Casimiro, Alzate, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- HEALTHY BEVERAGE ACT (Creates the "Healthy Beverage Act" which would require restaurants that offer children's meals that include a beverage, to provide a healthy beverage as part of the meal.) {LC125/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5372**BY** McNamara, Ackerman, Carson, Noret, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD - GROUP PURCHASING BOARD FOR RX WE CAN AFFORD (Creates a prescription drug affordability board composed of representatives of affected stakeholders designated to investigate and comprehensively evaluate drug prices for Rhode Islanders and possible ways to reduce them to make them more affordable.) {LC1131/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Casimiro)

House Bill No. 5373**BY** Carson, McNamara, Ackerman, Ruggiero, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CEMETERIES--CEMETERY PERPETUAL FUNDS REPORTING (Requires 25% of price of cemetery lot be deposited in perpetual care fund (PCF). PCF to file annual report with AG.) {LC655/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5374**BY** Craven, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES -- HIV/AIDS (Permits clinical laboratories to conduct its own analysis of specimens for the detection of HIV/AIDS instead of sending the specimens to the department of health.) {LC961/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5375**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, Donovan, Caldwell, Knight, Perez, Casimiro, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Increases mandatory insurance coverage for hearing aids from \$1,500 to \$2,000, per ear, every three (3) years. In addition, the amount of insurance coverage would no longer be based on the age of the recipient.) {LC802/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Casimiro, Noret)**House Bill No. 5376****BY** Donovan, Carson, Speakman, Cortvriend, Caldwell, Kislak, Handy, Ruggiero, McEntee, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BALLOONS (Prohibits the release of balloons inflated with lighter-than-air gas subject to \$250 fine. Effective November 1, 2021.) {LC1103/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5377**BY** Alzate, Felix, Batista, Williams, Biah, Morales, Giraldo**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.) {LC914/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5378**BY** Williams, Ajello, Giraldo, Vella-Wilkinson, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - CHILD SUPPORT INTERCEPT ACT (Expands child support interception of insurance payments to include life insurance proceeds payable to non-custodial parents who are the beneficiaries of the policy.) {LC32/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5379**BY** Williams, Hull, Morales, Giraldo, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - COURT ADMINISTRATION (Requires that the selection pool for court appointed receivers be composed of at least ten percent (10%) of receivers who are persons of color.) {LC76/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5380**BY** Casimiro, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- THREE WHEEL VEHICLES (Provides that three (3)-wheeled motorcycles be included under the licensing requirements of the department of motor vehicles.) {LC128/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5381**BY** Williams, Batista, Giraldo, Caldwell, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires firearm sellers to require purchaser to execute medical authorization/release form for release of records relating to addiction/alcoholism/mental health illness for a period of five (5) years.) {LC30/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5382**BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Batista, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE (Prohibits more than two (2) members of the state police to be from the same family whether by blood, adoption or marriage.) {LC54/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5383**BY** Amore, 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.) {LC177/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Noret)**House Bill No. 5384****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Kazarian, Shanley, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Reclassifies certain simple possession of drugs as misdemeanor instead of a felony.) {LC796/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5385**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Kazarian, Morales, Ruggiero, Donovan, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES (Provides official recognition to Seaconke Wampanoag native

American tribe.) {LC778/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5386

(Attorney General)

BY Knight, Caldwell, Craven, McEntee, Speakman, Blazejewski, Carson, Amore, Kazarian, Williams
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Prohibits obtaining/purchasing/transferring a firearm on behalf of another person if other person prohibited from possessing firearm with increase in penalties for those offenses and applications amended to state number of firearms purchased.) {LC1017/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5387

BY Casimiro, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Caldwell, Alzate, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- MARRIAGE LICENSES

(Requires a person to be at least eighteen (18) to obtain a marriage license.) {LC1138/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5388

BY Potter, Giraldo, Kazarian, Baginski, Bennett, McLaughlin, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ANATOMICAL GIFTS (Requires that all applicants for driver's licenses and registry-issued identification cards automatically become organ donors unless they execute a declination card.) {LC593/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5389

BY Alzate, Speakman, Kazarian, Williams, Fogarty

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. Effective July 1, 2022.) {LC916/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5390

BY O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION (Provides that any person convicted of larceny of a package delivered by any government or private delivery service, shall, if committing larceny while operating a motor vehicle, that motor vehicle shall be subject to forfeiture.) {LC581/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5391

BY Alzate, Speakman, Kazarian, Williams, Fogarty, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Provides for the sealing and unsealing of court files in residential eviction proceedings. Effective 1/1/2022.) {LC919/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Place)

House Bill No. 5392**BY** Carson, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION (Requires initial, biennial, and continuing education in land use law and planning for local planning and zoning board members.) {LC196/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5393**BY** Cortvriend, Tanzi, Noret, Hawkins, Bennett, Hull, Cassar, Fogarty, Craven, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT – COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires training/instructions for police officers/trainees to identify persons with cognitive/communication disabilities and to develop law enforcement responses and training for police investigating such complaints.) {LC871/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5394**BY** Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Shekarchi, Bennett, Handy, Cassar, McGaw, Henries, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PRESERVATION OF FAMILIES WITH DISABLED PARENT ACT (Precludes a parent's disability from serving as the sole basis for the state to institute an investigation of the disabled parent's family.) {LC480/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5395**BY** O'Brien, Corvese, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON CAMPUS [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Mandates arming campus police at public higher educational institutions and includes campus police in the definition of "law enforcement officer" for the purposes of the "Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.") {LC559/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5396**BY** Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - PEN REGISTERS AND TRAP AND TRACE DEVICES (Prohibits the use of a stingray cell-site simulator device by any law enforcement agency except upon application for its use and the granting of its order by the presiding justice of the superior court.) {LC986/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5397**BY** Craven, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Changes the title and text of the immunity from legal repercussions for emergency overdose care to include the furnisher of assistance for medical emergencies.) {LC1255/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5398**BY** Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS

(Requires the sealing of an application for a search warrant unless the court issuing the warrant issues an order granting relief from the seal.) {LC983/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5399**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES

(Allows social gaming in private residences and in public taverns or private clubs as long as the gambling is incidental to a bona fide social relationship between the participants and no person other than the participants receive anything of value.) {LC574/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5400**BY** O'Brien, Corvese, Noret, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

(Terminates all parental rights of any person convicted of sexual assault which results in the birth of a child from that assault.) {LC568/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5401**BY** Williams, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Deletes Portuguese (a person of Portuguese, Brazilian, or other Portuguese culture or origin, regardless of race), from those eligible to be considered as minorities for purposes of awarding public works projects.) {LC64/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5402**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Noret, Kazarian, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- ORGANIZATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES

(Requires that if state employee unions are engaged in contract negotiations and/or utilizing the dispute resolution process, all terms and conditions in the collective bargaining agreement shall continue to remain in effect.) {LC789/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5403**BY** Amore, Alzate, Fogarty, Lombardi, Messier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE --

WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS (Requires an individual employer to meet certain criteria in order to qualify for class exemption from the increased pay requirement for work on holidays and Sundays.) {LC210/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5404**BY** Williams, Diaz, Vella-Wilkinson, Morales, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Increases the dollar amount of public work projects that shall be awarded to minorities to twenty-five percent (25%) of the dollar value of the project.) {LC930/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5405**BY** Morgan, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES-OVERTIME (Exempts the Central Coventry Fire District from the application of the firefighters' overtime law for five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2021.) {LC1059/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5406**BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Establishes new factors for the interest contract arbitration board for municipal employee unions as well as granting the board power to render an award over all negotiated matters, including the expenditure of money.) {LC883/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5407**BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Edwards, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes tax assessors in the cities and towns to use the last statutory update or revaluation as the assessed valuation upon which to levy taxes regarding their real property.) {LC484/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5408**BY** Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - LICENSES GENERALLY (Requires that notice of application to owners of property within two hundred feet (200') of the site of a proposed liquor licensee be given by certified mail.) {LC990/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5409**BY** Price**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Changes the filing date for the elderly or disabled tax exemption in the town of Exeter from March 15 to April 15 of each year.) {LC1289/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5410**BY** O'Brien, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Prohibits cities and towns from performing spot assessments that increase the assessment value of properties that have sold, except in accordance with their revaluation or update schedule.)

{LC1168/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5411**BY** Cortvriend, Carson, Handy, McGaw, Morales, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Adds climate change/sea-level rise/coastal resiliency to data analysis. Changes number of members of the economic development planning council from 17 to 19 by adding the directors of environmental management and coastal resources council.) {LC675/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

House Bill No. 5412**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Expands the classes of licensed vehicles eligible to obtain courtesy veterans' plates.)

{LC127/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5413**BY** Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christine K. Bush to join Jenny Miller and Craig Koehler in marriage on or about August 19, 2021, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.) {LC1339/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5414**BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows William Bon Bauer to join Kaitlin Bauer and Gustazo Cabarcas in marriage on or about June 21, 2021, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC994/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5415**BY** Cortvriend, Donovan, Speakman, Carson, McGaw, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS (This act would designate "Northern Star Coral" as the official state coral.) {LC481/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5416**BY** McEntee, Fogarty, Casimiro, Corvese, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Knight, Kazarian, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE-- BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Directs the department of transportation to install signs along the Purple Heart Trail, commemorating and

identifying the Purple Heart Trail, by August 7, 2021, which day is National Purple Heart Day.)
{LC972/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5417

BY Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

(Exempts the city or town of residence for city, town and state police officers from the definition of a public record and would prohibit the release of the same.) {LC885/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5418

BY Amore, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATION, AND TENURE OF OFFICERS (Requires that all persons serving on boards and commissions appointed by the governor have a connection to the state through residence or licensure.)

{LC211/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Noret)

House Resolution No. 5419

BY Filippi

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT THROUGH INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING FOR GENERAL OFFICERS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS' ELECTION) {LC999/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 5420

BY Filippi

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REVIEW REGULATIONS {LC992/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 5421

BY Messier, Kislak, Giraldo, Barros, Knight, Kazarian, Solomon, McNamara, Fellela, Fenton-Fung

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.) {LC860/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5422

BY Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Requires nonprofit entities and candidates comply with reporting requirements for transportation and other amenities provided to any candidate,

prohibits nonprofit owned by a candidate to provide any other candidate such amenities.) {LC998/1}
02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5423**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT (Requires that the secretary of EOHHS, the secretary of commerce of the commerce corporation and the commissioners of elementary and secondary education and postsecondary education be appointed subject to the approval of the senate.) {LC572/1}

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5424**BY** Place, Chippendale, Nardone, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM {LC528/1}

02/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5425**BY** Place, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC GROWTH BLOCKCHAIN ACT {LC352/1}

02/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5426**BY** Place, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- THEATER LICENSES (Expands the definition of legitimate theaters to extend beyond the city of Newport and the town of Burrillville.) {LC339/1}

02/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5427**BY** Place, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes fire districts to provide for an exemption from fire taxes for volunteer firefighters.) {LC530/1}

02/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5428**BY** Place, Chippendale, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS (Establishes policy for regulation of occupations, specifying criteria for government regulation to increase opportunities, competition, protect consumers and create a process to review criminal histories to reduce offenders' disqualifications.) {LC348/1}

02/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5429**BY** Place, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FORM AND EFFECT OF CONVEYANCES (Allows a municipality to publish any public notice in a newspaper within the municipality or any other platform selected by the town or city council of such municipality.) {LC340/1}

02/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5430**BY** Place, Chippendale, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Administrative hearings to follow superior court rules of procedure and evidence. Provides for subpoena of witnesses and evidence.) {LC346/1}

02/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5431**BY** Ackerman, Chippendale, Hawkins, Baginski, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RESTROOM ACCESS ACT (Requires retail establishments with 3 or more employees on the premises without accessible public restroom to allow customers suffering from eligible conditions access to their employee restrooms.) {LC512/1}

02/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5432**BY** Ackerman, Chippendale, Hawkins, Baginski, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Insurance coverage for prostate/colon cancer screening.) {LC514/1}

02/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:45 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of William J. Dooley; on motion of Representative Giraldo, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Jorge E. Boror and Aberlardo "Abe" Hernandez; on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John D'Amato and Giemma Bauerle; on motion of Representative Carson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of William Corcoran; on motion of Representative McEntee, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Victor J. Beretta; on motion of Representative Kazarian, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Edmund Fuller seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE ANASTASIA P. WILLIAMS**

Dear Lord: Black History Month recognizes the need for all of us in this chamber and in the State of Rhode Island to better educate themselves and all of our children about the tremendous contributions of African Americans to this state and this country. For too long their sacrifices have been ignored in our history. We must educate future and especially current generations of not only the horrific scar of slavery in America but also of the great contributions African Americans have made in services to this country. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021:

1. 2021-H 5024

BY Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$17,840,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AUDITORIUM AND CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ROOFS, FLOORS, HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, PLAYGROUNDS, ATHLETIC FACILITIES, PARKING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, February 5, 2021