

State of Rhode Island

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-OF THE-

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.

Volume 148, No. 16

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Sixteenth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Tuesday, March 30, 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 66 members present and 9 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT – 9: Representatives Amore, Baginski, Chippendale, Lima S., Lombardi, McLaughlin, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Tobon.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Ruggiero 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, March 25, 2021, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Rep. Ackerman
hereby requests the removal of their sponsorship of Bill # H-5985
entitled: An Act Relating to Insurance - - Rhode Island Title Insurers Act
which is currently in the House Committee on Judiciary.

Signature: _____

House District: _____

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Date: March 26, 2021

Acknowledgement:

Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2021

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative SOLOMON
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H - 5446
entitled: REFUSE DISPOSAL

which is currently in the House Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Signature: _____

House District # 32

Date: _____, 2021

Acknowledgement: _____

Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Baginski is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 30, 2021.
Representative McLaughlin is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 30, 2021.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021:

- 1. 2021-H 5470 SUB A**
BY Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Carson, Phillips, O'Brien, Caldwell, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Shanley, Biah, Cardillo, Donovan, Abney, Majority Leader Blazejewski, McEntee, Ruggiero, Williams, Speakman, Azzinaro, Hawkins, Henries, Serpa, Cortvriend, Knight, Handy, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Hull, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Morales, Bennett, Edwards, McNamara, Minority Leader Filippi, Giraldo, Solomon, Casimiro, Alzate, Potter, Messier, and Place.

Minority Leader Filippi, Chairman Craven, Chairwoman Serpa, Chairwoman Williams, and Representative Hawkins discuss the act.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 5 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Amore, Baginski, Lima S., Lombardi, and Ranglin-Vassell.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale and Representative Roberts.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: 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, 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, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2021-H 6068

BY Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF RANERE ASSOCIATES, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Caldwell, Hawkins, O'Brien, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Casey, Corvese, Cardillo, and Diaz

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 4 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Amore, Baginski, Lima S., and Lombardi.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale and Representative Roberts.

Read and passed on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: 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, 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, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2021-H 6127

BY Donovan

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act seconded by Representatives Carson, Abney, O'Brien, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Donovan, Speakman, Cortvriend, Azzinaro, McEntee, Vella-Wilkinson, Cassar, Edwards, McNamara, Fogarty, McGaw, Barros, Whip Kazarian, and Ruggiero.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 4 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Amore, Baginski, Lima S., and Lombardi.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale and Representative Roberts.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: 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, 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, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2021-H 6128

BY Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, Hawkins, O'Brien, Vella-Wilkinson, Henries, Donovan, Azzinaro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Ajello, Hull, Casey, Whip Kazarian, Alzate, and Barros.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 4 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Amore, Baginski, Lima S., and Lombardi.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale and Representative Roberts.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: 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, 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, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2021-H 5252

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Barros, Casey, Ruggiero, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Abney, Fogarty, Ruggiero, Vella-Wilkinson, Biah, Donovan, Speakman Carson, Cortvriend, Cardillo, Azzinaro, and Whip Kazarian.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 4 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Amore, Baginski, Lima S., and Lombardi.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale and Representative Roberts.

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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, 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, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2021-H 6137

BY Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the bottom of the Calendar.

7. 2021-H 6138

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, McGaw, Cortvriend, Solomon, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Hull, O'Brien, Cardillo, and Carson.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 5 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Amore, Baginski, Lima S., Lombardi, and Ranglin-Vassell.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale and Representative Roberts.

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, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

8. 2021-S 52

BY Rogers

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Noret, Hawkins, Morgan, Nardone, Majority Leader Blazejewski, and Vella-Wilkinson.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 4 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Amore, Baginski, Lima S., and Lombardi.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale and Representative Roberts.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2021-S 240

BY Coyne

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act seconded by Representatives Cassar, Knight Cortvriend, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Carson, Hull, and Donovan.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 4 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Amore, Baginski, Lima S., and Lombardi.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale and Representative Roberts.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara,

Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

I, Leonela Felix, State Representative, District 61, 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:
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: bill benefits me.
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.

[Signature]
REPRESENTATIVE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

COUNTY OF Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 30 day of March, 20 21.

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



[Signature]
SPEAKER

Copies: White - RI Ethics Commission Yellow - Representative Pink - House Clerk

6. 2021-H 6137**BY Kazarian****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act seconded by the entire House of Representatives.

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 5 to be recorded in the affirmative: Representatives Amore, Baginski, Lima S., Lombardi, and Ranglin-Vassell.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 2 to be recorded in the affirmative: Whip Chippendale and Representative Roberts.

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, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Felix.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Chairman Casey announces that the Committee on Health & Human Services will meet today, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in the House Lounge of the State House.

Representative McGaw wishes her in-laws a Happy 65th Anniversary.

Speaker Shekarchi also wishes Representative McGaw's in-laws a Happy Anniversary.

Representative Phillips announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Representative Azzinaro wishes Representative McLaughlin a speedy recovery.

Speaker Shekarchi also wishes Representative McLaughlin a speedy recovery to get well and come back soon.

Majority Leader Blazejewski would like to wish Representative McLaughlin a speedy recovery.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the House will not be meeting in session this Thursday, April 1st; however, there will be meetings of both the Finance Committee and the Oversight Committee on Thursday. There are no committee meetings this Friday in observance of Good Friday.

The next House session will be next Tuesday, April 6th at 4:00 o'clock p.m. at the Vets. Please note that the House will be meeting next week on Tuesday and Wednesday, both at 4:00 o'clock p.m. at the Vets. The schedule change was made because the Vets is unavailable for use next Thursday. So again, next week, our sessions will be on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish Representative Deborah Ruggiero a Happy Birthday this Sunday.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6181

BY Hull, Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Craven, Tanzi, Donovan, Cortvriend, Ajello, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF RETIRED PROVIDENCE POLICE DETECTIVE STEPHEN J. SPRINGER {LC2575/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Hull, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Speaker Shekarchi, and Chairman Craven, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 6182

BY Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Filippi, Blazejewski, Knight, Shanley, Fogarty, Tanzi, Donovan

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL OF 2021, AS "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2570/1}

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 Representatives Place Quattrocchi, Minority Leader Filippi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Knight, Shanley, and Fogarty, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6183**BY** Blazejewski, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2572/1}

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 vote.

House Resolution No. 6184**BY** Blazejewski, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2573/1}

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. 6185**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Fenton-Fung, Ackerman, Felix, Caldwell, Filippi, McEntee, Morales, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE SURGING VIOLENCE AND INTOLERANCE AGAINST ASIAN AMERICANS {LC2548/1}

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 Representative Felix and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6186**BY** Tanzi, Filippi, McEntee, Blazejewski, Fogarty, Knight, Cortvriend, Lima, Fellela, Solomon**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOHN O'HARA {LC2583/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 6187**BY** Filippi, Fogarty, Hull, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BONNY LYNN RYAN {LC2590/1}

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 Representatives Fogarty and Hull, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

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

Representative Donovan-An Act relating to Healthcare

Representative Knight-An Act relating to Elders and Property Tax
An Act relating to Small Claims

Representative Phillips-An Act relating to General Assembly

Deputy Speaker Lima -An Act relating to Taxation-Relations to Personal Income Tax

Representative Serpa-An Act relating to Health and Safety- Hospital Conversion Act

Representative Morales-An Act relating to Health Insurance

Representative Slater-An Act relating to Labor relations-Right to Organize

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 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. 56**BY** DiPalma, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, de la Cruz, Goodwin**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.) {LC314/1}

04/01/2021 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 128**BY** Raptakis, Lombardi, Coyne, Euer, Rogers, Paolino, Felag, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN--CONFINEMENT IN MOTOR VEHICLES PROHIBITED (Repeals the requirement that law enforcement officers issue only warnings of the risks to persons leaving a child under the age of seven (7) unattended in a motor vehicle.) {LC447/1}

04/01/2021 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 133 SUB A**BY** Coyne, Seveney, DiMario, Murray, DiPalma, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS (Increases the maximum amount to be recovered in civil court action as a small claims from two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to seven thousand dollars (\$7,000).) {LC732/A/1}

04/01/2021 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 384 SUB A**BY** Lawson, Lombardi, Burke, Murray, Euer, Cano, Sosnowski, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Excludes chronic intractable pain from the definition of acute pain management. Prescribes new guidelines for treatment based upon 2016 CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain.) {LC1588/A/1}

04/01/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 428**BY** Cano, Miller, Goldin, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Lawson, Raptakis, Quezada, Seveney, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires office of diversity, equity and opportunity to create material for annual government employee training.) {LC1997/1}

04/01/2021 Referred to House State Government & Elections

Senate Bill No. 561**BY** Kallman, Quezada, Ciccone, Goodwin, Mack, Acosta, Euer, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT (Prohibits discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income.) {LC2263/1}

04/01/2021 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 6188**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Cardillo, Casimiro, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND SALVAGE LAW (Provides that if an insurance company is unable to obtain a certificate of title for a vehicle, the insurance company or its agent may apply for and obtain, free and clear of all liens and claims of ownership, a salvage certificate of title.) {LC2515/1}

03/31/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6189**BY** Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Reduces age from 25 to 18.) {LC2555/1}

03/31/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6190**BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Catherine Mohan to join Kara Hallisey and Kyle Durocher in marriage on or about May 22, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2593/1}

03/31/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 6191**BY** Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, Casimiro, Shekarchi, Bennett, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY --- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS {LC2545/1}

03/31/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 6192**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Cardillo, Noret, Ackerman, Nardone, Chippendale, Price, Casimiro, Solomon, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (Allows "Disabled Veterans" as defined in § 31-6-8 to apply for as many registration plates desired for vehicles they own.) {LC2531/1}

03/31/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6193**BY** Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (Allows the EOHHS to use appropriated funds to support graduate medical education programs and research and directs the secretary of EOHHS to determine the appropriate Medicaid payment mechanism in order to make the payments annually.) {LC2532/1}

04/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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 State Government & Elections:

House Bill No. 5271

BY Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Slater, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Prohibits the transfer of any compassion center license to any other owner or location and provides that new compassion center licenses issued by way of lottery be issued only to the location and ownership approved in the application.) {LC931/1}
04/02/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5273

BY Williams, Giraldo, Morales, Henries, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS EQUITY ACT OF 2021 (DBR to conduct social/racial equity analysis on issuance of business licenses to include license to sell marijuana.) {LC69/1}
04/02/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

Chairman Casey, for the Committee on Health, Education and Services, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on State Government & Elections:

House Bill No. 5017

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Adds a definition to the term "manufacture" in the medical marijuana chapter.) {LC229/1}
04/02/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5190

BY Serpa, O'Brien, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Includes domestic pets as eligible to use medical marijuana if certified by a licensed veterinarian.) {LC784/1}
04/02/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on State Government & Elections:

House Bill No. 5021

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Prevents employers from refusing to hire or discriminating against individuals for marijuana use and positive test results.) {LC225/1}
04/02/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

House Bill No. 5073

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SECURING THE FINANCIAL FUTURE FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (Provides that the council on elementary and secondary education be encouraged to maintain, publish and update statewide standards for instruction of personal finance in public high schools.) {LC185/1}

04/02/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/06/2021)

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Chairman Bennett, for the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5626

(Governor)

BY Tobon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PROPER MANAGEMENT OF UNUSED PAINT (Requires DEM to request proposals every 2 years to solicit representative organization to operate paint stewardship program.) {LC1242/1}

04/02/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2021)

Senate Bill No. 78 SUB A

BY Euer, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Coyne, Cano, Murray, Valverde, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE (Establishes a statewide greenhouse gas emission reduction mandate.) {LC1231/A/1}

04/02/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/06/2021)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

House Bill No. 6014

(Department of Health)

BY Potter, Caldwell, Baginski, Edwards, Kislak, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Removes the sunset provision on the requirement that the office of state medical examiners be responsible for a multidisciplinary team review of drug related overdose deaths.) {LC2211/1}

04/02/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2021)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 5568 SUB A

BY Lima, McLaughlin, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Provides planning board approval votes require majority of members present at time of vote/quorum of zoning review board would authorize voting members including alternatives.) {LC1712/A/1}

04/02/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2021)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

Chairwoman Fogarty, for the Committee on Special Legislation, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 6158

BY Shekarchi, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Marvin Abney to join Sydney Amado and Mandla Tuthill in marriage on or about June 4, 2021, with the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC2433/1}

04/05/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2021)

House Bill No. 6176

BY Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Connor Lynch to join Meghan Lynn Palmer and John Joseph Falvey, IV, in marriage on or about June 5, 2021, within the City of Woonsocket, Rhode Island.) {LC2517/1}

04/05/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (04/07/2021)

House Bill No. 6177

BY Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows James F. Queenan, Jr., Esq., to join Mary Cheryl Queenan and Richard Earl Downes, Jr., in marriage on or about June 10, 2021, within the Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC2543/1}

04/05/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (04/07/2021)

House Bill No. 6178

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Carson, Cortvriend, Barros, Hawkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Marvin Abney to join Tess Abney and Derek Dunlea in marriage on or about July 26, 2021, within the Town of Tiverton, Rhode Island.) {LC2552/1}

04/05/2021 Placed on House Calendar (04/07/2021)

House Bill No. 6190**BY** Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Catherine Mohan to join Kara Hallisey and Kyle Durocher in marriage on or about May 22, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2593/1}

04/05/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (04/07/2021)

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6194****BY** Batista, Morales, Alzate, Henries, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Makes possession of controlled substances civil violations punishable by a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine for a first offense and up to three hundred dollars (\$300) for subsequent offenses. Offenders would also have to complete drug counseling.) {LC2462/1}

04/02/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:55 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Hull, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ret. Providence Police Detective Stephen J. Springer; on motion of Representative Tanzi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John O'Hara; on motion of Representative Filippi and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Bonnie Ryan seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE DEBORAH L. RUGGIERO**

Gracious Lord, We are about to start the busy part of our session. Fill us with great hope, and the belief, that we can call on you to guide us through all the challenges we face representing those whose lives and livelihood we hold in our hands. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021:

1. **2021-H 5073**
 BY McNamara
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SECURING THE FINANCIAL
 FUTURE FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT

Committee on Education recommends passage.

2. **2021-S 78 SUB A**
 BY Euer
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021
 ACT ON CLIMATE

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

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021:

1. **2021-H 5568 SUB A**
 BY Lima
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND --
 ZONING ORDINANCES

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

2. **2021-H 6014**
 BY Potter
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OFFICE OF STATE
 MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

3. **2021-H 5626**
 BY Tobon
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PROPER MANAGEMENT
 OF UNUSED PAINT

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.

4. **2021-H 6158**
 BY Shekarchi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

5. **2021-H 6178**
 BY Shekarchi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, April 2, 2021

Updated: Monday, April 5, 2021

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021:

1. **2021-H 6176**
 BY Potter
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
2. **2021-H 6177**
 BY Ackerman
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
3. **2021-H 6190**
 BY Carson
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Monday, April 5, 2021