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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Thirty-first Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, June 1, 2021, and is called to order at 4:07 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 72 members present and 3 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT – 3: Representatives Cassar, Costantino, Roberts.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Baginski who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, May 27, 2021, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Speaker Shekarchi announces as you know, yesterday was Memorial Day, where we honor the sacrifices of our veterans who lost their lives in service to our nation. Because we are always out of session on November 11th when we celebrate Veterans Day, I thought it would be appropriate at this time to take a moment to thank the nine Representatives who served our state and our nation so valiantly.

Please join with me in giving the proper recognition to:

Chairman Marvin Abney, U.S. Army
Chairman Sam Azzinaro, U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard
Rep. Jason Knight, U.S. Navy
Rep. Jim McLaughlin, U.S. Army
Rep. Tom Noret, Rhode Island Air National Guard
Rep. David Place, U.S. Army
Rep. Justin Price, U.S. Marines
Rep. Carlos Tobon, active duty Coast Guard Reserve
Chairwoman Camille Vella-Wilkinson, U.S. Navy

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Cassar is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021:

- 1. 2021-H 5276**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE RHODE ISLAND
CESSPOOL ACT OF 2007

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Edwards, McNamara, Whip Kazarian, Casimiro, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Barros, and Phillips.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2021-H 5328 SUB A

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL

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

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, June 3, 2021.



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, Barbara Fontana Fung, State Representative, District 15, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 5522 sub A

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: financial

3. (Please select one of the following):

A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

My husband's firm has advised for this bill

State of Rhode Island
County of: PROVIDENCE

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 1 day of June, 2021



Michael L. Bean
NOTARY PUBLIC 3/12/22

Representative Barbara Fung is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

John J. G. ...
SPEAKER

3. 2021-H 5522 SUB A**BY** Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ACCESS TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT

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

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives McGaw, Barros, Alzate, Felix, Tobon, Giraldo, Solomon, Casimiro, Whip Kazarian, Lombardi, Hull, Kislak, Slater, Diaz, Edwards, Bennett, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Fogarty, McLaughlin, Cortvriend, Carson, Speakman, Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan, Abney, Amore, Henries, Biah, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Cardillo, Caldwell, Morales, McEntee, Ruggiero, McNamara, O'Brien, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, and Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

Whip Chippendale, Representatives McNamara, and Amore discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Fenton-Fung.

4. 2021-H 5698**BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT)

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Barros, Potter, Felix, Alzate, Whip Kazarian, Lima S., Casimiro, Giraldo, Lombardi, Hull, Tanzi, McLaughlin, Edwards, Bennett, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Ajello, Abney, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Speakman, Carson, Amore, Henries, Biah, Majority Leader Blazejewski, McEntee, Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, and Deputy Whip Ackerman.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2021-H 5823

BY Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Amore, Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan, Abney, Henries, Biah, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Phillips, Hawkins, Cardillo, Morales, O'Brien, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, McEntee, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Shanley, Azzinaro, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Deputy Speaker Lima, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Hull, Lombardi, Tanzi, McLaughlin, Corvese, Kislak, Diaz, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Slater, Bennett, Edwards, Potter, Tobon, Lima S., Giraldo, Felix, Casimiro, Alzate, Whip Kazarian, Price, Casey, Williams, and Perez.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2021-H 5154**BY Bennett****ENTITLED, AN ACT R-ELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HEALING ART OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Whip Kazarian, Representatives McNamara, Deputy Speaker Lima, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Edwards, Azzinaro, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Donovan, Abney, Speakman, Carson, McEntee, Vella-Wilkinson, and Ajello.

Representatives Newberry, Fenton-Fung, McLaughlin, Deputy Speaker Lima, McNamara, Williams, and Casey discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 11 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 11: Representatives Biah, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Lombardi, McGaw, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2021-H 5283 SUB A**BY Williams****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LICENSING AND MONITORING OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES, CHILD CARING AGENCIES, FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES, AND CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Speakman, Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan, Amore, Henries, Abney, Biah, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Vella-Wilkinson, McEntee, Morales, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Deputy Speaker Lima, Williams, Ruggiero, Bennett, Edwards, Diaz, Slater, Deputy Whip Ackerman, McNamara, Hull, Lombardi, Giraldo, Lima S., Potter, Casimiro, Felix, Alzate, McGaw, Messier, Whip Kazarian, and Knight.

Whip Chippendale, Representatives Casey, Williams, Minority Leader Filippi, Donovan, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Fenton-Fung, Marszalkowski, Diaz, Deputy Speaker Lima, McEntee, Tanzi, McLaughlin, and Ruggiero discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Filippi, Nardone, Newberry, Price, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

8. 2021-S 318 SUB A

BY Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives McNamara, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Knight, Bennett, Abney, McEntee, Ajello, Carson, Hawkins, Deputy Speaker Lima, Cardillo, and Deputy Whip Ackerman.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Place.

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2021-S 398 as amended**BY** Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- MARRIAGE LICENSES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage as amended in concurrence.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Whip Kazarian, Representatives Casimiro, McNamara, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Edwards, Bennett, Knight, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Abney, Carson, Biah, Craven, McEntee, Morales, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, and Ruggiero.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

10. 2021-S 651 SUB A**BY** Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BREAST CANCER PATIENT NOTIFICATION

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Edwards, Bennett, Fogarty, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Solomon, Morales, McEntee, Vella-Wilkinson, Biah, Hull, and Corvese.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Fenton-Fung.

RECUSED - 0:

11. 2021-S 862

BY Felag

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, Abney, and Edwards.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Donovan announces that her daughter Cara gave birth to her first child George Rowan Mitchell. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates Representative Donovan and her family.

Representative Alzate wishes her mom a Happy Birthday! Speaker Shekarchi also wishes Representative Alzate's mom a Happy Birthday!

Representative Tobon congratulates Kathy and John Brown on the birth of their grandson Christopher John Brown.

Majority Leader Blazejewski would like to thank the House Staff for getting the House Chamber ready for session today. He also announces that session will be held this Thursday, June 3rd, at 4 o'clock in the House Chamber.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Representative Phillips a Happy Birthday! Speaker Shekarchi also wishes Representative Phillips a Happy Birthday!

Speaker Shekarchi would like to commend the staff for all their hard work on getting things set up and ready for today's session.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6380

BY Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, McEntee, Caldwell, Craven, Kennedy, Cortvriend, Ranglin-Vassell

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND THANKING RHODE ISLAND'S SENIOR CENTERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO PROVIDING VITAL SERVICES DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC {LC2939/1}

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 many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6381

BY Donovan, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Speakman, Shallcross Smith, Ranglin-Vassell

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SAMUEL C. KINDER {LC2944/1}

06/01/2021 House read and passed

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Donovan, seconded by many others by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 6382**BY** Newberry, Phillips, Lima S, Casey, Place, Shallcross Smith, Ranglin-Vassell**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ERNEST R. FRAPPIER {LC2933/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Newberry, seconded by many others by unanimous

RULE 7D**The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Bennett-An Act relating to Public Property and Works

Representative Slater-An Act relating to Education Paul Crowley Act

Representative Tanzi-An Act relating to Tobacco Products Sales and Restrictions

Representative Solomon-An Act relating to Fish and Wildlife

Representative Baginski-An Act relating to Elections Proceedings

Representative Craven-An Act relating to Towns and Cities Zoning Boards

Representative Vella-Wilkinson-An Act relating to Title Loans

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

TRANSMITTAL

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

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

DESK HELD OPEN

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 40 SUB A**BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ENABLING THE STATE LOTTERY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO CONTRACT WITH IGT GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

CORPORATION AND TWIN RIVER (Enables the state lottery division of the department of revenue to enter into a contract extension with IGT Global Solutions Corporation and contract extensions with Twin River and affiliates of Twin River.) {LC767/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 25**BY** Seveney, Acosta, Anderson, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NONREGULATED POWER PRODUCER CONSUMER BILL OF RIGHTS (Excludes municipal and government bodies that aggregate electrical loads for residential retail customers from the requirement that a new contract is required when there is a change of terms for electric-generation services.) {LC383/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 203 SUB A**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CLAIMS ADJUSTERS (Authorizes department of insurance, within the DBR, in lieu of passing in-state licensing examination, to recognize the competence of an applicant for an insurance claims adjuster license, through an out-of-state proctored examination. Eff. date 1/1/22) {LC1660/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 268**BY** Sosnowski, Lombardo, Picard, Seveney, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- ROOFING CONTRACTORS (Amends the registration and licensure requirements of roofing contractors.) {LC1589/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 346**BY** Morgan E, Rogers, Paolino, Picard, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- INSPECTIONS (Authorizes the Exeter town sergeant or designees to conduct division of motor vehicles vehicle identifying number and odometer inspections.) {LC1475/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 391 SUB A**BY** Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Increases the number of members of the transit authority from eight to nine and would make the mayor of Providence or designee an ex officio member with voting privileges.) {LC1326/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 413 SUB A**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Murray, Lawson, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS (Requires applicants to pass test to include topics on fair housing and requires 24 hours of continuing education.) {LC2155/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 629 SUB A**BY** Ruggiero, Euer, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Pearson, Miller, Gallo, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS-RENEWABLE ENERGY (Increases the percentage of retail electricity sales from renewable energy sources.) {LC2027/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 631 SUB A**BY** Lombardi F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE ACT (Updates the credit for reinsurance chapter of the general laws to conform to the current standard set by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC).) {LC1615/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 647**BY** DiMario, Miller, Lawson, Valverde, Goldin, Mendes**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004--HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Requires the health insurance commissioner to adopt a uniform set of medical criteria for prior authorization and create a required form to be used by a health insurer.) {LC2359/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 699**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --DISTRIBUTED GENERATION INTERCONNECTION (Requires the electric distribution company to report interconnection studies and not charge more than actual costs for the studies.) {LC2369/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 934**BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF TRICYCLE, LLC {LC2893/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Corporations

Senate Bill No. 206 SUB A**BY** Sosnowski, Coyne, Seveney, Felag, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - COMMERCIAL FISHERIES (Permits the dockside sale of allowable live lobsters, crabs and live whelk upon issuance of a direct sale dealer license by the department of environmental management to a commercial fishing license holder.) {LC1098/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 634 SUB A**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires the energy efficiency and resources management council to run a triennial competitive bid process to select an entity to propose and administer system reliability and energy efficiency and conservation procurement until March 1, 2036.) {LC1726/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 789 SUB A

(Secretary of State)

BY Archambault, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT (Requires that annual reports of domestic and foreign business corporations, nonprofit corporations, and limited liability companies be filed with the secretary of state between February 1 and May 1 of each year. Effective January 1, 2022.)

{LC2202/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5093 SUB A**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Provides for specific fines and sanctions to operators of motor vehicles who fail to exercise due care to avoid colliding with a vulnerable road user causing injury, serious injury, or death to the vulnerable road user.) {LC158/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 794

(Department of Transportation)

BY Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Authorizes the department of transportation to impose a weight restriction or close any state, local or privately-owned bridge, in the interest of public safety.) {LC1651/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 833 SUB A

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Lombardo, Lombardi F**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.)

{LC1652/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 283 SUB A**BY** Gallo, Lombardo, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

(Provides that school construction projects approved after July 1, 2021, that fail to utilize a project's architectural services and project educational design services would only be eligible to receive five (5) incentive points.) {LC1214/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Education

Senate Bill No. 6 SUB A**BY** Lombardi F, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Goodwin, Algieri, de la Cruz, Felag, Coyne, Burke, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME

PATIENTS (Department of health to promulgate rules and regulations for essential caregivers at nursing homes during a declared emergency.) {LC492/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 169**BY** Euer, Miller, Coyne, DiMario, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LABORATORIES (Creates a

comprehensive system to promote and regulate the effective and competent administration of medical laboratories by focusing on the training, qualifications and licensure of their practitioners.) {LC611/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 170 SUB A**BY** Murray, McCaffrey, Miller, Goodwin, Mack, Lawson, Kallman, Bell, Valverde, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Limits

health insurance carriers that provide coverage for prescription insulin drugs used to treat diabetes to forty dollars (\$40) for a copayment for a thirty (30) day supply of medically necessary insulin.)

{LC1009/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 234 SUB A**BY** Lawson, Miller, Cano, Goldin, Valverde, Quezada, Bell, DiMario, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NEWBORN SCREENING

PROGRAM (Mandates DOH rules/regulations for newborn screening to include screening tests for all disorders/conditions with early detection/treatment medical benefit plus new disorders/conditions within 2 yrs. unless not practicable for new disorders.) {LC1548/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 235**BY** Gallo, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICAL

THERAPISTS (Authorizes a licensed physical therapist to perform physical therapy services to a student while in school without a prescription or referral, in accordance with the student's IEP or IFSP.)

{LC1208/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 497**BY** Felag, Coyne, Seveney, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

(Pharmacists may discuss reimbursement criteria with individuals presenting prescriptions.)

{LC1372/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 485 SUB A**BY** DiMario, Kallman, Euer, Goldin, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE

POLICIES (Requires health insurance contract plans or policies to provide coverage for a backup

battery for at-home medical devices.) {LC2072/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 769 SUB A**BY** Miller, Lawson, Goodwin, Goldin, Calkin, Bell, Kallman, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - COMPREHENSIVE

DISCHARGE PLANNING (Requires coverage for residential/inpatient mental health services for detox/stabilization/substance abuse disorders without preauthorization or be subject to concurrent review during the first 28 days.) {LC353/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 877 SUB A**BY** DiMario, Valverde, Sosnowski, Acosta, Lawson, Mendes, Anderson, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (Prohibits insurance carriers from charging out-of-pocket expenses to the insured for expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic and mandates that all COVID-19 testing or vaccination is free.) {LC2805/A/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 632 SUB A**BY** DiMario, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUONSET

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (Authorizes the Quonset development corporation to borrow up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for operational purposes; however, the debt would not be a debt of the state and would be secured only by the Quonset development corporation's assets.) {LC2490/A/2}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 51**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS -- MIDDLETOWN (Prohibits the operation of through commercial vehicles on Turner Road in Middletown.) {LC396/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 175**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS (Allows the town of Middletown to sell an abandoned highway or driftway to the abutting property owner making the abandonment request at fair market value.) {LC1079/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 881**BY** Lawson, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Includes East Providence in the Northern Rhode Island regional tourism district.)

{LC2742/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 899**BY** Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING THE 2020 AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD {LC1427/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 917**BY** Lombardi F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Norman J. Beliveau to join Jacqueline Amelia Caparco and Renato Garcia Serrocha in marriage on or about July 10, 2021, within the Town of Middletown, Rhode Island.) {LC2876/1}

06/02/2021 Referred to House Special Legislation

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6383****BY** Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT {LC2926/1}

06/02/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6384**BY** Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Abby Sheehan Swienton to join Cathryn Mary Strini and Gregory Huftalen Swienton in marriage on or about September 16, 2021, within the Town of New Shoreham, Rhode Island.) {LC2937/1}

06/02/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:24 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Donovan, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Samuel C. Kinder; on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Harriet J. Burke; on motion of Representative Shallcross Smith, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Kelsy (Hobbs) Mullen; on motion of Representative Kazarian, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ronald Coia; on motion of Representative Newberry, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ernest R. Frappier; on motion of Representative Filippi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Leslie Dodge Slate seconded by Majority Leader Blazewski and Minority Whip Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE JACQUELYN M. BAGINSKI

Dear Lord: Today we return to our House Chamber after over a year hiatus. Let us give thanks to all those who worked tirelessly to keep us safe during these trying times. We ask a special blessing on them, and on all who risked their health and safety in service to others. Amen

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021:**

- 1. 2021-H 5328 SUB A**
BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
- 2. 2021-H 5827 SUB A**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
- 3. 2021-H 5829 SUB A**
BY Biah
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
- 4. 2021-H 5836 SUB A**
BY Shanley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT)

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
- 5. 2021-H 5196 SUB A**
BY Kennedy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

6. **2021-H 5544**
BY Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

7. **2021-H 5148 SUB A**
BY Ruggiero
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Innovation, Internet, & Technology recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

8. **2021-H 5979**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

9. **2021-H 6048**
BY Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

10. **2021-H 5600**
BY Ajello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

11. **2021-H 5669**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF THE LEASE OF THE BENEFIT STREET ARMORY BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE PROVIDENCE MARINE CORPS OF ARTILLERY

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

12. 2021-H 5177 SUB A

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, May 28, 2021

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 398 as amended

BY Burke, Archambault, DiPalma, Lombardo, Lombardi F, Gallo, DiMario

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

(Repeals the provision of law granting minors the ability to obtain a marriage license, and would require a person to be of full legal age, at least eighteen (18) years of age to obtain a marriage license.)

{LC1732/1}

06/02/2021 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 862

BY Felag, Coyne, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE

CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule

Charter of the town of Bristol, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the

town of Bristol on November 3, 2020.) {LC2794/1}

06/02/2021 Transmitted to Governor